

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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Pastor
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CHRISTMAS EVE, 2010, 11:00 P.M.
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Preludes

Silent Prayer

Processional Hymn

283

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

The Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R/ AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Hymn of Praise “Angels We Have Heard on High”

(verses 1,2) **# 289**

The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **R/ AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church **R/ Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Offering

Offertory Anthem “Hallelujah, Gloria” Choir

Offertory Response # 289
“Angels We Have Heard on High” (verse 3)

The Offertory Prayer

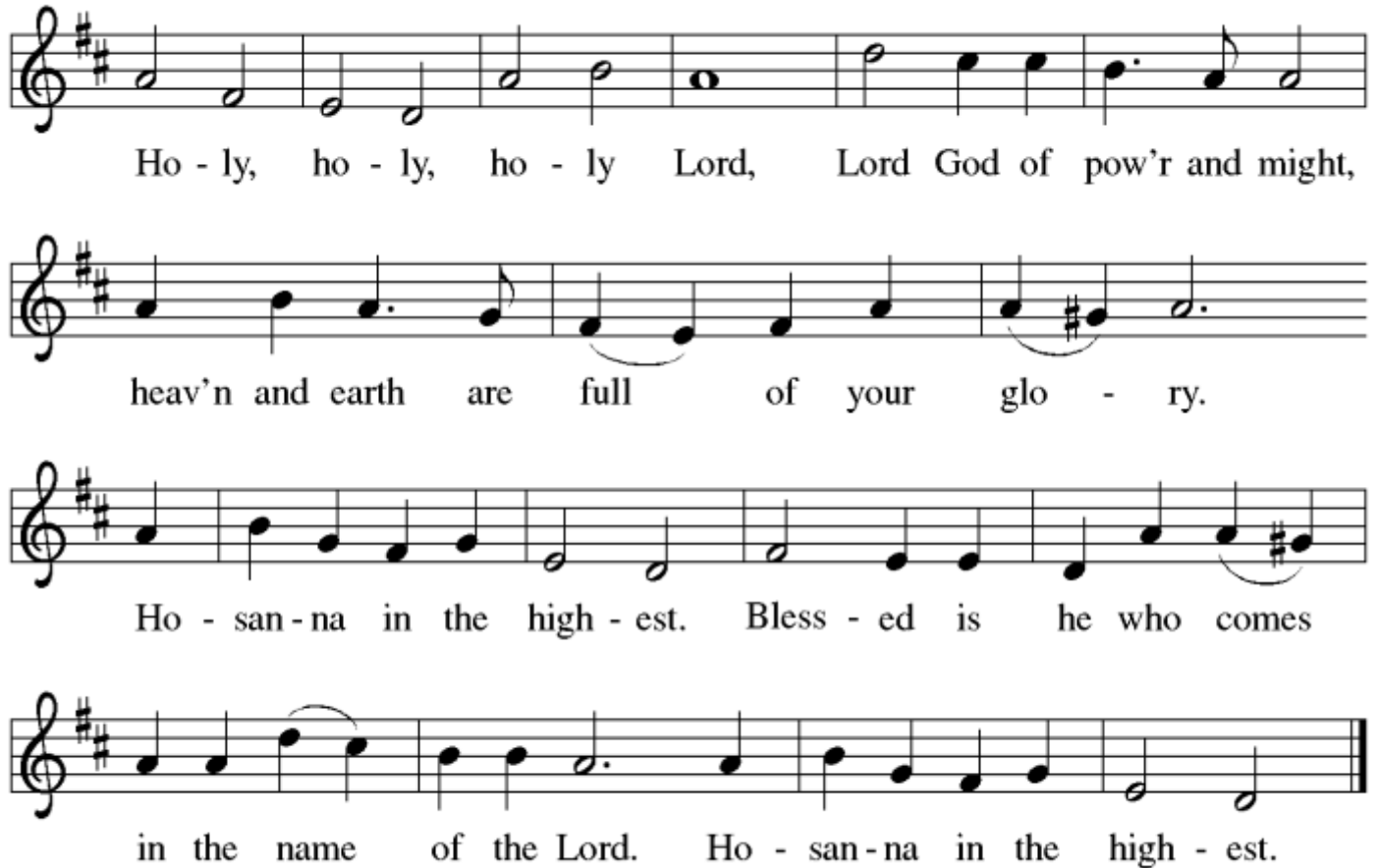
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
R/ AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.
R/ WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**R/ 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.

The 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 you and keep you in his grace.

Prayer after Communion

The Candlelight Ceremony (*The ushers will direct the lighting of the candles beginning from the center aisle.*)

The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light: **those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them has light shined.**

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy:
They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; **and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Candlelight Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night!” # 281

Benediction

Recessional Hymn “The First Noel” # 300 (vs. 1,2)

The Organ Postlude

IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY CHILD, WELCOME! 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.

ALL BAPTIZED worshipers who confess the presence of Christ in Holy Communion are invited to commune. Children are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. William Keck, Marie Turner, Leonard, George, Helen and Mary Alice Keck by the Keck family.

THE ACOLYTES are Emma Delisi and Nathan Flory.

THE CRUCIFER is Stephen Flory.

TORCH BEARERS are Mark Silvis and Nick Silvis.

THE LECTOR is Alex Byers.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are Dianna and Rocco Marusko.

THANKS to Emma Delisi and choir members for their ministry of music.

GREETERS are Pastor Camberg - north door, Pastor Marleen - center, Pam Errett – south door, Bob Errett - choir door.

POINSETTIAS may be taken home following worship. The altar poinsettias are to remain for Sunday's worship service.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS, Dec. 26, we will worship with Word and Sacrament at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL will **NOT** meet Sun., Dec. 26.

THE STAFF at First Lutheran – Pastor Marleen, Pastor Camberg, Dennis Hall, Marvin Huls, Joanie Knobloch, Patti Sias, Barb Krunszyinsky, Cindy Wygonik, Heather Smith, Charilty McBride, and Jean Miller - extends hearty best wishes and our prayers for each of you to have a blessed and joyous Christmas Day and season.