

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 remember to turn your cell phones off before worship.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER DAY

April 1, 2018

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

P: Alleluia! He is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Processional

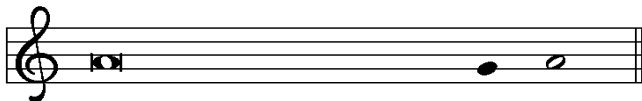
Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

365

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



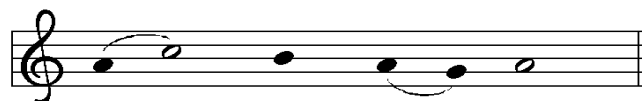
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



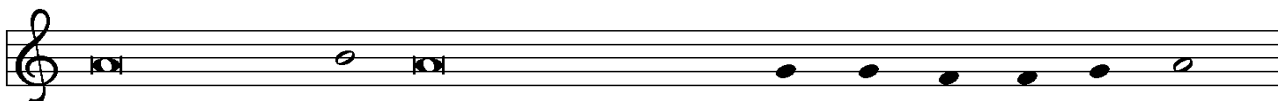
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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.

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 many continuing prayer needs, we will refresh our prayer list at the beginning of each new month by starting with a clean slate. 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 Choir Anthem “Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia!”

(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.

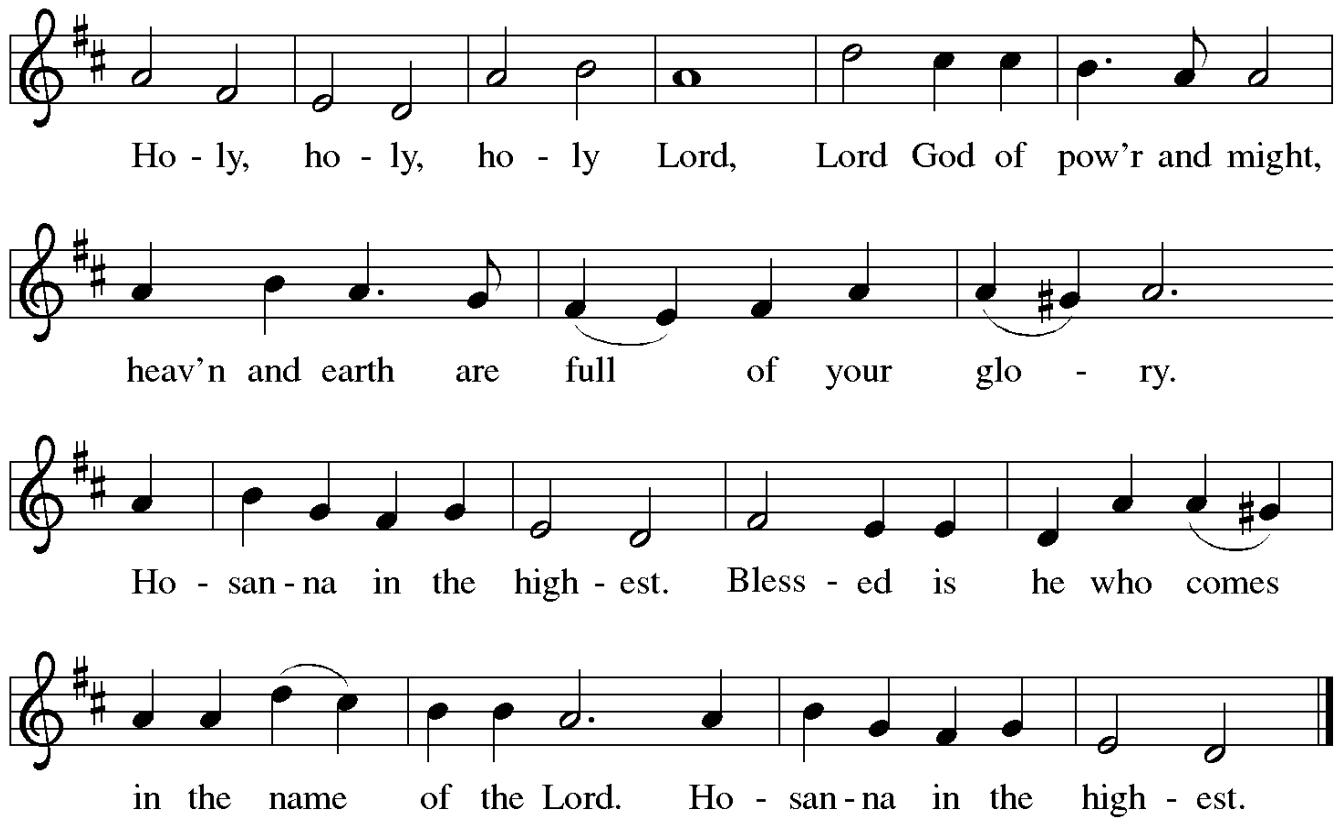
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right' and 'to give our thanks and praise.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with eighth and quarter notes, often beamed together.

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.

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

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

All who wish to receive the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins and the nourishment of their lives are welcome.

It is not necessary to be a member of First Lutheran to receive the sacrament.

During Communion, please join the choir in the singing of the following hymns:

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” # 619

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” # 392

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn “Thine is the Glory”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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BLESSED TO BLESS

SERVING TODAY:

THANKS to Bre Bianco for her musical assistance.

ACOLTYES are Emma Armstrong and Erika Ament.

TORCH BEARERS are Ailanthus Hanzel, Erik Hanzel, Alyssa Tomb and Haley Tomb.

CRUCIFERS are Drew Erdman and Bradley Schmidt.

BIBLE BEARERS are Reese Woodley and Cade Cavanaugh.

LECTORS are David von Schlichten and Beth Giglio.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT is Pat Yost.

AUDIO/VISUAL (AV) MINISTRY is provided by Dennis Acita and Al Danilko. CD's will be delivered by Cheryl Lucas.

GREETERS include at 8:15 Pat Yost - north door, Pastor Larry - center, - south door; at 10:45 Pat Yost - north door, Pastor Larry - center, Megan Zobb - south door.

SERVING IN APRIL:

ALTAR GUILD for April includes Roberta Laciak – coordinator and Mary Caldwell.

USHERS for February include at 8:15 Dwight Miller – chief, Kim Nicassio; at 10:45 Dan Lucas - chief, Terry Keffer and Merle Baker.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this week Lisa, Brandie Saraceni, Robert Errett, Dean Cichetti, John Merrill, Jeanne Kiss, Christopher, Lincoln Yurko and Samuel.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of Helen Poole by her family.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Wendell and Minerva Smith by Barry and Beverly Attenberger.

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 AM in the fellowship hall.

COUNCIL meets Tuesday, 7:00 PM.

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

CHOIRS will NOT rehearse Thursday night.

RUTH CIRCLE will gather on Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 PM to assemble the cleaning buckets. They will be taken to the distribution center on Friday by Terry and Charla Keffer. Thank you both very much!



WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING CLUSTER MEETING at Salem Lutheran Church in Delmont April 21, 2018. Reservations due by April 18. Remember to bring your donations for *Ready Yourself Youth Ranch*.

Please mail or call reservations to:

Donna Earnest
945 Old Route 66
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-834-5849

Some of the items needed at *Ready Yourself Youth Ranch* are toilet paper (septic safe), paper towels, paper plates & plastic ware, liquid hand soap, bleach, body wash for bathing the horses, liquid laundry detergent, horse treats, peppermint candies, any used horse tack, bottled water, work gloves, horse riding helmets, Bibles, gift cards for Tractor Supply, Home Depot, Lowe's, etc.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the fellowship hall. If you haven't already picked up yours, please do so!

FIRST LUTHERAN MARCH for PARKS TEAM raised a total of \$1275.00. Thanks to everyone who participated! We are very grateful for your continued support.

WCCC is offering a Smart Driver Course (55 ALIVE), Medicare 101 courses and Income Tax Assistance at several locations and times. For more information, consult the notices on the bulletin board in the Education Building or call WCCC at 724-925-4213.

AFTER CHARLOTTESVILLE, HATE IN THE PAST AND THE PRESENT will be presented by Dr. Tim Crain, Director of Seton Hill University's National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 2 – 4 PM at Seton Hill Cecilian Hall.

MARTIN LUTHER HYMN FESTIVAL. All are invited to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation through Luther's hymns and music 7:00 PM Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Heinz Chapel, University of Pittsburgh.

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.



Summer is just around the corner—time to start planning for summer camp! Visit www.lutherlyn.com or phone 724-865-2161.

Camp Blast is Saturday, May 12th, 11 AM—4:30 PM where you can sample all that Lutherlyn has to offer free of charge.

Week long summer Camps run from June 17 through August 3, 2018 for grades 4—6, 7—9 and 10—12. There are also Small Fry Days for grades 1—3 where children may attend one or multiple days.

Lutherlyn offers a coupon for first time Lutherlyn campers to help cover the cost of camp. Stop in the office to pick up a coupon.

First Lutheran offers Camperships. Register with Lutherlyn and then let the office know to send the campership.



HELP US PROMOTE OUR PRESCHOOL!

Please, if you have a Facebook account, go to “First Lutheran Preschool” and “like us” on Facebook. The more “likes” we have, the more ability we have to share our preschool mission:

To provide an affordable, high quality, educational program while promoting the Christian faith and a love of learning.

Thank you for your support!
Miss Barb and Miss Cindy

SOLES FOR SOULS

First Lutheran will partner with several local congregations to gather all shoes / boots / slippers you no longer use and give them to those who have none.



Simply band them together (singles accepted too) and drop into the collection boxes located in the education building foyer, the narthex at the back of the church, and the fellowship hall. Please do not box the shoes.

We will be collecting until April 15. So, clean out and recycle that unwanted footwear now.

2018 LENTEN CONGREGATIONAL PROJECT

This year let's help folks in different countries build community vegetable gardens! With a plot of land and good soil, adding drought-resistant seeds and topping it off with tools and training, plenty of tomatoes, potatoes, cabbage, beans and other vegetables can be grown to go around. Extra produce can be sold and the profit shared by the members of the cooperative to provide a great combination of food and income.



It takes about \$200.00 to start a community vegetable garden. Throughout the 40 days of Lent we will be gathering offerings in our homes and bringing those offerings to worship on Easter Sunday (Place your offering in an envelope with your name and “Community Vegetable Garden” on the outside of the envelope.). How many gardens can those in need grow through our gifts?

Easter Welcome!

If you are visiting today, thank you!

Every Sunday we gather in a celebration of our Lord's Easter resurrection. We invite you to carry on this celebration every week. Likewise, your friends, family and neighbors are invited.

We gather for worship every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. When it comes to the time for communion, know that if you wish to receive the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and the nourishment of your life, you are welcome.

Our Pastor is Pastor Larry Kemp. If there is anything he can do for you, please call the church office (724-834-1457). You need not be a member of our church to experience the grace of God which he will extend to you.


Lutheran SeniorLife
Health & Wellness Ministry

*Reflective Pastoral Training and
Care Classes Begin April 3rd!*



*Course Facilitator
Rev. Valerie G. Schubert,
Hospice Spiritual Counselor for
Lutheran SeniorLife/VNA,
Western Pennsylvania (far
right) with the Fall 2017
Reflective Pastoral Training &
Care Course graduates.*

Each Tuesday, April 3—May 15
2nd Floor Prayer Room • Abundant Life Center
Lutheran SeniorLife/Passavant Community
105 Burgess Drive • Zelienople, PA 16063
10:00am to 12:00pm

Caregivers, pastors, church leaders, visitors of patients or at home church members, and other Christians will improve upon and gain new helping and relating skills by participating in this 7-week course. The \$25 registration fee includes the cost of all course materials. Register today!

**For more information or to register, contact
Rev. Valerie G. Schubert at (724) 431-3352 or
valerie.schubert@lutheranseniorlife.org.**

ALTAR FLOWERS: First is in need of altar flowers for the following dates. If you are able to provide altar flowers for any of these dates, complete the form provided and return it with your flower fund contribution (make checks payable to First Lutheran) as soon as possible. Also, note on your check or envelope “flower fund”. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

July 1

August 19, 26

Enclosed is \$40.00 for altar flowers to be given on

(date) _____

in memory / honor of _____

by _____