


FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 remember to turn your cell phones off before worship.

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

April 15, 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

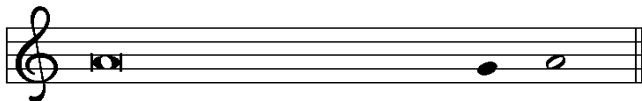
Hymn “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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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



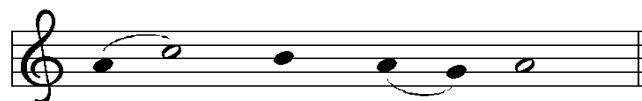
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



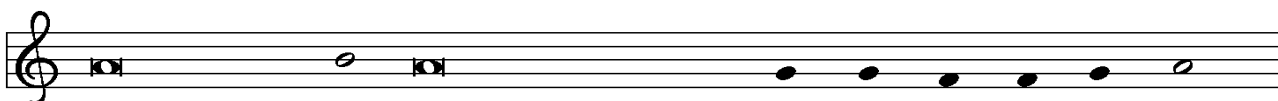
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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

(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.

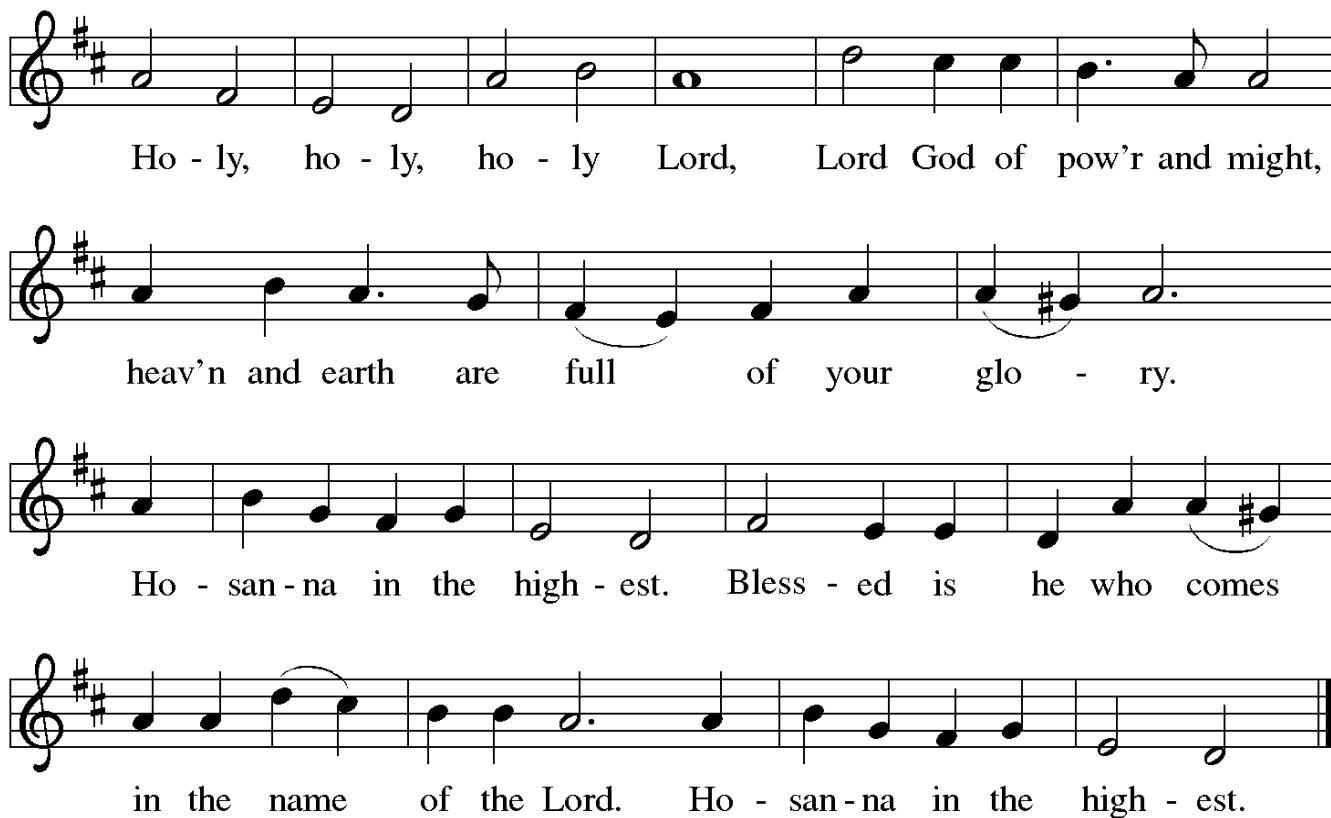
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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 has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are mostly quarter notes and half notes, with some slurs and ties.

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.

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

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 “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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BLESSED TO BLESS

SERVING TODAY:

ACOLYTES are Ailanthus Hanzel, Erik Hanzel and Tyler Miller.

LECTORS are Sue Boggs and Teresa Graziotto.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT is Suzy Flory.

AUDIO/VISUAL (AV) MINISTRY is provided by Dwight Miller, Lexi Hahn and Scott Hahn. CD's will be delivered by Helen Marie Flinner.

GREETERS include at 8:15 Suzy Flory - north door, Pastor Larry - center, - south door; at 10:45 Suzy Flory - north door, Pastor Larry - center, Ron Lambie - south door.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this week Lisa, Brandie, Robert, Dean, John, Jeanne, Suzy, Christopher, Lincoln Yurko, Samuel, Jan and Ed.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of John Raynak by wife, Norma, daughter, Kathy and Dennis.

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.

BOWLING 12:15 PM today at Main Bowling Center.

FINANCE meets Tuesday, 6:30 PM.

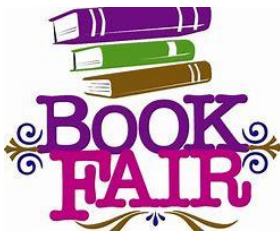
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / YOUTH meet Tuesday, 7:00 PM.

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

PRESCHOOL meets Thursday, 4:30 PM.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION is this Thursday. Assistance is needed by 8:00 AM to unload the truck and sort groceries (Both unloading and inside help is much needed for FOOD BANK this Thursday at 8:00). If you can lend a hand on Thursday morning your effort will be greatly appreciated.

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



First Lutheran Preschool and Library are planning a “Get Ready for Summer Book Fair” on Sunday, April 29. Gently used books will be available with a variety of titles and age levels. Select books for yourself, for children, etc. A love of reading is a lifelong joy that keeps your brain healthy and happy. All books are free; however, we will welcome donations for Greensburg/Hempfield Library (A basket will be available.)

April 29th Sunday School will be an Intergenerational Event (crafts, stories, etc.)



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.

THE JAVA TABLE will be open next Sunday, April 22, between worship services. Fair trade coffees, teas, and chocolates will be available for purchase.

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.

Let's Go Roller Skating!

What: Skating with friends from all over SWPA Synod!

Who: Youth and adults of **ANY** age are welcome!

Where: Latrobe Skating Center
2914 Ligonier Street
Latrobe, PA 15650

When: Sunday, April 22nd from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Why: Why not?

Cost: \$6.00 for skates
\$8.50 for in-line skates

Non-skating adults are **FREE** (and so is their coffee!)

This event is sponsored by the SWPA Synod Youth Committee



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.

Today, April 15, is the last day of collection!



THRIVENT FINANCIAL ACTION TEAM CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

April 15 – May 15

In family emergencies, Westmoreland County Children's Bureau is contacted to make arrangements for children from birth to 21 years of age. Often times these children are removed from their homes with only the clothes on their backs and little if any personal belongings, such as a favorite stuffed animal. In 2017, there were 348 children in foster care in Westmoreland, an increase of 174% above the normal number of 200. One way you can help these children in need is to donate a children's book. Collection boxes for the books will be located in the education building foyer, the narthex at the back of the church, and the fellowship hall starting next Sunday.