

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.

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 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

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly kneels. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

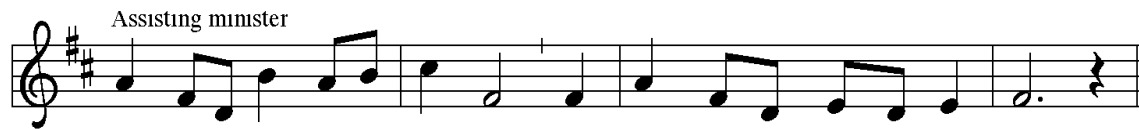
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Hymn “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

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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.**



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 2:1-21 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 104 (Celebrate insert)

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

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17 (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 14:8-27

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

Children's Message

Sermon *"In the Mosh Pit of Life"*

Hymn of the Day "Loving Spirit"

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Through confirmation, the affirmation of our baptism, we renew the covenant made with us by God at our baptism. Those who are affirming their faith today are acknowledging what God is doing for them and making a commitment to serve Christ's church.

PRESENTATION

Mentors or parents will present those making affirmation.

I present name/s, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

The presiding minister may continue with prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

(R) I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

(R) 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

(R) 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.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing. Parents and mentors are invited forward to lay hands on the confirmands.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in name/s the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Prayers of the Church (Celebrate insert)

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

Let us rejoice with *these sisters and brothers* in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

The Peace

THE MEAL

Offering

Offertory “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken or sung)



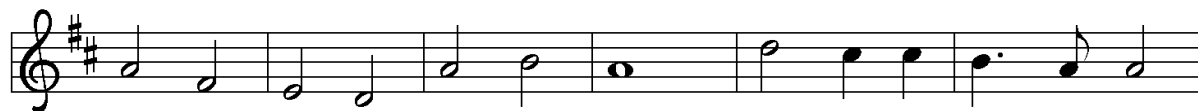
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake 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 “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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 Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Stockberger by Alice Stockberger.

ACOLYTES are Joseph Ott, Brandon Armstrong, Emma Delisi, and Julia Gogol.

THE CRUCIFER is Mark Silvis.

TORCH BEARERS are Nathan Flory and Rachel Krunszyinsky.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Sue Mains and Shelby Erdman. Children under the age of 4 years are welcome.

LECTORS are Gail Armstrong and Amy Beaken.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Wendy Johnston. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Betty Mehan.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are Carolyn Hanzel and Malcolm Sias.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Doug - north door, Pastor Marleen - center, Bonnie Rich - south door, at 10:45 the confirmands will serve as greeters.

AFFIRMING THEIR BAPTISM through the Rite of Confirmation this morning are Jonny Heagy, Jaden Johnston, Kiley Julian, Tyler Knatz, Dane Leone, Lauren Nicassio, Ian Ponitz, Nick Silvis, and Parker Trent.

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

MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY concludes tomorrow evening.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE meets Tues., 7:00.

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

PRE-CAUCUS MEETING for Synod Assembly is Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran in Harrison City.

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

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION and End of the Year Celebration is Thursday evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m. You are invited!

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH in Jeannette (211 Gaskill Avenue) with the CAAC are hosting a free community event this evening, 7:00 p.m. featuring Dave Boyer and The Trinity Jazz Orchestra. For details see the flyer on the education building bulletin board.

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

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.

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE will begin Sunday, June 6 and continue through mid September. Summer worship times are at 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Church School will not meet during the summer.

MEMORIAL DAY BALLOON RELEASE to honor those who served. The community is invited to participate in the Barnhart Funeral Home Annual Memorial Day Observance. This year the Barnhart Funeral Home will be sponsoring a balloon release to honor and pay respect to the heroes who have proudly served our great nation. Each balloon will carry the name and branch of service of the veteran you wish to honor. The release will take place on Memorial Day at 11:30 a.m. Plan on arriving by 11:15 a.m. to ensure that your hero is represented. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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 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.

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 161.