

# **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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 4, 2024  
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

Prelude                      **How Great Thou Art**  
(Swedish folk tune, arr. Douglas Wagner)

### **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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*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.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

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.**

*The assembly stands. The service continues with a gathering song.*

**Hymn**      “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”      **#858**

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?**
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.**

**4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
 Let the amen sound from his people again.  
 Gladly forever adore him!**

## 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: “This is the Feast”

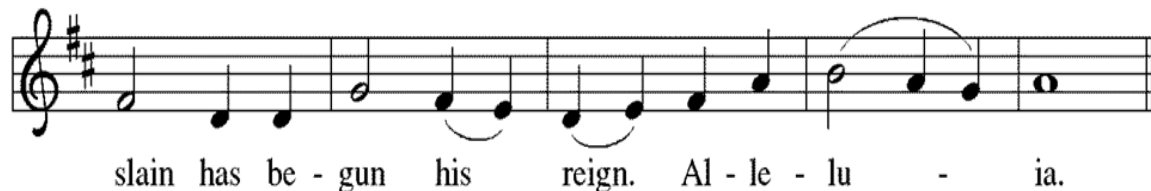
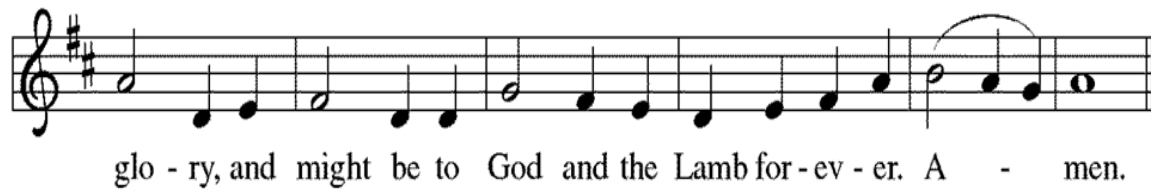
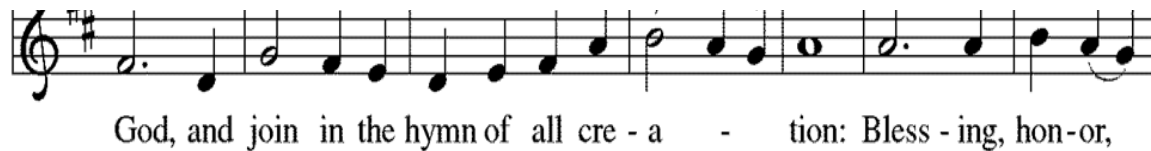
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray,

**Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## WORD

First Reading    **Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

**R/Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

*(Read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises <sup>1</sup> to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor <sup>1</sup> God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- <sup>1</sup> builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- <sup>1</sup> iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the <sup>1</sup> brokenhearted  
and binds <sup>1</sup> up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number <sup>1</sup> of the stars  
and calls them all <sup>1</sup> by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
 there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,**  
**but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;  
 make music upon the harp | to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds**  
**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on**  
**the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food | for the cattle  
 and for the young ravens | when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,**  
**and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,  
 in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

## Second Reading    **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

**R/Thanks be to God!**



## **Gospel Acclamation**

***Alleluia.* The servant of God took our infirmities and bore our diseases. *Alleluia.***

**Gospel      Mark 1: 29-39**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P/The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**Youth Sermon (10:45 AM)**

# Sermon

Hymn

“On Eagle’s Wings”

#787

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

## *Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

- 4 For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

## *Final refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

# APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church we confess our faith.

**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. Amen.**

*The service continues with the prayers of intercession.*

## 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.*

*A brief silence.*

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*At each petition,*  
God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

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

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

The Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## THE MEAL

Offerings may be placed in the plates as they are passed. You can utilize your regular envelopes or the gold envelopes in the pews. You can also utilize our new online giving tool through Tithe.ly by visiting [felchurch.org](http://felchurch.org) or utilize the QR code here:

Checks can also be mailed to: First Lutheran, 246 S. Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Thank you for your generous support of First's Ministry.



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

## OFFERTORY:

**8:15**      **Arioso** (J. S. Bach)

**10:45**      **I Will Praise You Lord** (Joel Raney)

I will praise you, Lord, with my whole heart. I will tell of all your wonders, I will rejoice in you. I will be glad and sing your praises forevermore. Almighty power, endless love. From the gates of death, you lift me up. In times of trouble, you are my strength. The King of righteousness you reign forever and forever.

Offertory Response: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”      **# 182**

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Let us pray.

**God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## 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.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.



# 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.*

For those receiving the sacrament please note the following:

Communion is at the rail for those who desire.

- *We encourage everyone to continue using hand sanitizer before coming forward for communion.*
- *As you approach the chancel, take a plastic cup from the tray.*
- *The communion rail will fill from both sides of the congregation.*
- *We encourage everyone to leave added space at the rail, primarily between family units.*
- *Cups can be placed in the receptacles near each side aisle as you return to your pew.*
- *For those who would like to receive communion, but are not comfortable coming to the rail, please let an Usher know so that the Pastor and Assisting Minister can bring communion to you.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond Amen.*

*After all have received,*

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

## Prayer after Communion

*The assisting minister leads a 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 presiding minister proclaims God's 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**      “When Memory Fades”      **#792**

**1 When mem'ry fades, and recognition falters,  
when eyes we love grow dim, and minds confused,  
speak to our souls of love that never alters;  
speak to our hearts, by pain and fear abused.  
O God of life and healing peace, empow'r us  
with patient courage, by your grace infused.**

**2 As frailness grows, and youthful strengths diminish,  
in weary arms which worked their earnest fill,  
your aging servants labor now to finish  
their earthly tasks, as fits your mercy's will.  
We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing,  
your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.**

**3 Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading.  
The past and future mingle into one.  
All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading.  
No valued deed will ever be undone.  
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and off'rings.  
Held in your heart, our deathless life is won.**

**Dismissal**

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

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*“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other  
creature, shall be able to separate us  
from the love of God, which is in  
Christ Jesus, our Lord.”*

*Romans 8:39*

# **BLESSED TO BLESS**

## **SERVING TODAY:**

**ACOLYTES** are Molly Boggs and Benjamin Gustafson.

**LECTORS** are Dianna Marusko and Dan Krack.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT** is Dianna Marusko.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** this week Brandie, Suzy, Lois, Terry, Joyce, Cullen, Doug, Gavin, Dennis, Pat, Daniel, Alecia, Connie, Karen, Phil, Dean, Rick, Pat, Sandy, Jeff, Jan, Andrea, and Addy.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of our mothers by the Terry Keffer family.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Peter 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.**

**INDEPENDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM** (formerly Excelsa Health) does not notify the church of member 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.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** 10:00 AM today.

**NOISY OFFERING** today will be donated to **LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC (LSM)**. LSM is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students, grades 8-12. In addition to advanced musical instruction and numerous performance opportunities, LSM students form an international community, living together for four weeks on the campus of Valparaiso University.

**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!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND DINNER** today following the second service.

**EXECUTIVE** Tuesday, 6:00 PM

**FOOD FROM THE HEART** Wednesday lunch continues as a **BROWN BAG** lunch provided from 12 to 12:45 PM. Lunches will be available for pick up by people walking at the gate to the park and to those driving at the basement door on Bononi Way (alley behind the church).

**CHRISTIAN OUTREACH** Wednesday, 6:00 pm.

**HANDBELLS** Thursday 6:15 pm

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet Thursday, February 8 at 7 PM in the church parlor. All women of the church are invited to join us for a brief business meeting, an interesting program, fellowship, and our always delicious dessert.

**COUNCIL RETREAT** Saturday 9 AM

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** last Sunday morning was 116.

**JAVA TABLE** will be open in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday between worship services. Fair Trade coffees, teas and chocolates will be available for purchase.

**A NURSERY** is available for children to use on the second floor of the Education Building, down the hall from the Library.

### **Stewardship Snippets**

*“He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.” – Isaiah 40:29*

Yes, loving one’s neighbors can be difficult, but it is not impossible. God is with us and gives the strength and power we need to love others, even our enemies. Stewardship of relationships matters!

**PASTOR’S CONTACT INFORMATION:** Pastor Chris Combs may be reached either by calling the church office at 724-834-1457, by email at **PastorChris@felchurch.org** or by calling or texting his cell phone at 412-973-4179. If the concern is of an urgent nature, please call his cell phone.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are needed for March 31 (Easter Sunday). Contact the church office if you would like to provide altar flowers for this date. Cost is \$50.00.



### **BIBLES FOR LOVE PACKAGES**

Do you have old Bibles that you no longer use or have inherited and don’t know what to do with them? Well, we have an answer. Beginning in January and running for several months, First Lutheran will collect used and/or new Bibles as well as Sunday School materials and other Christian materials to send to “Love Packages.”

## **Putting the Word of God into Hungry Hands All Over the World**

Love Packages is fueling international missions work and sending the gospel to the ends of the earth by putting donated bibles and other Christian literature into the hands of people around the world. Some of the locations shipped to include Kenya, India, Uganda, South America, and others in need. They ship over 1,500 tons of recycled gospel literature to the mission field every year.

### **Items we are collecting are:**

**Bibles** – new or used, any translation, New Testaments or other portions, individual gospel booklets.

**Reference Material** – Dictionaries, Bible dictionaries, concordances, commentaries, etc.

**Books** – all Christian books – adult or children, non-fiction.

**Magazines and Daily Devotionals** – any devotionals or magazine from a Christian publisher.

**Sunday School Materials** – adult quarterlies and all teacher manuals in any amount from all publishers; children's quarterlies with the teacher's manual and full student manuals.

**CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray** – Christian music & movies.

**Puppets, Nativity Sets, etc.** – bible games, biblical puzzles – anything that helps teach the gospel, especially to children.

### **Items not accepted:**

VHS/Tapes/Records/8-tracks

Guideposts

Handiwork or busy papers from Sunday School materials

Secular books (other than dictionaries)

*Missions* magazines

Boxes for your items will be in the Narthex, the Education Building, and the Fellowship Hall. For more information on Love Packages check them out on [lovepackages.org](http://lovepackages.org).

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
**LENTEN THURSDAY WORSHIP & LUNCHEON**  
**AT ZION'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**140 S. Pennsylvania Avenue**  
**Greensburg PA 15601**

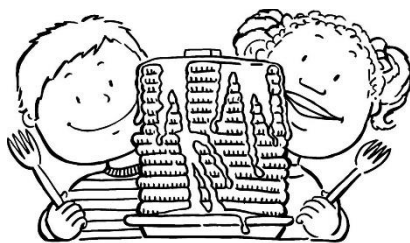
Services begin at 12:05 PM  
Lunch is served following the service at 12:30 PM

- February 15 Preaching: The Rev. Paul Gruesu  
Lunch: Stuffed Shells with Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Bread,  
and Cake
- February 22 Preaching: The Rev. Scott Dennis  
Lunch: Ham BBQ, Broccoli Salad, Chips, and Cake Roll
- February 29 Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Kara Probst  
Lunch: Chicken Casserole, Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Cookies
- March 7 Preaching: The Rev. Roger Steiner  
Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Wedding Soup, Veggies  
and dip, and Pie
- March 14 Preaching: The Rev. Christopher Combs  
Lunch: Roast Beef Sandwich, Potato Salad, Veggies and dip,  
and Bar Cookies
- March 21 Preaching: The Rev. Caroline Clifford  
Lunch: Broccoli Cheese Soup, Chicken Salad Croissant, and  
Cherry Crisp
- March 28 Preaching: The Rev. Brian B. Chaffee  
Lunch: Soup and Salad Bar

Suggested Lunch Donation—\$5.00

Worship & Luncheon are not held on days when Greensburg-Salem  
School district declares a school closing due to snow.





SHROVETIDE BRUNCH

## SHROVETIDE BRUNCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The First Family will gather for a “Shrovetide Brunch” the Sunday before Lent, February 11, following the 10:45 AM worship service.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, syrup, orange juice, coffee, and tea. A donation to defray expenses may be given if you so desire.

Shrovetide traditions of the past included using all of the flour in the house in preparation for the fasting of Lent. The days preceding Ash Wednesday became festive days with focus on increased baking, fellowship, and fun (as in the Mardi Gras tradition). We adapt this tradition with our pancake brunch for the First Lutheran family. Join us as we enjoy this time of food and fellowship.



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PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW SO WE CAN  
PLAN.

FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING SHROVETIDE BRUNCH \_\_\_\_\_



# **Friendship Sunday**

## **February 11**

**Friends & Family Game Afternoon**  
**(bring your favorite game & friends)**

**Join us for an afternoon of FUN!!**

**Games following the Shrovetide Brunch**

**All members are encouraged to bring a friend  
to church.**