

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.

THE HOLY TRINITY

May 30, 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 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

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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 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

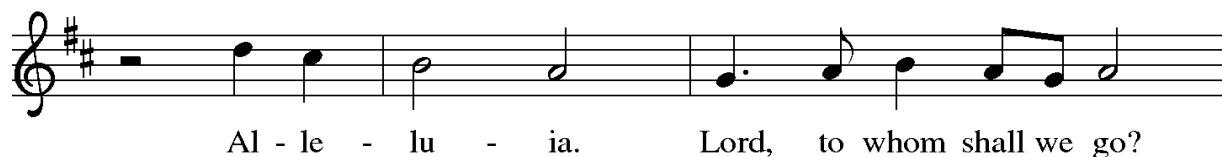
Psalm 8 (Celebrate insert)

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

Second Reading Romans 5:1-5 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel John 16:12-15

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

Children's Message

Sermon *"Spirit of Truth"*

Hymn of the Day "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

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Responsive Reading based on Athanasian Creed

Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,

neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person,

the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another. But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

The Father

was neither made nor created nor begotten;

the Son
was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;
the Spirit
**was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father
and the Son.**

Thus there is one Father, **not three fathers;**
one Son, **not three sons;**
one Holy Spirit, **not three spirits.**

And in this Trinity,
no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;
but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;
**and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in
three persons.**

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:
That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God,
begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,
and he is man,
born in the world from the being of his mother –
existing fully as God, and fully as man
with a rational soul and a human body;
equal to the Father in divinity,
subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man,
he is not divided, but is one Christ.

He is united because God has taken humanity into himself;
he does not transform deity into humanity.

He is completely one in the unity of his person,
without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person,
so the one Christ is God and man. 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)

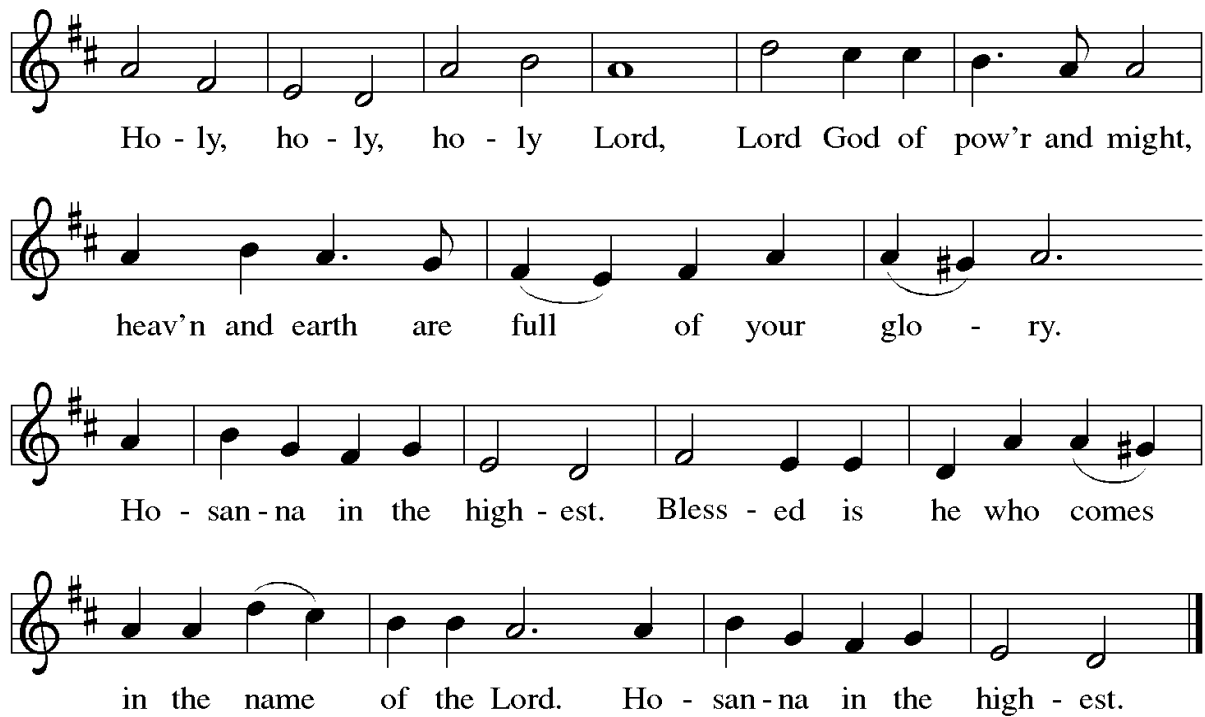
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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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 honor and memory of all veterans.

ACOLYTES are Abigail Delk, Nick Silvis, and Nathaniel Bradley.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Megan Myers and Kiley Julian. Children under the age of 4 years are welcome.

LECTORS are Duane Daniels and Rebecca Brunetta.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Dave Delisi. Tapes will be delivered on Tuesday by Betty Mohny.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Marleen - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Dee Trout - choir door; at 10:45 Pastor Marleen - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Rebecca Brunetta - choir door.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST is available this morning between worship services.

INTERN COMMITTEE will meet today following 10:45 worship.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL meets Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE will begin next 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.

F.L.Y. AND JUNIOR F.L.Y. meet next Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m.

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

VICAR JACK will be leading a bible study on the Book of Titus on Monday evenings in June at 7:00 p.m.

EVERYONE WHO WORKS WITH YOUTH... Youth Advisors, Sunday school teachers, and parents are invited to join us to hear about the resources available through “Pathways to Prevention” on June 8, 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. The goal of “Pathways to Prevention” is to keep our youth drug free.

DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICTS, we are postponing First Family Program until the fall. Watch for our new date in the newsletter.

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 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.

SMILE.....remember to donate a tube (or two) of toothpaste for the clients of our Food Pantry. A collection box is in the entrance to the educational building.

“THANKS” FROM THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE.....to all who volunteered for the Union Cemetery road clean-up. They finished before the rain!...And, to all the sorters and packers and assistants who volunteered in “The Nearly New Shoppe.” Many items were given to guests at the Food From the Heart Luncheon, and also to the Food Pantry clients.

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40

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 256.