

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



**January 21, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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We worship, welcome, witness, teach and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to First Lutheran! We are happy you are here as we gather to be strengthened, fed and blessed by God for mission in the world.

Today is the Third Sunday after Epiphany. Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

To our guests: Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please feel free to ask a neighbor in your pew if you have any questions about the service or our building. We invite you to provide your name and contact information using one of the yellow cards in the pew rack. You may place the completed card in the offering plate. Please join us again soon!

We will be celebrating the sacrament of holy communion this morning. We believe that in the bread and wine of holy communion we are offered the gift of Christ's body and blood. We welcome all baptized Christians to our Lord's table, where we are united with the saints of every time and every place. Those not communing this morning are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. More information about communion distribution is provided in the bulletin. **You need to complete a communion card once per calendar year** for the purposes of determining who is an active member, eligible to vote on congregational business. Complete a communion card and place it in the offering plate sometime during the month of January, and you won't have to worry about it for the rest of 2018! Communion cards are located in the pew racks.

We invite and encourage children of all ages to be present in worship – even very young children can start learning songs and prayers and the “rhythm” of worship (and it's okay if they make a little noise once in a while!). A nursery (accessible via the narthex staircase down to our ground floor) is available during the service; activity bags are also always available in the narthex.

Everything you will need for this service, with the exception of the hymns, is included in this bulletin. The hymns are found in the back half of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).

***Indicates to please stand if you are able.**

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C **Amen**

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

Please kneel or sit.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Loving God,

C **we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen**

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

***Hymn ELW 696**

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

***Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**



*Hymn of Praise



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

***Hymn of the Day ELW 817** *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*
verse 1 - choir

***Apostles' Creed**

P Let us profess the faith in which we have been baptized.

C **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

***Prayers**

A Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Response: **A** Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

P Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

***Sharing of Christ's Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of peace: a handshake, a hug or a kiss, saying: "Peace be with you." After greeting one another, please be seated.

Offering
Anthem

Deep Waters

Pepper Choplin

***Offertory**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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***Offertory Prayer**

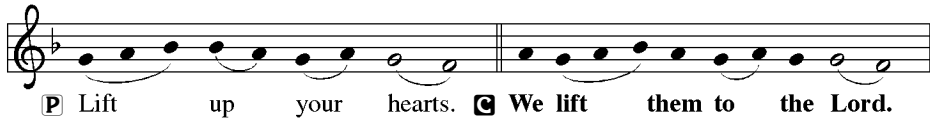
- A** Let us pray. Merciful God,
- C** receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

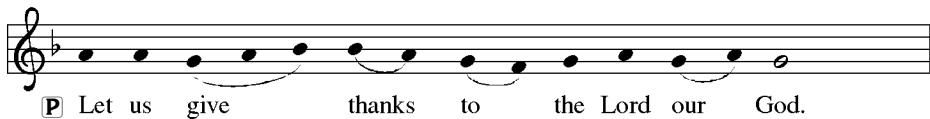
*Dialogue, Preface and Sanctus



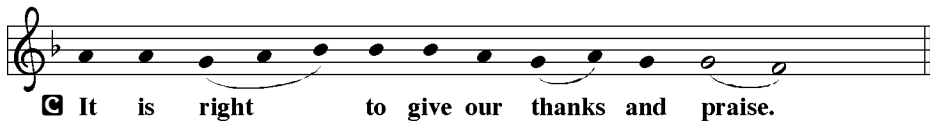
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



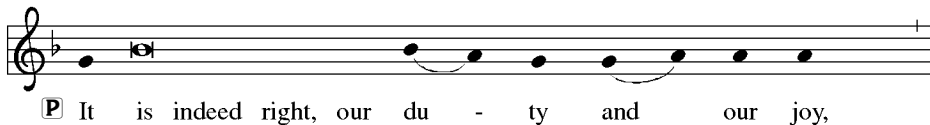
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



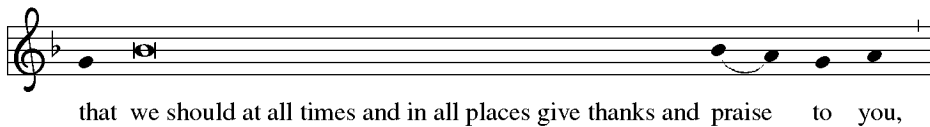
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.



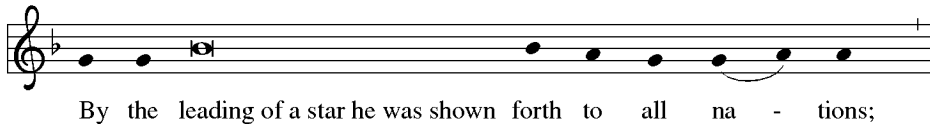
P It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



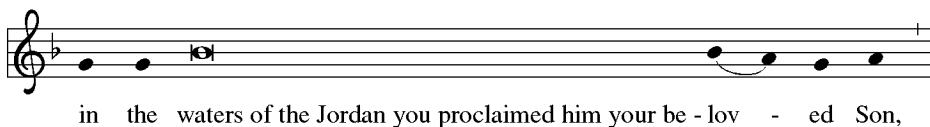
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



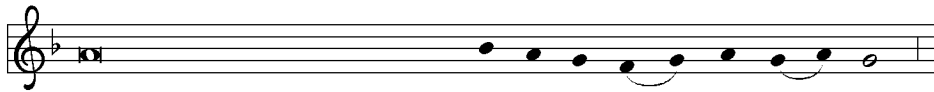
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;



in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,



and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:



☐ 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

- ☐ Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

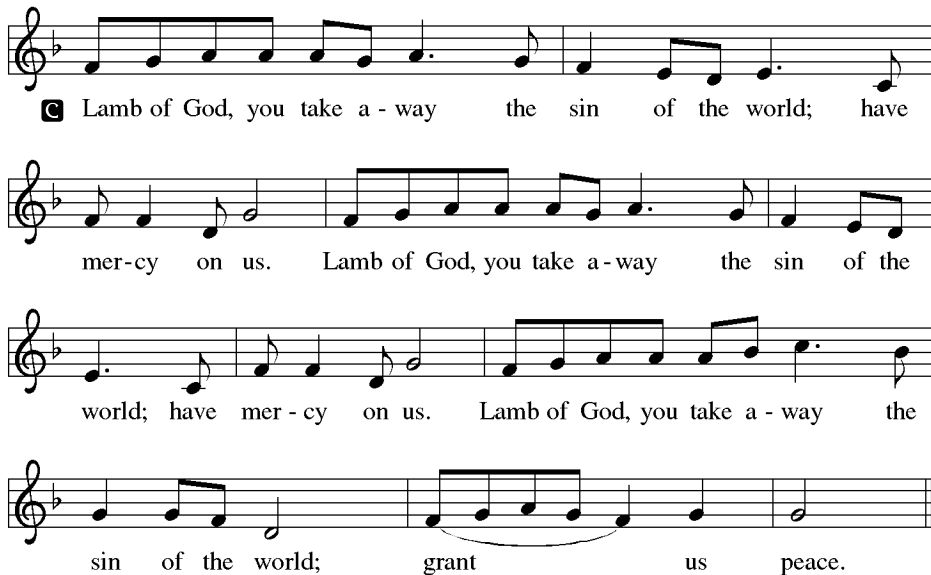
- ☑ **Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

*Breaking the Bread

- ☐ We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.



Lamb of God



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

After the ushers and choir have communed, please come forward by the center aisle. Individual glasses are available on the table at the front. Starting at the center and filling in to the sides, please kneel or stand at the communion rail as you are able. If you are not communing and wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Return to your pew by the side aisle where an usher will collect glasses.

Hymn ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☑ **Amen**
- ☐ Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we may tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen**

***Benediction**

☐ The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

☑ **Amen**

***Hymn ELW 547**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

***Dismissal**

☐ Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

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~ **Serving in Worship** ~

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Lisa M. Leber

Assisting Minister: Hope Miller

Communion Assistants: Caryn Carr and Michelle Fisher

Minister of Music: Andy Hoke

Choir: Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Elise Erickson

Lector: Jered Hock

Nursery: Kathleen Hall and Cindy Markle

Ushers: David Stum, head, William Gillingham, Robert Baker, Ken Egolf

Greeters: Norma Greider and Karen Hollen

Communion Setup/Cleanup: Virginia Brennan and Robin Orner

Flower Distribution: Cindy Jones

Bread Baker: Joan Gitt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel flowers are given in memory of Marjorie and Kenneth Clippinger and Jane Mollenauer by Joyce and Don Allan.

PRAYER LIST

Ann & Patrick

Cindy & family

Judi & Christi

Oliver

Susan, Marsha, Craig & Melanie

The family and friends of Doris Lauver – *John Ward's sister*

James Brantner

The Eshelman Family

Joanne Ingerson

Jeffrey Kline

Nikki Knerr

Sandy Kohler

Mike & Nancy Miller

Susan Chestnut Spengler

Jack Stum

Dean Yount

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PFC Ben Farrell	COL Lamar Parsons	SGT Philip Van Orden

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Sunday	Jan. 21	Youth/Family Event – Ice Skating at Twin Ponds	2 – 4 p.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 23	LWR Quilting Group	9:30 – 11 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	2 – 3 p.m.
		Finance Committee	4 p.m.
		Evangelism Committee	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 25	Handbell Choir	6 p.m.
		Chancel Choir	7 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 27	Tai Chi – <i>Festal Hall</i>	3 – 4 p.m.
Sunday	Jan. 28	Holy Communion	8 & 10:30 a.m.
		Youth Choir	9 a.m.
		Sunday Church School	9:15 a.m.
		Youth Choir	11:40 a.m.

Attendance Last Week: Sun., Jan. 14, 8 a.m.: 21, 10:30 a.m.: 123 (144)

Attention youth (grades 3 – 12) and their families! Please plan to join us at Twin Ponds West in Mechanicsburg from 2 – 4 p.m. this afternoon for some ice skating fun! Cost is \$7.00 per skater.

Please plan to participate in our annual “SouperBowl of Caring” food drive to benefit Project SHARE on Sunday, February 4, which is also Youth Sunday. Youth representatives will be available in the narthex following both services that Sunday in order to collect your donations of canned goods or monetary gifts for this worthwhile cause. Help us to help our neighbors with this nation-wide hunger-fighting campaign. Thanks for your support!

Through Sunday, February 11, 2018, we will be collecting old Christmas cards, which will be sent to the St. Jude's Ranch for children in Boulder City, Nevada. Cards may be placed in the designated box located in the hallway near the church office. **Please note:** Hallmark, American Greeting and Disney cards will NOT be accepted.

At our special congregation meeting last Sunday, the congregation voted to engage our architect, Marotta/Main, to prepare construction drawings for Phase I of Building for Mission and to solicit contractor bids, at a cost not to exceed \$91,000, to be paid out of the Building for Mission Fund, with the intent to proceed with the award of construction contracts. **Copies of the feasibility study report and the handout showing the three proposed phases of the master plan are available in the office and the narthex.**

Please watch the February First Edition and upcoming bulletins for updates about the project and the kick-off of our capital campaign!

Our next book discussion is scheduled for Sunday, February 25! We will be gathering at 7 p.m. to discuss "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson, the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. All you need to do is buy the book (available from Amazon and other retailers), read it, and show up at Pastor Leber's house (1010 Dale Place, Carlisle) at the appointed hour. Join us for conversation and refreshments!

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