

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.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 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

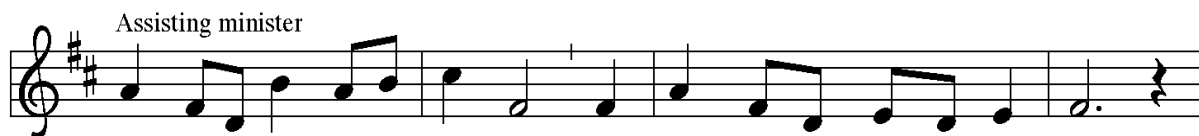
therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the 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.**



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)

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

Let us pray... **Amen**

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 103 (Celebrate insert) *Read responsively*

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-29 (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 13:10-17

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

Children's Message
Sermon *"Free from Bondage"*

Hymn of the Day "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" # 617

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)

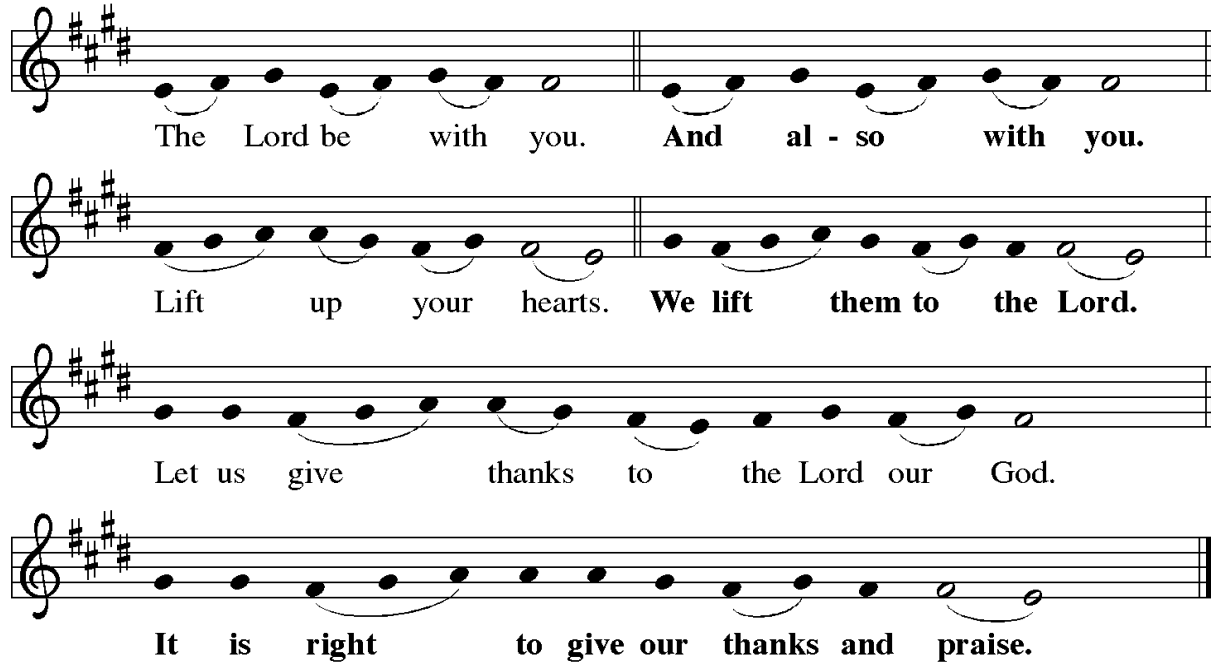
The Peace

THE MEAL

Offering

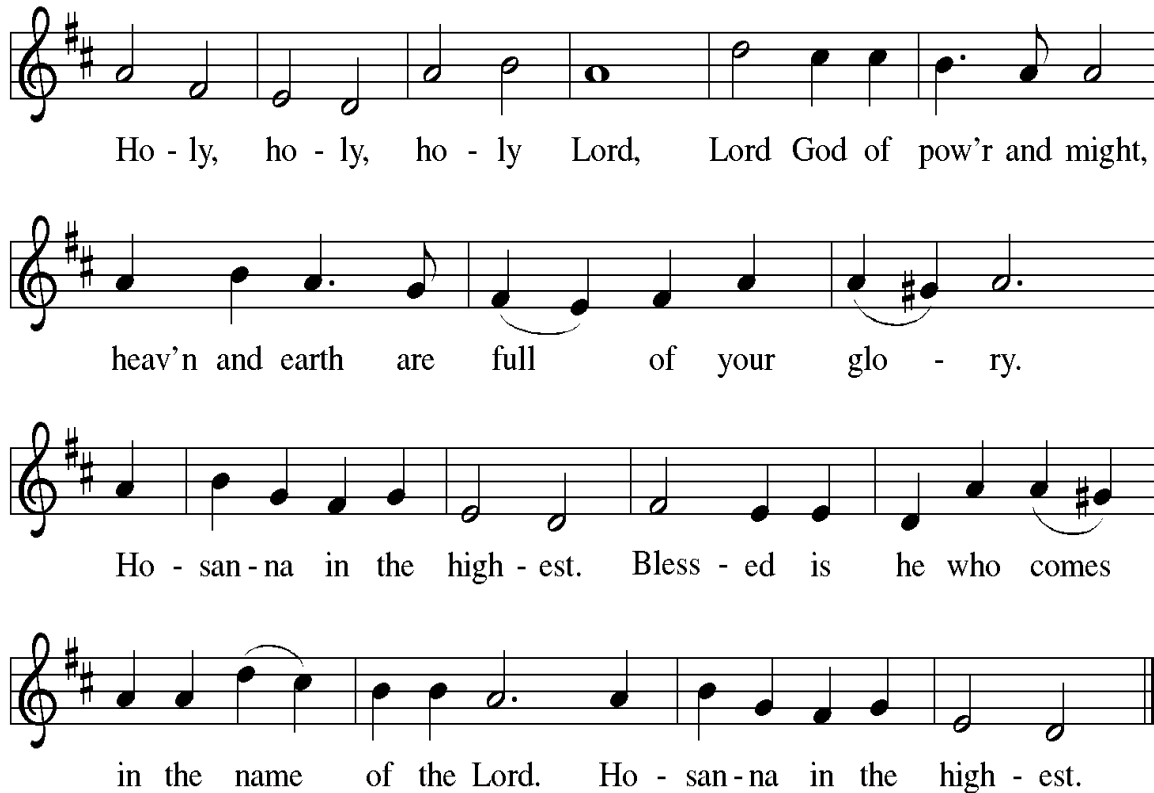
Offertory Prayer

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, 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

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

Hymn "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

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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.

ACOLYTES are Dane Leone and Emma Delisi.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Barbara Krunszyinsky and Tyler Knatz. Children under the age of 4 years are welcome.

LECTORS are Hazel Adams and Wendy Piper.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Dennis Acita. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Helen Marie Flinner.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are Denny Blank and Diana and Rocco Marusko.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Bonnie Rich - north door, Pastor Marleen - center, Barbara Christner - south door; at 10:00 Amy Beaken - north door, Pastor Marleen - center, Rocco Marusko - south door.

OUR SUMMER CHOIR will sing this 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.

VIRGINIA BOYERS will meet at Lakeview Restaurant, Route 30 on Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

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.

OUR NURSERY IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS! Consider volunteering in our nursery during the second worship service. You would be asked to serve once every 10 – 12 weeks. Please call the church office if you are able to serve.

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 148.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPT. 20

Join us for adult Bible Study on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. beginning September 20th. The upcoming study is based on the book of Numbers. The texts for this series explore the stories of the Israelites as they wander, complain, and battle their way through the wilderness. We will use the Numbers text as a guide as we work through these questions:

Where is God in our "wilderness" times?

Is this what God wants?

Is there any hope for us?

Who can speak for God?

If you are planning on attending this series, please sign below and place in offering plate or call the church office so that adequate study books can be ordered.

Name _____