

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.

MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

August 15, 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

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.**

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate insert)

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

Let us pray... **Amen**

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 61:7-11 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 34 (Celebrate insert) *Read responsively*

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7 (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 Luke 1:46-55

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

Children's Message

Sermon *“A-Typical Teenager”*

Hymn of the Day *“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”*

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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

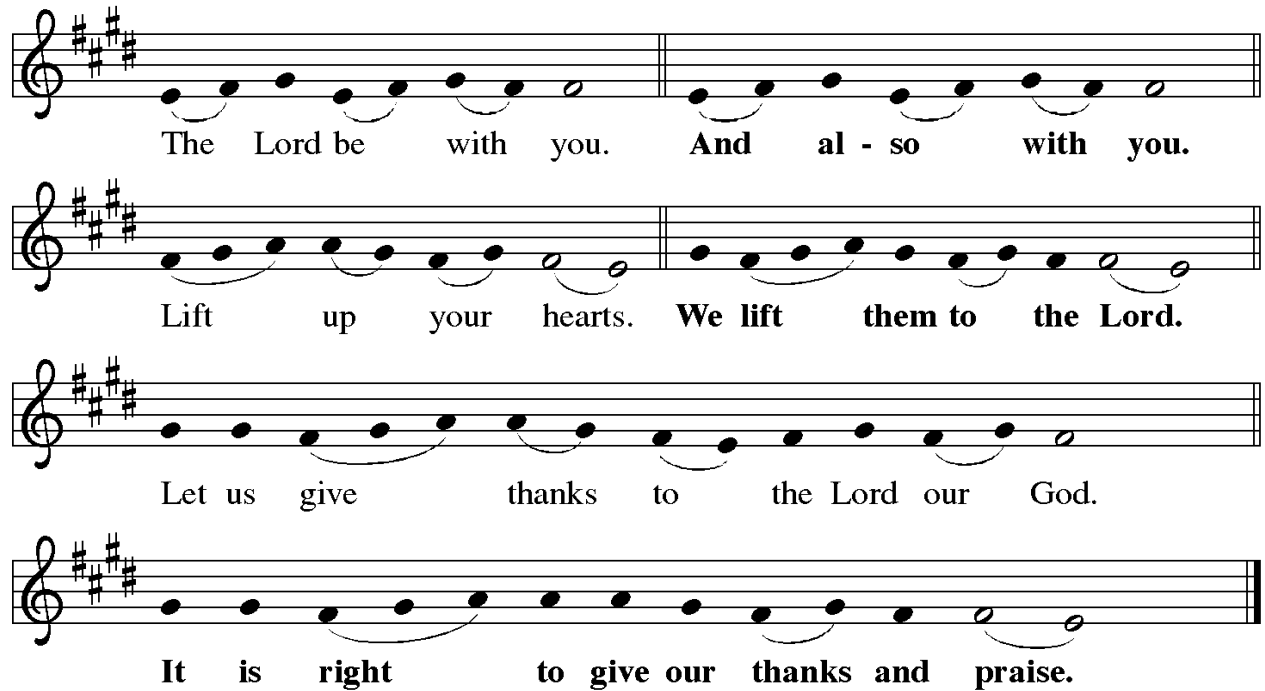
Offering

Offertory *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

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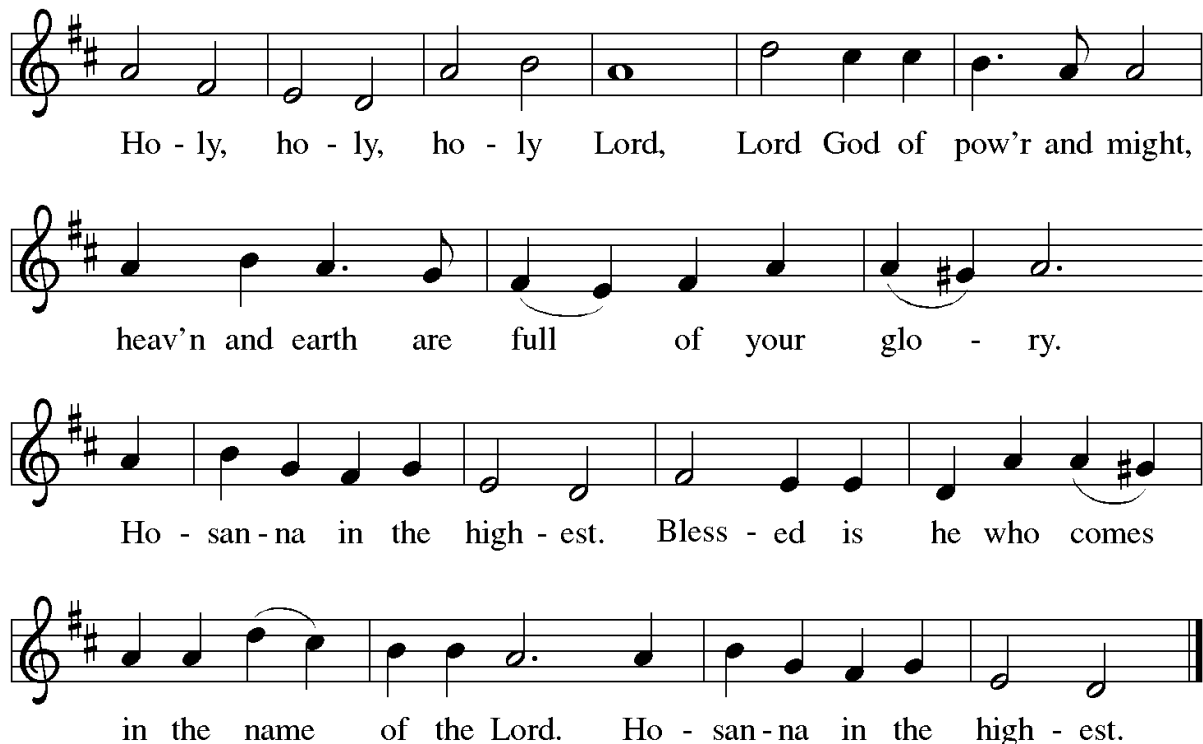
Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving



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

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn "Jesus Loves Me!"

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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 Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Kurtz and Edna S. Johnson by Nancy O'Hare.

ACOLYTES are Ian Darragh and Julia Gogol.

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

LECTORS are Kim Nicassio and Malcolm Sias.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Liz Rowe. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Betty Mehan.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are Denny Blank and Malcolm Sias.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Marleen - north door, Carolyn Hanzel - center, Dee Trout - south door; at 10:00 Pastor Marleen - north door, Kathryn Taylor - center, Cindy Hochrein - south door.

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 this evening, 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.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for September is this Wednesday.

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

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION is this Thursday. Volunteers are needed by 8:00 a.m. to unload the truck, sort and bag groceries, and help carry groceries to cars. Lend a hand if you are able.

FLY will travel to Kennywood this Friday. They will depart from the church at 10:00 a.m. Friday. Cost for each youth is \$ 15.00. Please let Pastor Marleen know if you plan on going for the day.

OUR SUMMER CHOIR will sing next Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. worship. Meet in the choir room at 9:45 a.m. to rehearse a quickly learned tune. You may sit in the congregation and come forward to the choir loft at anthem time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, at both worship services, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks. All youth, preschoolers through college, are invited to bring their backpacks that Sunday for a blessing. Adults with briefcases, etc. are invited to come forward as well.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST will begin again in mid September. If you are able to assist one or two Sunday mornings a year in setting up for the breakfast and cleaning up afterwards, please call the church office or place a note in the offering plate. Guidelines will be available to you and you will be reimbursed for any expenses.

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 134.