

# 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 10:00 worship)** is located on the second floor of the education building.

# 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 8, 2010

8:15 AM & 10:00 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” # 771

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.**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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

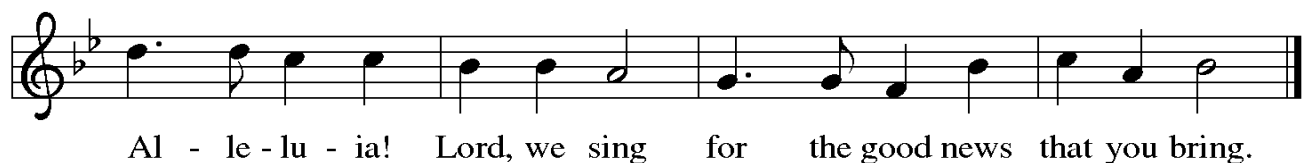
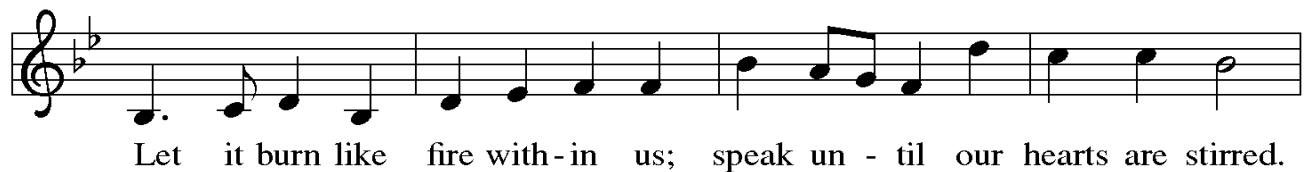
## WORD

First Reading Genesis 15:1-6 (Celebrate insert)  
**R/Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 33 (Celebrate insert) *Read responsively*

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (Celebrate insert)  
**R/Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Luke 12:32-40  
**R/ Glory to you, O Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message  
Sermon **"We Have Much"**

Hymn of the Day "Lord of All Hopefulness"

**# 765**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church (Celebrate insert)

The Peace

## **THE MEAL**

Offering

Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

**# 185**

Offertory Prayer

# The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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, God of pow-er 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, 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 "Jesus Still Lead On"

**# 624**

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 Burnell and Betty Long by the Long family.

**ACOLYTES** are Alex McCanna and Caitlin Hargis.

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

**LECTORS** are Hazel Adams and Bob Errett.

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

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS** are Carolyn Hanzel and Mike and David Gogol.

**GREETERS** are at 8:15 Sue Cobb - north door, Dave Cobb - center, Pastor Marleen - south door; at 10:00 Bob Errett – north door, Megan Danilko - center, Pastor Marleen - south door.

**MARY MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet tomorrow morning 10:00 a.m. for sewing, fellowship, and lunch.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS** this week include Youth Ministry, Tues., 7:00 p.m. and Evangelism (with Pathways to Prevention) Wed., 7:00 p.m.

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

## **AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING...**

As provided by the by-laws of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, petitioning members of the congregation are calling for a congregational meeting next Sunday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the recent staffing changes, make recommendations for future staffing and to take any action deemed advisable pursuant to this subject in the form of recommendations to church council.

**IN PARK NOW, SOON IN DRIVE...**With demolition now completed, we eagerly anticipate the final steps of phase one of our park development. We continue to encourage congregational input regarding its thoughts about a fully functional park. Slots are still available on Phase Two's Planning Committee. Contact a council person, office staff, or 'apply' in the Bird Box, against the choir loft.

**SEATS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER** on Saturday, September 11. The cost of the trip is \$115.00 which includes bus transportation, an Amish dinner, and tickets to see "**Joseph**" at the Millenium Theater. Call the church office to make reservations or for more details.

**WE ARE LOOKING** for volunteers who would be willing to provide transportation to and from worship for one of our members. If you would be able to help with this ministry, please call the church office.

**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.

**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.

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

**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 130.



On Saturday, September 25, from Noon to 4 pm, some members from Zion's, as well as other bands, including Smallfish, will be participating in a contemporary concert event at St. Clair Park. This is part of the Project Prevention sponsored by the Westmoreland County Drug & Alcohol Commission and St. Vincent College Prevention Projects, and is aimed at middle school and high school students. There will be music, food and handouts available.

Numerous downtown churches have applied for and received a grant through this project to be used to promote alcohol abstinence in teens and young adults in their church. We are combining some of those funds with other churches for this concert event.

If you are interested in participating in the band by playing an instrument or singing, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Lori Telford (724-668-2955) or Becky Albright (724-837-3534). Cy Howells will be our leader for the band. Our first meeting/practice will be Sunday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. in Zion's Social Room. All are welcome!

