

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME to First Lutheran Church! We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be happy to welcome you into our church community. If you are interested in joining with the First Family, call the church office...and please worship with us again.

ALL BAPTIZED worshipers who confess the presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion are invited to commune. Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. Communicants please complete a communion card.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS providing activities based on today's scripture readings are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS containing soft Biblical figures and coloring books are available for young children to use during worship. Speak to an usher if your child is interested.

A STAFFED NURSERY (available at 10:45 worship) is located on the second floor of the education building.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION /PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2010

8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

The beginning of the organ prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

GATHERING

Preludes and Silent Prayer

All stand

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

R: Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel **Luke 19:28-40** (Celebrate insert)

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of Palms

The Lord be with you. **R: And also with you.**

Prayer of blessing. **R: Amen**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ, Amen.**

Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

R: Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate insert)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... **Amen**

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

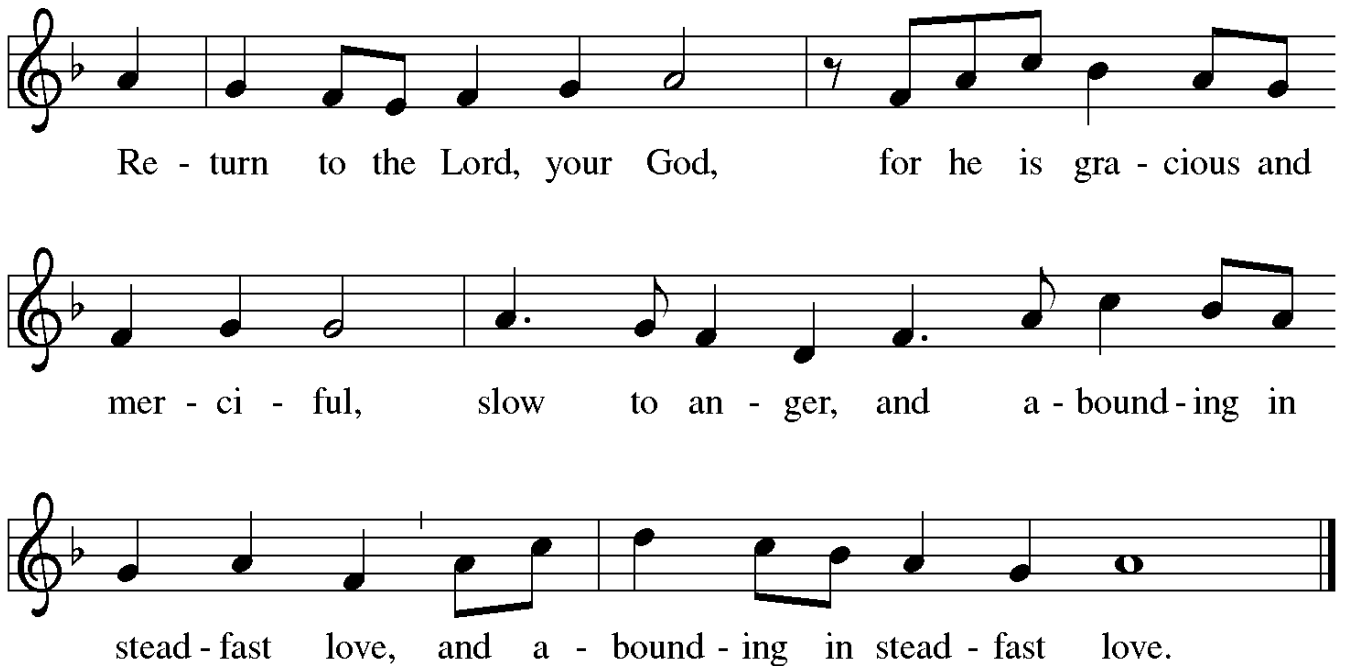
Psalm 31 (Celebrate insert)

(Read responsively, 8:15; sung, choir and congregation, 10:45)

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Lenten Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56 (Passion reading)

R/ Glory to you, O Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Insert

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church (Celebrate insert)

The Peace

THE MEAL

Offering

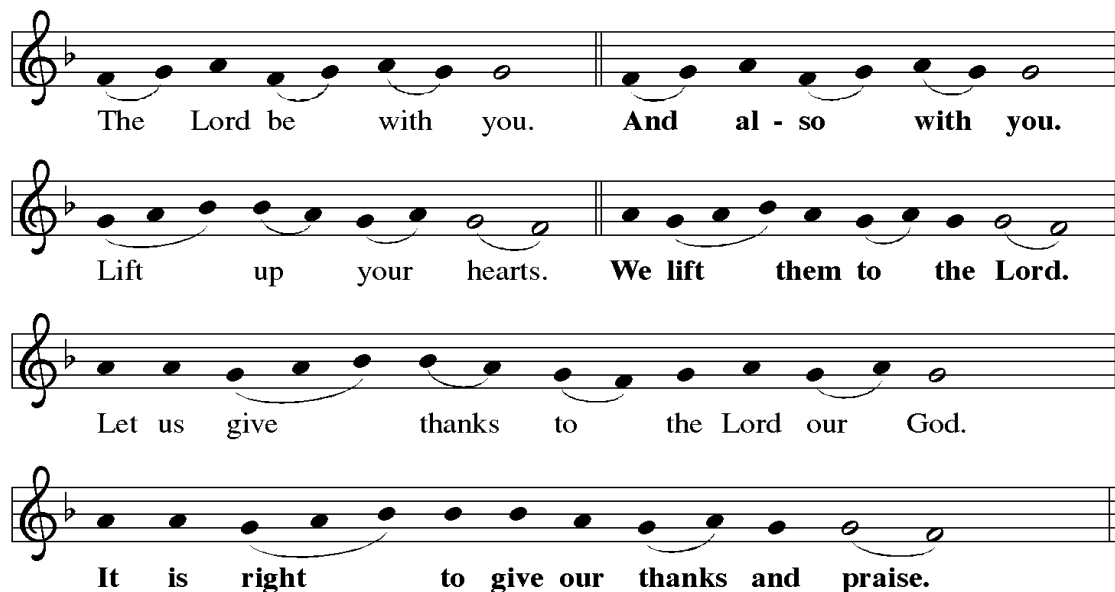
Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Preface Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

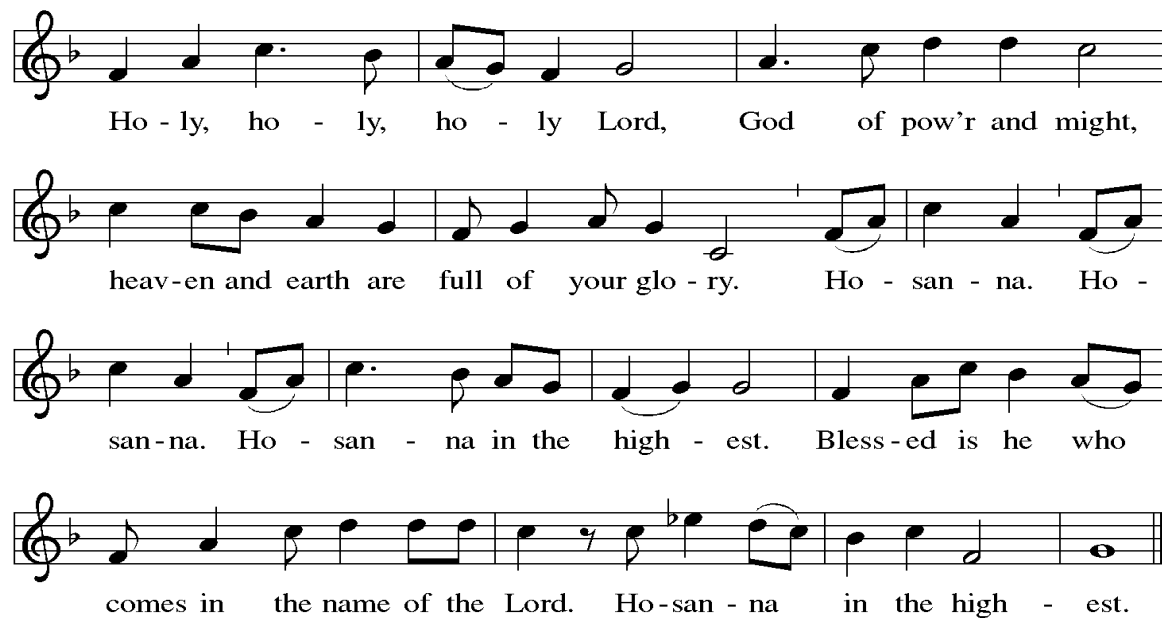
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

with this bread of life and cup of salvation

you have united us with Christ,

making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Silent recessional

IN THE TIME BEFORE WORSHIP TODAY, the congregation is encouraged to read each introduction to the scripture readings in preparation for the hearing of God's word.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

ACOLYTES are Brandon Armstrong, Nicole Bradley, and Emma Delisi.

CRUCIFERS are Garrett Trent and Mark Silvis.

TORCH BEARERS are Parker Trent, Alex McCanna, Nathan Flory, and Nick Silvis.

BIBLE BEARERS are Ian Darragh and Jaden Johnston.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Megan Myers and Shelby Erdman. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

LECTORS are Gail Armstrong and Mike Gogol.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Mark Merriman. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Betty Mehan.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Vicar Jack - north door, Pastor Doug - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Joanie Knobloch - choir door; at 10:45 Vicar Jack - north door, Pastor Doug - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Kathryn Taylor - choir door.

TODAY, PALM SUNDAY, we will begin worship with a procession with palms down the center aisle of the church. All children of the church through sixth grade are invited to process with the Pastors and wave palm branches in the way that children did long ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST is available this morning and every Sunday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

THE JAVA TABLE will be open after both worship services today.

INTERN COMMITTEE meets today after 10:45 a.m. worship.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets today after 10:45 a.m. worship.

MONDAY NIGHT STUDY continues tomorrow evening, 7:00 p.m.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY meets Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

FOOD FROM THE HEART, our weekday luncheon ministry, continues this Wednesday at noon.

CHOIRS will NOT rehearse this Thursday.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES INCLUDE:

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Corporate Confession and Forgiveness.
You are invited to a spoken service that combines confession and prayer.

Thursday, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship recalls our Lord's last supper in our celebration of Holy Communion. The 7:30 p.m. service concludes with the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m. recalls Jesus in his "dying woes". The service ends in darkness and silence.

Saturday, Easter Vigil, 7:00 p.m. Christians have kept a special vigil on the night before Easter from the earliest days of the Christian community. Join the First Family for an evening of light and joy as we celebrate God's creation, Jesus' resurrection, and the work of the Holy Spirit in and around us.

Easter Day, 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. we will proclaim the good news – that Christ is risen, indeed! A buffet breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.

ZION'S LUTHERAN will have Thursday noon Lenten services beginning at 12:05 p.m. with lunch following. Pastor Bob Hawk will lead worship this week speaking on "Who is Jesus?"

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2, the community is invited to walk the "Way of the Cross", beginning at the Court House, 11:30 a.m. and concluding at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church (210 West Fourth Street). Trinity United Methodist will then host a community service, noon – 3:00 p.m.

OUR PARK IS COMING! Demolition of the Troutman Building is well underway and plans will begin soon for our park. You are asked to submit ideas for Layout/design, uses of the park, materials, ongoing maintenance considerations, "green" methods, and memorializations, etc. A suggestion box is placed by the choir loft on the north side of the sanctuary for you use.

CROP WALK is set for Sunday, April 25. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

NEARLY NEW SHOPPE will be open in May. You are asked to gather your spring and summer clothing, bedding, towels, and shoes (clean and in good condition) and bring them to the church Tuesday, May 18, 9 a.m. to noon and 6 – 8:30 p.m. Items will be distributed May 19 and 20. If you can help to sort and distribute the clothing, please call Elinor Giovannini (724-834-3778).

ALTAR GUILD is in need of members for the month of April. Anyone interested in serving during the month of April or being a member of Altar Guild anytime during the year please contact the church office or one of the monthly coordinators, Dianna Marusko, Bev Attenberger, Debbie Delisi, or Bobbie Laciak.

PRAYER REQUESTS for First's Prayer Chain may be made at any time by calling the church office or by writing the request on the prayer cards in the pew racks and placing it in the offering plate. If you wish to participate on First's Prayer Chain, please contact Jean Miller. Let us lift up one another in prayer.

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED please notify the pastors or call the church office. Due to the new HIPA rules, the hospital does not always notify us of members' admissions.

TWO TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS are available to members of First. Members of the college who plan to attend Thiel are requested to call the church office. Also, the Education Society of Westmoreland County provides Lutheran residents of the county who attend any Lutheran college the opportunity for scholarship aid. Applicants are asked to contact Lisa Robosky at 724-532-7349 or at 831 Wisconsin Avenue, Greensburg.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...a BUS TRIP to Lancaster, PA scheduled for September 11, 2010 to see "**Joseph**" at the Millennium Theater after an Amish dinner. The cost of the trip is \$115.00 which includes bus transportation, the Amish dinner, and "**Joseph**" tickets. Call the church office to make reservations or for more details.

PLEASE KEEP John Zuzarate, serving in Germany, Ben Weyandt and Scott Sibley, serving in Afghanistan, and Liz Miles, serving as a navy nurse in Kuwait in your prayers.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE last Sunday was 226.

CHANGING LIVES by EATING CHOCOLATE.....

In time for Easter, the Java Table will be featuring DIVINE CHOCOLATE bars: Milk chocolate and Dark Chocolate with raspberries and mint, plus Divine After Dinner Mints.

Americans consume more than \$14 billion worth of chocolate every year and at least forty million people rely on cocoa for their livelihood! Yet many cocoa farmers live without clean water or enough food to eat, because so few chocolate consumers know how little cocoa farmers are paid. DIVINE CHOCOLATE is different; it's owned by 45,000 cocoa farmers in Ghana. They build wells, fund schools, and provide mobile medical clinics for their communities. They earn a fair price for their cocoa because you are willing to purchase their chocolate instead of what you find at the grocery or local super-store. When you take a bite out of a Divine Chocolate Bar you are taking a bite out of poverty!



Stop at THE JAVA TABLE Sunday, March 28th to purchase Fair Exchange coffees, teas and chocolates.