

# 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 NURSERY (available at 10:45 worship)** is located on the second floor of the education building.

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2012  
8:15 and 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.**

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 “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

# 510

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.**

*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.



*Refrain*  
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.



*Final refrain*  
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

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

Let us pray....**Amen** (Celebrate insert)

## WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Celebrate insert)

**R/Thanks be to God!**

Psalms 111 (Celebrate insert)

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

Second Reading      1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (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      Mark 1:21-28  
**R/ Glory to you, O Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon      *"Love Builds Up"*

Hymn of the Day      "Healer of Our Every Ill"

# 612

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  
Anthem

Doxology

**ELW # 884**

Offertory Prayer

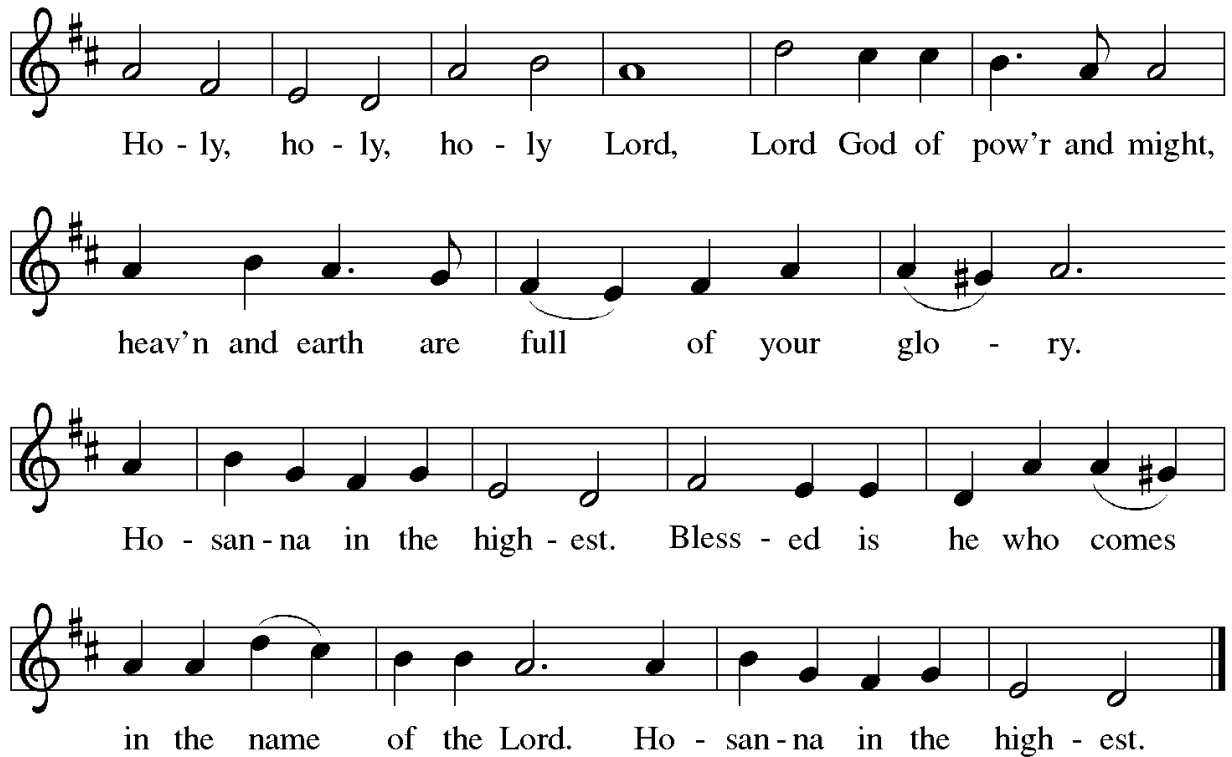
The Great Thanksgiving

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

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### 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 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**# 310**

**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.

**LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER** this week Bryan Miller, Judy Smith, Prathiba Mehta, Greg Buck, Norma Raynak, Cindy Barron, Louis Fryer, Dianna Cash, Alice Ruff, Babs Pascarella, Doris Bowman, Marlyn Marusko and Sara Smith. **Please keep the Call Committee in prayers.** They will begin interviewing soon.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jeffrey Cobb.

**ACOLYTES** are Brandon Armstrong, Ryan Schugt, and Brett Schugt.

**THE NURSERY** is in the care of Marie Walker and Shelby Erdman. Children under the age of four are welcome.

**LECTORS** are Julia Gogol and Rachel Krunszyinsky.

**TAPE MINISTRY** is provided by Dennis Acita. Tapes will be delivered by Betty Mohny.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT** is Pat Yost.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT** is Shirley Huls.

**GREETERS** include at 8:15 Pastor Marleen - north door, Liz Rowe - center, Carolyn Hanzel - south door; at 10:45 we will greet one another at the congregational dinner.

**GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS** are available for those persons with allergies.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** is discussing “Everyday Theology” in the conference room each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Joan Orr is leading this study. You are welcome to join them.

**OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING** is today following 10:45 a.m. worship. Meat, rolls, beverages and dessert will be provided. You are asked to bring a covered dish of vegetables or salad and your own place settings. Following the dinner we will conduct our annual business.

**THE JAVA TABLE** will be open today between worship services. Fair Trade coffees, teas, and chocolate will be available for purchase.

**BIBLE BOWL STUDY** continues today in the conference room, 9:30 - 11:15 AM.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** meets Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Beverly Attenberger.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will meet tomorrow evening, 7:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS** this week include Executive, Mon., 6:00 and Fellowship, Wed., 7:00 p.m.

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

**CHOIRS** will rehearse on Thursday evening. Bell Choir meets at 6:15; Adult Choir meets at 7:00 p.m.

**“WORKSHOPS OF WINTER”** sign up sheets are available in the education building foyer. The workshops will be held Sunday, February 19 after the Shrovetide Breakfast. See the February Newsletter for details.

**OUR MEN'S GROUP** is coordinating and gathering items for personal care kits for conflict/disaster response for Lutheran World Relief. The following items are needed: light or medium weight bath-size towel, dark color, 4-5oz bars of bath soap, adult toothbrushes, sturdy comb, and metal nail clippers. See the January newsletter for further details.

**MARY MARTHA CIRCLE** is in need of clean cotton fabric for their quilts and sewing projects. Please leave your donated fabric in the church office. Thanks!

**DON'T PITCH, RECYCLE.....**You will find waste receptacles at the church doors so that you can recycle your bulletins. Of course you are encouraged to take the announcements and lessons home with you.

**IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED** please notify the pastors or call the church office. Due to the new HIPAA rules, the hospital does not always notify us of members' admissions.

**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. We will soon begin listing names for prayer requests in the weekly bulletin. **If for whatever reason you do not want your name listed but would like to be on the prayer list, just let us know when you make your request.**

**PLEASE KEEP** John Zuzarate, serving in Afghanistan, Carey Simpson, serving in Iraq, and Liz Miles, serving as a navy nurse in Kuwait in your prayers.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** last Sunday morning was 142.

