



# 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.

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 1, 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.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown,**

**things we have done**

**and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you,**

**and uphold us by your Spirit,**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

Hymn “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

**# 617**

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

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## WORD

### First Reading

### Lamentations 3:22-33

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” <sup>25</sup>The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. <sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, <sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, <sup>29</sup>to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), <sup>30</sup>to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever. <sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 30 (*Read responsively: Lector / Congregation*)

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>1</sup>ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried<sup>1</sup> out to you,  
and you restored<sup>1</sup> me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down<sup>1</sup> to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho-<sup>1</sup>ly remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor<sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes<sup>1</sup> in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt se-<sup>1</sup>cure, I said,  
"I shall never<sup>1</sup> be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong<sup>1</sup> as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was<sup>1</sup> filled with fear.

**<sup>8</sup>I cried to<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;**

**I pleaded with<sup>1</sup> my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down<sup>1</sup> to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or de-<sup>1</sup>clare your faithfulness?

**<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mer-<sup>1</sup>cy upon me;**

**O LORD,<sup>1</sup> be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing<sup>1</sup> into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed<sup>1</sup> me with joy.

**<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you<sup>1</sup> without ceasing;**

**O LORD my God, I will give you<sup>1</sup> thanks forever.**

## **Second Reading**

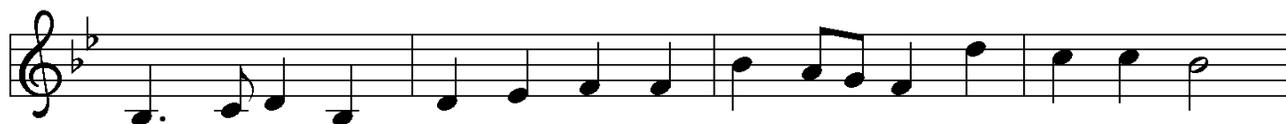
## **2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between<sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel Mark 5:21-43

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

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.”

<sup>24</sup>So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made

well.”<sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.<sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”<sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’”<sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it.<sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.<sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?”<sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”<sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.<sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.<sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.”<sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.<sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!”<sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.<sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

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

O God, we give you thanks  
that you have set before us this feast,  
the body and blood of your Son.  
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need  
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

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

Hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

**# 890**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# **BLESSED TO BLESS**

## **SERVING TODAY:**

**ACOLYTES** are Drew Erdman and Mia Saraceni.

**LECTORS** are Jean Miller and Amy Schultz.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT** is Erik Hanzel.

**AUDIO/VISUAL (AV) MINISTRY** is provided by Al Danilko.

**GREETERS** include at 8:15 Erik Hanzel - north door, Pastor Larry Kemp - center, - south door; at 10:00 Erik Hanzel - north door, Pastor Larry Kemp - center, Al Danilko - south door.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** this week Lisa, Brandie, Dean, Jeanne, Ed, Pat, Lynn, Pam, Jan, Sue, Babs and Jack.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Rebecca Brunetta.

**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:

**WE THANK** Pastor Robert Smith for leading us in worship today.

**OFFICE CLOSED** Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

**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.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Westpoint. July 13 from 5—9 PM. Games, Dunk Tank, Bouncy House, Food, Face Painting, Fire Truck, Bake Sale.

**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!**