

**Service of the Word for the Home and for ZOOM  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 2, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**

**Are You Online? Join Zoom Worship!**

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**GATHERING**

*If you are not online and worshipping at home with more than one person, the parts may be divided up responsively or may be prayed in unison.*

**WELCOME**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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.**

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** *(see next page)*

## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON *zoom/in person worship*

### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31

*Jacob wrestled all night with God, and when God wanted to get away as dawn was breaking, Jacob would not let God go until God had blessed him. Jacob's name is changed to Israel to mark his new relationship with God as he enters the land. Jacob is astonished that he remains alive after seeing God face-to-face.*

<sup>22</sup>[At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.<sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 17:1-7, 15** *Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.  
<sup>2</sup>**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**  
<sup>3</sup>Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.  
<sup>4</sup>**I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**  
<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.  
<sup>6</sup>**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**  
<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.  
<sup>15</sup>**But at my vindication I shall see your face;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

**SECOND READING**      **Romans 9:1-5**

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

We welcome the gospel:

**Alleluia! One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**      **Matthew 14:13-21**

The Holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *online*

### **CHILDREN’S CHURCH IDEAS**

- Draw a picture of your favorite meal or, using old magazines, make a collage of favorite foods.
- Who sits at the table at your favorite meal? What foods do you eat?
- Do you sometimes worry that your brother or sister might get a bigger piece of cake, more ice cream, or more juice (or whatever you all like) to eat than you do?
- When Jesus came, he gave so much food to people that there was no reason to worry. Even when it seemed that there was just a little food—five loaves of bread and two fish—it turned to be more than enough.
- Draw a picture of Jesus at your favorite meal
- With your trusted adult at home, write a prayer to thank God for the food that you eat. Use that prayer this week.

### **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. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our needy world, responding to each petition with the words, “hear our prayer.”

*A brief silence.*

Good and loving God:

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness. Heal the cities of our nation. Give us honest government. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind. We pray for those who suffer especially in this pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give First English such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. We pray that you would continue to help us do this in this time of pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known.... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### MEAL

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**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.**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding)*

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;

gather into one all who share this bread and wine;

fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,

that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;

through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Finally, let us pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Grant us your peace, Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

The gifts of God for the people of God!

### **SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

### **HYMN**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Do you wish to receive communion but are staying home for health reasons?** Communion elements can also be brought to you at home—please call Pr. Kimberly at 724-283-2378 so she can speak with you about how best to do that.

Pr. Kimberly will be on vacation from July 27-August 9. Our very own Pr. Gary Roth will cover worship on August 2 and 9 and we have made arrangements to keep up the Zoom service. Pr. Joel Benson at Trinity (724-544-3996) and Pr. Jack Delk (724-448-4231) will cover pastoral emergencies.

Worship on August 30<sup>th</sup> will be held at Lutherlyn at 10 a.m. followed by a boxed-lunch picnic. More details to come. Please call (724-283-2378) or email ([officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net)) Caitlyn in the church office if you plan to attend.

Are you or anyone you know suffering particular stress with the quarantine? There is a listening ear available. Please call Pr. Kimberly on her cell phone or at the church office (724-283-2378) to arrange an appointment.

As you are able, please continue to support First English's ministry financially during this time. Your gifts allow our ministry to continue. You can mail offerings into the church office (241 N. Main Street, Butler PA 16001) or give online at <http://firstenglishbutler.org/giving/>.

## PRAYERS

Becky Wyckoff, Larry Hamil, Jan Nieto, Edgar Nieto, Jim Templet, Gene and Myra Fozard, Cindy Regis & family, the family of Mildred Dollhopf, Graham Cannon, Sandy Snyder, David and Emma Lee Hartle, Edna Hartman, the family of Hailey Matheson, Ryan, Forest and Marietta White, Christine Pflugh, Audrey Fleeger, Asyiah, the family of Nancy, the family of Jean Purvis, Joyce Hall, Bruni Bilowich, Karen Vavro, Doug Horner, Sandy, Lisa, Wendy, Rhonda, Judy M., Mary Ellen, Claudia, Karen, Aryl Bashline, Kitty Walker, Hope & Bruce Keeler, Gina Ambrosio, Elizabeth, Jena Wright, Tad Sellers, Ralph D'Antonio.