

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 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.**

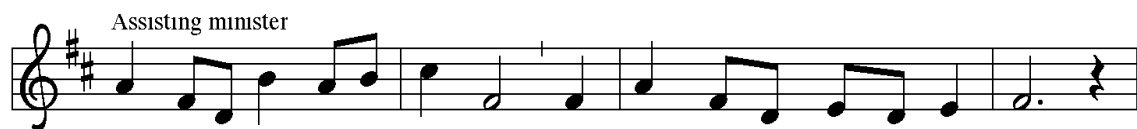
Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

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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.



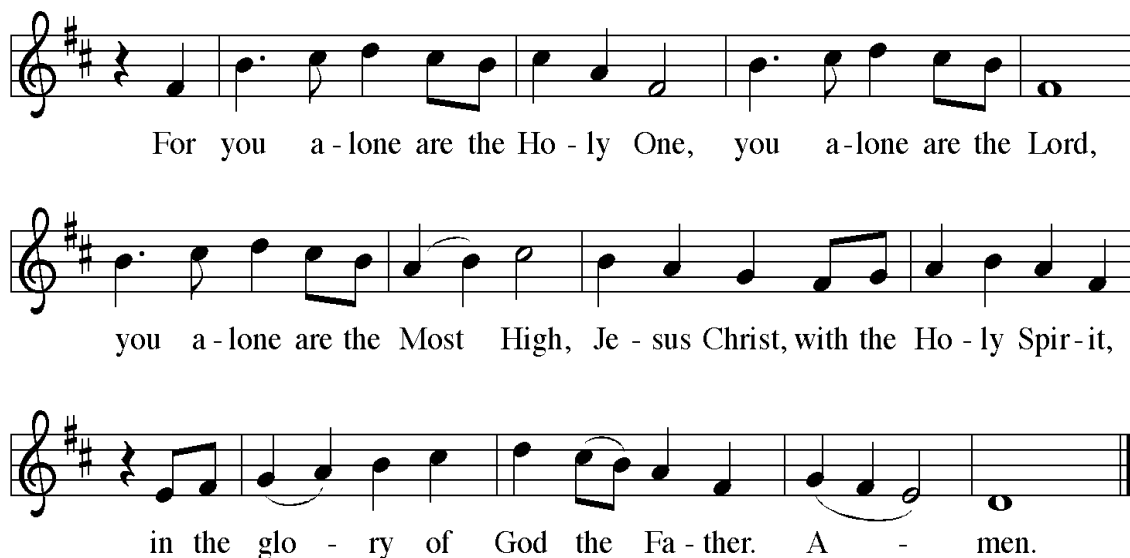
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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**

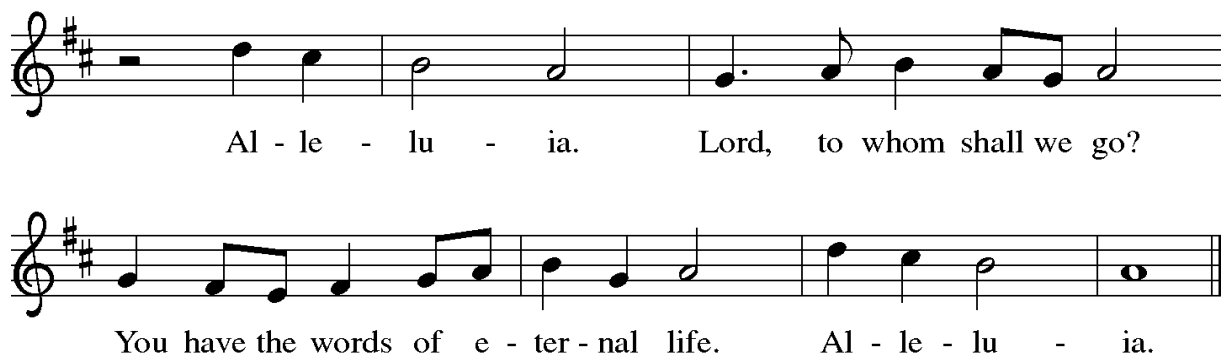
WORD

First Reading Acts 9:36-43 (Celebrate insert)
R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23 (Celebrate insert)
(Read responsively, 8:15; sung, choir and congregation, 10:45)

Second Reading Revelation 7:9-17 (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 10:22-30

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

Children's Message

Sermon *"Being Alive in Christ"*

Hymn of the Day "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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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:



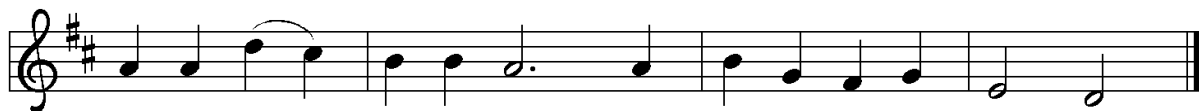
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

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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 Maurice C. and June E. Barnhart by their family.

ACOLYTES are Garrett Trent and Hannah Heagy.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Marsha Danilko and Nicole Bradley. Children under the age of 4 years are welcome.

LECTORS are Sherry Menz and Malcolm Sias.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Dennis Acita. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Cheryl Lucas.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Marleen - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Sherry Menz - choir door; at 10:45 Pastor Marleen - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Rocco Marusko - choir door.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST is available this morning and every Sunday between worship services.

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 to receive your \$ 5.00 donation and to offer you a card that can be sent or given to the woman you are honoring. You may use the envelopes enclosed in your bulletin.

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

THE ANNUAL CROP WALK is this afternoon. 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. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Kaufman Pavilion at Lynch Field.

NEW MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY continues tomorrow evening, beginning with a meal in the fellowship hall (bring your own food). The three sessions include “What Do the Creeds Really Say?” “Do I Believe It?”, “How to Relate to Those Who Are Suffering?”, and a Bible Study: The Book of Ruth”. Join us!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet Monday, 6:30 p.m. at Valley Dairy, Latrobe Plaza.

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

VIRGINIA BOYERS will meet Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at King’s Restaurant, Willow Crossing.

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

CHOIRS will NOT rehearse this week.

THE WESTMORELAND CHORAL SOCIETY will present its final concert of the season on Sat., May 1 at 8:00 p.m. at the Seton Hill Performing Arts Center. The concert is titled Made in America and will include a salute to the armed services. This also marks the final concert of Marvin Huls as director of the choral society. Tickets are \$ 12.00 at the door, \$ 5.00 for students.

FIREFLIES plan to meet next Sunday, 5-6:30 p.m.

FLY AND JUNIOR FLY will meet next Sunday, 5-7:30 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 for your use.

THE SENIOR F.L.Y. RETREAT is planned for Friday – Sunday, May 14-16. For more information speak to Pastor Marleen.

OUR PRESCHOOL has grown to a point where we are in need of a second teacher and aide. We are currently accepting resumes for a teacher and aide who would be responsible for our three year old classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All applicants for teachers should be certified. Aides should have a High School diploma and have or be willing to obtain youth clearances. Interested persons should contact the church office or speak to Barbara Krunszyinsky, our preschool director.

DON'T PITCH, RECYCLE.....The Social Ministry Committee is placing waste receptacles at the church doors so that you can recycle your bulletins on Sunday. Of course you are encouraged to take the announcements and lessons home with you, but when every member of a family is given a bulletin, a lot of paper may go to waste. First Lutheran has been collecting office paper, magazines, articles and advertising materials, but now you have the opportunity to help us do even more by disposing of your bulletin so it can also be recycled.

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.

A BUS TRIP to Lancaster, PA is planned for September 11, 2010 to see "**Joseph**" at the Millennium Theater. 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 211.