



# FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Office hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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Pastor Larry Kemp  
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Interim Pastor  
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## WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We gather here every Sunday to experience the life changing and life giving grace of God. In this place we discover the truth of which the Bible speaks, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Cor. 5:17).

We are thankful for your presence among us, thankful to God for His abiding presence that goes with you this week, and hopeful that you will be among us when we gather again.

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**IN THE TIME BEFORE WORSHIP TODAY**, please spend a few moments reading the introduction to the scripture readings in preparation for the hearing of God's word.

**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.

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

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR CHILDREN** in our worship service. A nursery, on the second floor of the education building, is available for those moments when children need a quiet area.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** providing activities based on today's scripture readings are available in the narthex.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** are available for children to use during worship. They are located in the Narthex and at the top of the steps in the balcony. Each bag has an age level marked on it so that you can easily find the one you need. After the service, we ask that all contents be placed in the proper bag and returned. Thank you!

**PASTOR LARRY KEMP** may be reached either at the church office, by email at *pastor125kemp2@verizon.net* or by calling his mobile number at (412) 302-6988. If the concern is of an urgent nature, please call his mobile number.

**PLEASE** turn off your cell phones before worship.

# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 26, 2017

8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE

*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 congregation 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.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The congregation 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.**

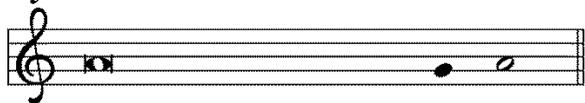
Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

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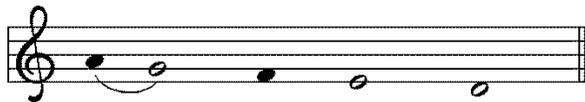
Greeting

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.**

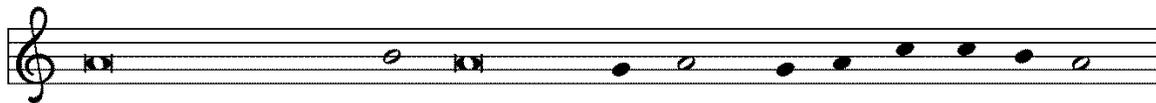
# Kyrie



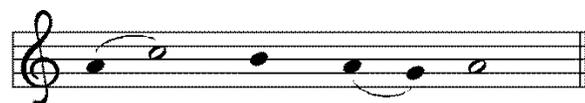
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



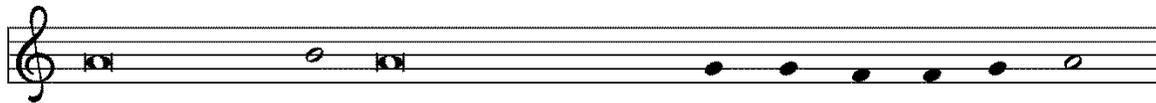
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



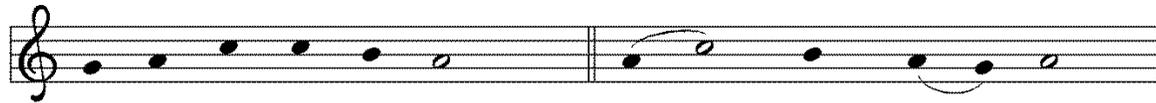
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

# Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast"

*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

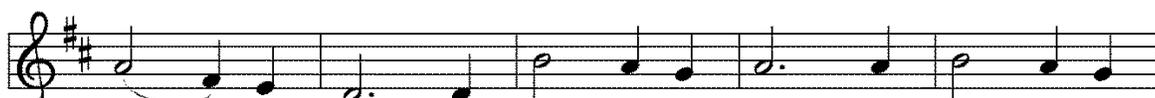


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

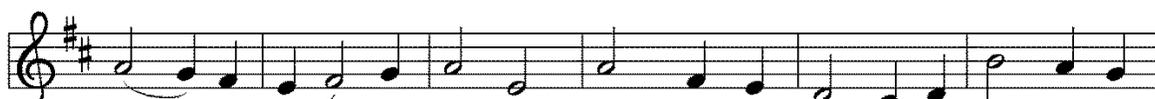
*Refrain*



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 (printed on Celebrate insert)

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

Let us pray... **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

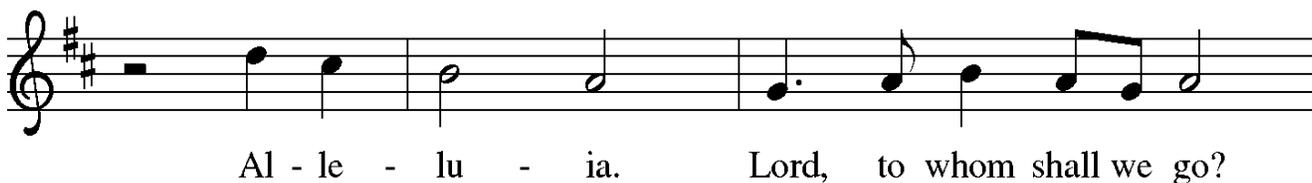
## WORD

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (Celebrate insert)

Psalm 95:1-7a (Celebrate insert)  
*(Read responsively, 8:15; sung, choir and congregation, 10:45)*

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 (Celebrate insert)  
**R/Thanks be to God!**

### Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 (Celebrate insert)  
**R/ Glory to you, O Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King" (See Insert)

## **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.**

## Prayers of the Church (Celebrate insert)

*To stay current with our continuing prayer needs, we refresh our prayer list at the beginning of each month. We understand that many people will continue to need prayer beyond the length of one month. If you wish to continue to have someone listed in the bulletin for public prayer, please call the office by the last Wednesday of the month.*

## The Peace

## THE MEAL

### Offering

*(Children, please bring your offering to the front of the church and place it in the “Thank You Jesus” Jar.)*

Offertory Response “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” # 182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.**

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# 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

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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness...  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup...  
...to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...  
...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants...  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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

### Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **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 Shall Reign”

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# BLESSED TO BLESS

## SERVING TODAY:

**ACOLYTES** are Emma Armstrong, Erika Ament and Kendyl Crosby.

**CRUCIFERS** are Ailanthus Hanzel and Christopher Steel.

**TORCH BEARERS** are Reese Woodley, Erik Hanzel, Alyssa Tomb, Haley Tomb

**BIBLE BEARERS** are Drew Erdman and Bradley Schmidt.

**LECTORS** are Kathy McMaster and Megan Zobb.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT** is Rebecca Brunetta.

**AUDIO/VISUAL (AV) MINISTRY** is provided by Liz Rowe, Tim Irwin and Spencer Irwin. CD's will be delivered by Betty Mohney.

**GREETERS** include at 8:15 Rebecca Brunetta - north door, Pastor Kemp - center, - south door; at 10:45 Rebecca Brunetta - north door, Pastor Kemp - center, Marsha Danilko - south door.

# **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Lisa, Brandie Saraceni, Robert Errett, Cheryl, Tanner, Sue, Dave, Laura, Jaye, Kris Hockensmith, Elaine, Dee, Jane Ament, Ivan Kunkle, Melissa Gasten, Star, Holly and Margaret Podolinski.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of Arthur Wineman and his parents, Arthur and Christine by their family.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Joseph and Rose Brunetta by Denis, Rebecca and family.

**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. **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.**

**EXCELA HEALTH** has changed their policy and will no longer notify the church of admissions. Please notify the pastor or call the church office if you or your loved one is hospitalized.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** is available today and each Sunday, 9 - 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

**ANGEL FOOD CAKES** (home baked or purchased) are needed the first Sunday of every month for Meals on Wheels. Bring your cake to the church office. Thank you!

**EXECUTIVE** meets Wednesday, 6:00 PM.

**PROPERTY** meets Wednesday, 6:30 PM.

**CHOIRS** rehearse Thursday night. Bell choir meets at 6:15 PM; adult choir meets at 7:00 PM.

**ANGEL TREE:** When taking an angel please sign the paper on the clipboard. Gifts are to be returned wrapped and **with the angel attached**. Place gifts under the tree no later than **December 10<sup>th</sup>**!

**ALTAR GUILD** is in dire need of LARGE juice cans. You may drop them off in the office.

**HOMEBOUND VISITS:** Pastor Larry Kemp and those visiting homebound members are revising the current list of homebound members. If you know of anyone who might need a visit, please contact pastor or the church office.

**WEEKLY EMAILS:** Are you receiving the weekly email blasts? If not, please call the office so we can add your name to the list.

**WELCA REFORMATION CHALLENGE:** 31 items have been collected to date for emergency food cupboard. Our goal is 500! We are asking for canned foods to be donated. The collection bins are in the Narthex and entrance to the educational building.

**NEW PROCEDURE:** To disarm or arm the security system, enter the security code and then press the **ENT** button located on the bottom right hand corner of the keypad.

**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.

**THE PARKING GARAGE** will now be locked during the week, but still accessible with a key card. See office secretaries if you need a key card.

**FREE PIANO** if you pick up. Contact the church office.

*First Lutheran will again participate in Operation Reindeer. Your gifts should be new, unboxed and unwrapped. Please bring them to the church office by Sunday, December 4. Thank you!*



**OPERATION REINDEER GIFT SUGGESTIONS  
FOR TORRANCE RESIDENTS**



We do our best to match gifts to recipients for everything donated. Thank you for your help!

**Clothing (Men's size XL or larger / Women's size L or larger):**

**No scarves or belts!**

\*sweatshirts & sweatpants   \*tops, t-shirts   \*pants and jeans   \*sweaters   \*socks   \*undergarments  
\*pajamas   \*bathrobes   \*mittens gloves   \*hats, ear muffs   \*jackets, coats, outerwear

**Toiletries: No razors / Non-aerosol items please**

\*shampoo & conditioner   \*soap/body washes   \*hand/body lotion   \*shaving gel/creams  
\*combs/brushes   \*pony tail holders   \*small packs of tissues   \*toothpaste/toothbrushes

**Cosmetics: No nail polish or glass bottles or mirrors**

lipstick, gloss, powder, eye shadows, mascara, lip balm, blush

**Activity Items: No needles or wire bindings**

\*craft kits   \*puzzle books   \*activity books   \*regular and large print books  
\*Bibles   \*games   \*CD's/DVD's   \*hand held games   \*crayons/paints

**Food items: No nuts or glass containers**

\*diabetic or sugarless items   \*decaffeinated drink mixes/coffee  
\*individually packed snack items (crackers, cookies, cakes, gum, candy)

**Miscellaneous:**

\*batteries (especially AA)   \*wallets   \*portable CD players   \*watches   \*sports  
\* memorabilia (especially Pittsburgh teams)   \*writing paper, stationary items especially with stamps  
\*phone cards are in great demand for the patients

*Operation Reindeer is Mental Health of America's annual drive to provide Christmas gifts for Westmoreland County residents at Torrance State Hospital, a long term facility for psychiatric patients. These items make being away from family at Christmastime easier for patients who struggle with mental illnesses.*

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, December 24

**10:00 AM service only (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

**7:00 PM Family Service with Communion**

**10:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service**

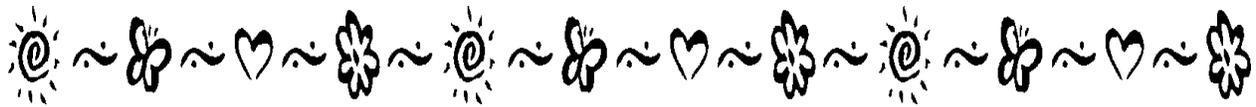


## SUNDAY, December 31

**10:00 AM service only**

**No Sunday Church School on Christmas Eve Day or New Year's Day.**

**Regular services at 8:15 and 10:45 AM resume on Sunday, January 7**



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**“As Servants of Jesus Christ, we strive to impact our families, neighbors and the world by sharing our faith, empowered by God’s Grace”**

*Developed by Church Council  
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