



**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
PASTOR P. KEMPTON SEGERHAMMAR

PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA  
ELCA

WHERE FOLLOWING CHRIST MEANS ■ TO WELCOME AND AFFIRM ■ TO QUESTION AND LEARN ■ TO CARE AND SERVE

## Winter Sundays

**WORSHIP**  
8:30 and 10:30 am  
Staffed childcare

**EDUCATION**  
9:15 a.m.  
for children, youth  
and adults



Serving Today

## 8:30 Informal Service

**Presiding Minister**  
P. Kempton Segerhammar  
**Assisting Minister**  
Margie Lundeen  
**Usher**  
Victor Varney

## 10:30 Holy Communion

**Presiding Minister**  
P. Kempton Segerhammar  
**Assisting Minister**  
Martha Stillman  
**Lector**  
Jim Puls  
**Crucifer**  
TBD  
**Choir Director**  
Katherine McKee  
**Organist**  
Paul Ellison  
**Verger**  
Stephanie Leong  
**Altar Guild**  
Marylin Morton  
**Ushers**  
The Holmkvists  
**Coffee Hour**  
Robin Holbrook

## Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

### *Worship Notes – February 7, 2010*



**to First Lutheran!** We are glad that you are here to join us in this time of praise and empowerment through word, sacrament and music. See the **Guide to Worship** at First Lutheran in the back of the red hymnal. This is an open and affirming congregation in which all are invited to fully participate no matter their race, culture, gender or sexual orientation. Please join us for refreshments and conversation after worship in the parish hall, immediately to the east of the sanctuary.

**Following the lead of Jesus, we also welcome children** to full participation in our worship and the Holy Communion. During pastor's homily children may quietly enjoy the children's bulletin with their parents in the pew. There is also childcare available downstairs in the care of Karri Haddeland.

**Receiving the sacrament** of the body and blood of Christ **during this flu season** and heightened awareness of the spread of the H1N1 virus we ask that you show concern for others by not from drinking from the chalice when you have or have been exposed to colds or flu. The Lutheran teaching is that the full benefit of the sacrament is received in one kind, bread or wine.



**meets every Sunday, 9:15 –10:15 a.m. in the library.**

If you are interested and willing to lead a Forum discussion, please contact Ken Schreiber at 853-1049 or [krsplan@mindspring.com](mailto:krsplan@mindspring.com). **Today:** Events such as droughts and earthquakes raise the question of where was God. Ken Schreiber

will lead a discussion of Praying for weather and other natural events. Do we excuse God from responsibility for natural disasters? Do we give God credit for good stuff and nature the blame for bad stuff and if so, what does that mean regarding our understanding of God?

**Next Sunday:** Don Knuth will lead a discussion of 2 Corinthians 3:16, one of the Readings of the Day.



**February 17, 2010**

**12:00 p.m.**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Childcare will be provided under the care of Karri Haddeland from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

# News & Notes



## 8:30 Informal Service

**Presiding Minister**  
P. Kempton Segerhammar  
**Assisting Minister**  
Nancy Schmit  
**Usher**  
Ginny Wagener

## 10:30 Holy Communion

**Presiding Minister**  
P. Kempton Segerhammar  
**Assisting Minister**  
Joe Haletky  
**Lector**  
Emily Simon  
**Crucifer**  
Jordan King  
**Torchbearers**  
Amber Valentine  
Erickson Valentine  
**Choir Director**  
Katherine McKee  
**Organist**  
Paul Ellison  
**Verger**  
Stephanie Leong  
**Altar Guild**  
Jill Knuth  
**Ushers**  
The Hogles  
**Coffee Hour**  
TBD



Lessons for next Week

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]



**The Neighbor's in Need food drive continues.** This month the **Men's Breakfast** group encourages you to bring breakfast food items from the suggested foods list. Please bring your canned or dried food donations and place them in the baskets in the Parish Hall. There you will find a list of the most needed items as well as a jar in which you may leave cash donations. All contributions are donated to InnVision's Food Closet in downtown Palo Alto. Please see Madison Valentine or Linda Hogle for more information.

**ELCA International Disaster Response Commits Funds to Haiti Relief** -International Disaster Response of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) announced it will immediately commit \$250,000 to support response efforts to the earthquake in Haiti. It will also advance another \$500,000 in anticipation of additional gifts from ELCA members. ELCA members can contribute gifts online at <http://www.ELCA.org/haitiearthquake> or call 800-638-3522.

**Thursday morning Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the library.** Under the leadership of Pastor Segerhammar, we look at the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday, using the Lectio Divina method. This method uses a prayerful approach, letting the text speak to each of us, rather than dissecting it intellectually. We also discuss context and history. Read, ponder, share, and pray. Lectio Divina yields new revelations.

**Thursdays in Lent - Thursday, February 25 – March 25, 6 p.m. –** Come for a delicious soup supper and table conversation in the Parish Hall. 7-7:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary, using Vespers from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Reflections from: "Renewed For Life" by Henri J. M. Nouwen, prayers and gentle chant is a nice way to end the day.



**Additional Under the care of Karri Haddeland**  
Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 from **5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
Maundy Thursday, April 1 from **6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
Good Friday, April 2 from **6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 3 from **7:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.**

Next up for the **FLC Book Group**: the novel **Run** by Ann Patchett (2007). Set in Boston over a 24-hour period, it is a riveting, suspenseful contemporary story of family, secrets, race, duties, and the lengths we will go to protect our children. Available in paperback and at local libraries. Our discussion will be held Monday evening, **February 8, 7-8:30 pm**, upstairs at the church. All are welcome!



**MARDI GRAS! FIRST WOMEN: Join the Ladies' Night Out group for a Mardi Gras Pot Luck. Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**  
**POTLUCK** - bring something to the feast - preferably a dish or beverage that fits in well with Mardi Gras (New Orleans/southern). Let's Party before embarking on our reflective Lenten journey to EASTER. Bring a friend; encourage a new FLC "first woman" to come - or an old friend who has not made it to LNO recently. Shall we dress up, or is that going TOO FAR?

		THIS WEEK		
Day	Feb	Time	Activity	Place
Today	7		<i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i>	
		8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion, informal and brief	Sanctuary
		9: 15 a.m.	Adult Forum	Library
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
		11:45 a.m.	Refreshments	Parish Hall
Mons	8	7:00 p.m.	FLC Book Group	Upstairs Room
Tues	9	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Parish Hall
Thurs	11	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study - Lectio Divina	Library
		6:30 p.m.	Kids Choir rehearsal	Children's Center
		7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat	13	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Parish Hall
Sun	14		<i>Transfiguration Sunday</i>	
		8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion, informal and brief	Sanctuary
		9: 15 a.m.	Adult Forum	Library
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
		11:45 a.m.	Refreshments	Parish Hall

