

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11, 2010

8:15 AM & 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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

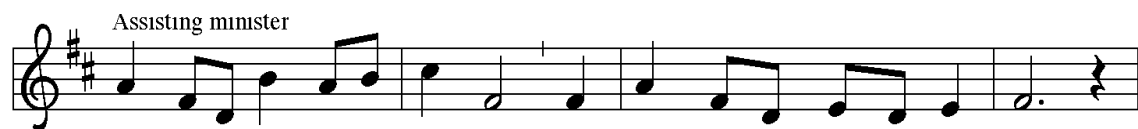
Hymn “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



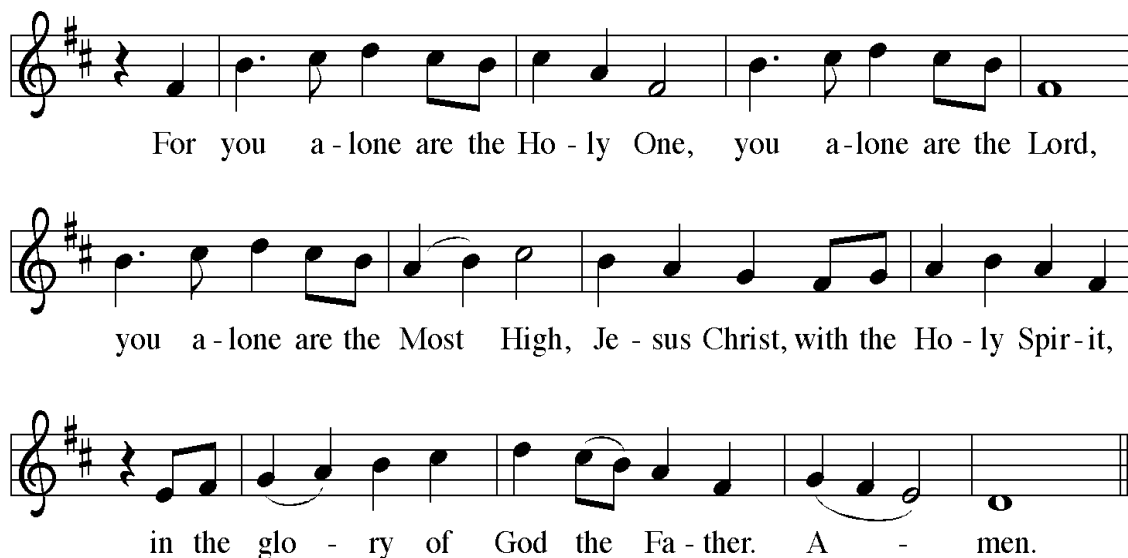
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate insert)
 The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Let us pray... **Amen**


WORD

First Reading Acts 5:27-32 (Celebrate insert)
R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 118 (Celebrate insert)
(Read responsively, 8:15; sung, choir and congregation, 10:45)

Second Reading Revelation 1:4-8 (Celebrate insert)
R/Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

Gospel John 20:19-31

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

Children's Message

Sermon *"The Risen Christ Is With Us"*

Hymn of the Day "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

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Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church (Celebrate insert)

The Peace

THE MEAL

Offering

Doxology

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Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken or sung)

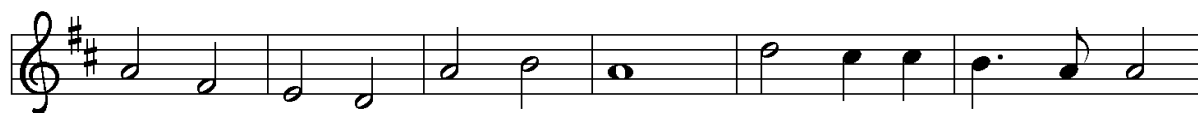
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

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.

O God, we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.

By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN "The Day of Resurrection!"

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed!

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 and in memory of Virgil and Sarah Smith by their family. **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Eileen Keinath by Mrs. Sheldon Keinath AND in memory of Jean Steel by Tom and Suzy.

ACOLYTES are Parker Trent, Jonny Heagy, and Tyler Knatz.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Katie Sias and Abigail Delk. Children under the age of 4 years are welcome.

LECTORS are Pat Eidemiller and Sunshine Keiser.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Jeff Barnhart. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Judi Seanor.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Doug - north door, Pastor Marleen - center, Vicar Jack - south door, Kathy Acita - choir door; at 10:45 Pastor Doug - north door, Pastor Marleen - center, Vicar Jack - south door, Amy Beaken - choir door.

F.L.Y. AND JUNIOR F.L.Y. will meet today, 5-7:30 p.m.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE meets tomorrow morning, 10:00 a.m. for sewing and lunch.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE meets Tues., 7:00 p.m.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is this Wednesday, April 14.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION is Thursday. Volunteers are needed by 8:00 a.m. to unload the truck, sort groceries and help carry groceries to cars.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets this Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

CHOIRS rehearse Thursday. Bell Choir meets at 6:15 p.m. and adult choir meets at 7:00 p.m.

INTERN COMMITTEE will meet next Sunday after 10:45 worship.

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 for your use.

THE SENIOR F.L.Y. RETREAT is planned for Friday – Sunday, May 14-16. Registration forms are available on the FLY Bulletin Board and are due in the church office by April 18. For more information speak to Pastor Marleen.

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).

CAMP LUTHERLYN brochures and application forms may be secured from the church office. Camperships from First Church are available to assist with camp fees. When you register for camp let the office staff know so that we can add your name to the campership list.

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 First 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 morning was 416. Easter Vigil attendance was 75.

**HARD TO BELIEVE
A YEAR HAS COME AND GONE
BUT IT IS TIME AGAIN FOR
OUR ANNUAL CHOCOLATE FANTASY**

**GENERAL MEETING
WOMEN OF THE ELCA
APRIL 21 STARTING AT 7:00 PM**



MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF FIRST LUTHERAN

**EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF A CIRCLE
COME OUT AND HAVE A NIGHT OF
CHOCOLATE INDULGENCE AND FELLOWSHIP
WITH YOUR SISTERS OF FIRST LUTHERAN**