

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 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 “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

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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.**

This Is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate insert)

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

Let us pray... **Amen**

WORD

First Reading Acts 9:1-20 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 30 (Celebrate insert)

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

Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14 (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 21:1-19

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

Children's Message

Sermon *“Easter...Now What?”*

Hymn of the Day “God, You Wrap Your Love Around”

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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

Offertory “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken or sung)



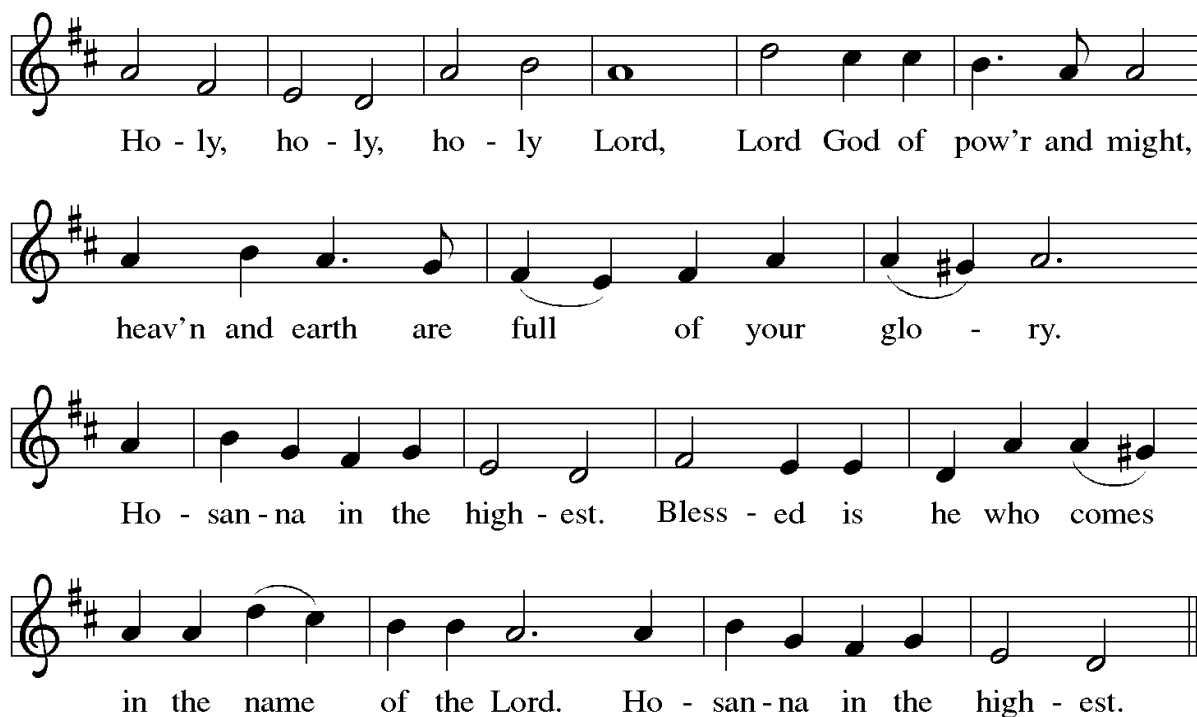
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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

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 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

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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 Edna Boyd by Mrs. William Keck and family.

ACOLYTES are Ian Darragh, Nathan Flory, and Jaden Johnston.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Mary Furlong Leppold and Cassie Fait. Children under the age of 4 years are welcome.

LECTORS are Melissa Wisniewski and Bob Errett.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Al Danilko. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Betty Mehan.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Vicar Jack - north door, Pastor Doug - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Becky Blank - choir door; at 10:45 Vicar Jack - north door, Pastor Doug - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Cindy Hochrein - choir door.

INTERN COMMITTEE will meet today after 10:45 worship.

BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE. This Mother's Day you can honor or remember those important women in your life by purchasing a blanket to be given to a needy person. Social Ministry Committee members will be available today and next Sunday to receive your \$ 5.00 donation and to offer you a card that can be sent or given to the woman you are honoring. See the insert for more information.

NEW MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY begins tomorrow evening, 6:30 p.m. See the insert for details.

REBEKAH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. in the conference room.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS this week include Budget and Finance, Tues., 6:30 p.m., Christian Ed. and Stewardship, Tues., 7:00 p.m., and Personnel, Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL BOARD meets Tuesday, 5:15 p.m.

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

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

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

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION will be held next Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in joining in the life and ministry of First Church, speak to one of the pastors.

THE JAVA TABLE will be open next Sunday after both worship services. Fair Trade coffees, tea, cocoa, and chocolates will be available.

THE ANNUAL CROP WALK is next Sunday, April 25. The hope is to have 100 walkers in Greensburg this year and collect \$ 5,000. Consider walking with us ...or if you are unable to walk, help to sponsor one of the walkers.

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).

SAVE THE DATE for cleaning up our world! May 22nd we will be picking up trash and litter along Cemetery Road. Another way First Lutheran Members can show we truly do **CARE FOR CREATION!** Time and possible rain date to be announced.

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.

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 234.

GOD, YOU WRAP YOUR LOVE AROUND

(Sung to tune of WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS)

1. God, you wrap your love around us, like a blanket, soft and warm;
You give rest when we are weary, you protect us from the storm.
May each person who finds shelter in these blankets that we share,
Also feel the joy and comfort of your love's protecting care.
2. Jesus, you were once a baby, sought by those who would destroy.
Into Egypt you were carried, far from home, a little boy.
Were you wrapped up warm to travel, safe from terror, free from
harm?
Did you feel God's strong protection, snuggled there in Mary's
arm?
3. May the women, men and children, fleeing danger every day,
Know, through us, your living presence; you walk with them on
their way.
Spirit, as you give them comfort, teach us here to freely give;
May we blanket this world over, with your love, so all may live.

**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**