



# 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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 24, 2018

8:15 AM & 10:00 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.**

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 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 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

**# 756**

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.**

# Hymn of Praise: "Glory Be to God"



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray

**O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

# WORD

## First Reading

## Job 38:1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> ‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup> ‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings\* shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup> ‘Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup> and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup> and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped”?

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32** (*Read responsively: Lector / Congregation*)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup>LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup>LORD proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand<sup>1</sup> of the foe,**  
<sup>3</sup>gathering them in<sup>1</sup> from the lands; from the east and from the west,  
from the north and<sup>1</sup> from the south.  
<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the<sup>1</sup> sea in ships,**  
**plying their trade<sup>1</sup> in deep waters.**  
<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works<sup>1</sup> in the deep.  
<sup>25</sup>**Then God spoke, and a stormy<sup>1</sup> wind arose,**  
**which tossed high the waves<sup>1</sup> of the sea.**  
<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended<sup>1</sup> to the depths;  
their souls melted away<sup>1</sup> in their peril.  
<sup>27</sup>**They staggered and<sup>1</sup> reeled like drunkards,**  
**and all their skill was of<sup>1</sup> no avail.**  
<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried<sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from<sup>1</sup> their distress.  
<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm<sup>1</sup> to a whisper**  
**and silenced the waves<sup>1</sup> of the sea.**  
<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when<sup>1</sup> it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor<sup>1</sup> they desired.  
<sup>31</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love**  
**and your wonderful works<sup>1</sup> for all people.**  
<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly<sup>1</sup> of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing<sup>1</sup> hallelujah!

## **Second Reading**                      **2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

As we work together with him,\* we urge you also not to accept the  
grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We  
are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found  
with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended  
ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions,  
hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless  
nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of



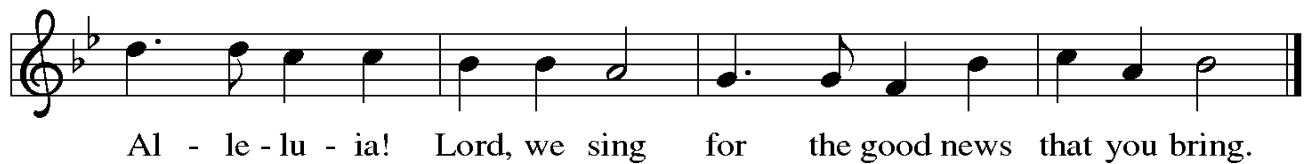
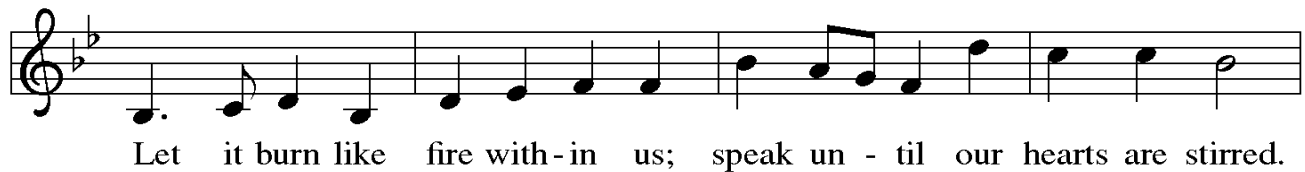
spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel Mark 4:35-41

R/ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on

the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’<sup>39</sup> He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.<sup>40</sup> He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’<sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

**R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “When Peace Like a River”

**# 785**

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.**

Prayers of the Church

*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.*

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:*

. . . Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words.*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

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 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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy...

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.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death...

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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

### Table Blessing

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

### Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you  
and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

# 632

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# **BLESSED TO BLESS**

## **SERVING TODAY:**

**ACOLYTE** is Drew Erdman.

**LECTORS** are Bob Errett and Rebecca Brunetta.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT** is Pat Yost.

**AUDIO/VISUAL (AV) MINISTRY** is provided by Liz Rowe, Tim Irwin, Spencer Irwin.

**GREETERS** include at 8:15 Pat Yost - north door, Pastor Larry Kemp - center, - south door; at 10:00 Pat Yost - north door, Pastor Larry Kemp - center, Merle Baker - south door.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** this week Lisa, Brandie, Dean, Jeanne, Ed, Pat, Lynn, Tim, John, Kenny, Pam, June, Jan, Christopher, Mark, Cyndee, Kelly, Carol, Rebecca, Sue, Babs, Karen, Jack, Scott, Debbie, Helena, Rick and Marj.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shuster by their daughter, Kathleen.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Gladys and Donald Frye by Robert and Judy Stricklin.

**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.

## **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  
October 2016*



# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

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

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

**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!

**CD DELIVERY:** We are looking for individuals to deliver the CD's from Sunday worship to some of our shut-ins. This would be approximately once per month. If you are interested in this ministry, please call the church office or use the backside of the prayer request card and place it in the offering plate.

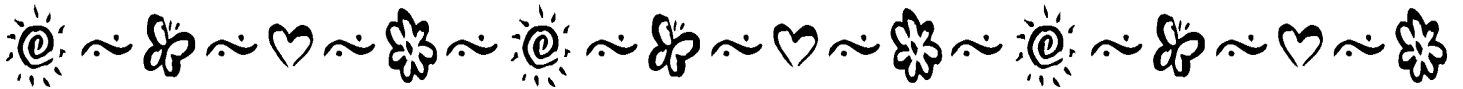
**NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT FIRST IN JULY!** Starting July 11, we will be offering a very simple worship service at 6 PM on Wednesday evenings on a trial basis. The service will be an abbreviated Sunday morning worship service with Holy Communion and no music. It is not intended to replace either of the Sunday worship services and is offered both as an additional worship opportunity for those who may not be able to worship with us on Sunday or those who might like an additional opportunity to worship through the middle of the week.

**WELCA SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** with other Lutheran Churches, 7:00 PM Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Zions' Social Hall.

**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.

# GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Social Ministry Committee is teaming with Habitat for Humanity on a local project. We are looking for volunteers 16 years of age and older to work on site. There is an opportunity for others to volunteer at Habitat for Humanity's Thrift Shop. Details to follow. Please leave your name and email address at the church office or contact David Cobb.



## SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

During the summer months, the Social Ministry Activation Team will be collecting nonperishable items for our Emergency Food Cupboard. These items will be used to assist many individuals and families in our community.

June is "Protein Month". Suggested items are:

Peanut Butter

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)

Beans



A box is located in the education building foyer for your donations. Please **check the expiration dates** before donating, as we cannot distribute expired items in the Emergency Food bags. **Thank you!**

**The following people were honored / remembered  
by loved ones on Father's Day. Each gift  
also represents the purchase of a blanket or  
malaria net for disaster relief.**

*GIFT GIVEN BY*

*Dennis & Kathy Acita*  
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*Rebecca Brunetta*  
*Tom & Suzy Flory*  
*Marvin & Shirley Huls*  
*Gwen Irwin*  
*Charlie Kaylor*  
*Jeanne Kaylor*  
*Terry & Charla Keffer*  
*Joan Orr*  
*Joey & Belinda Sedlak*  
*Malcolm Sias*  
*Patti Sias*  
*Bob & Nancy Smith*

*IN HONOR /*

*REMEMBRANCE OF*

*Ted Acita*  
*John Raynak*  
*Denis Brunetta*  
*C. Flory & R. Steel*  
*Fathers*  
*John W. Erickson*  
*Charlie, Sr.*  
*R. G. Hoffer*  
*Our Fathers*  
*William Conrad, Father*  
*Our Dads, Henry & Malcolm*  
*Malcolm Sias*  
*Richard Ashton*  
*Kevin & Brian Smith*