

Service of the Word for the Home and for Zoom  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 30, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

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

Please email Caitlyn in the office at [officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net) to be added to the email list for a link to the service

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If you are planning to return to in-person worship services, please let Caitlyn know that you no longer need to receive the bulletin in the mail.

**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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BAPTISM OF SPENCER REID STEIN**

**PRESENTATION**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors present the candidate:*

I present Spencer Reid Stein for baptism.

Brad and Marlene, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your son* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring *Spencer* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,  
bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,  
so that *he* may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Spencer* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Leah and Bryan, do you promise to nurture *Spencer* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support *Spencer* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The congregation may stand.*

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

Spencer Reid, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Spencer Reid with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Spencer Reid, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**ANTHEM**

*I've Just Come from the Fountain*

-African American Spiritual

I've just come from the fountain,  
I've just come from the fountain, Lord,  
I've just come from the fountain,  
His name's so sweet.

O brother, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.  
Brother, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet.

O sister, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.  
Sister, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet.

O sinner, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.  
Sinner, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet.

### **THE WORD**

#### **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: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-15**

*Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.*

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b** *Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, sing praises,  
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

<sup>3</sup>Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>**Search for the strength of the LORD;  
continually seek God's face.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

<sup>6</sup>**O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

<sup>23</sup>Israel came into Egypt,  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

<sup>24</sup>**The LORD made the people of Israel very fruitful,  
more numerous than their enemies,**

<sup>25</sup>whose hearts God turned, so that they hated God's people,  
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.

<sup>26</sup>**O LORD, you sent Moses your servant,  
and Aaron, your chosen one.** <sup>45b</sup> **Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING**                      **Romans 12:9-21**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflinching standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

We welcome the gospel:

**Alleluia! May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**                      **Matthew 16:21-28**

The Holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain t

he whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

## SERMON

**ANTHEM**     *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me / Thy Holy Wings*     -African American Spiritual / Swedish Folk Song

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing  
Glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Thy holy wings spread gently over me;  
Let me rest securely through good and ill in Thee.  
Be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,  
Let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Let me nestle near Thee, within thy downy breast where  
I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.  
Close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,  
For I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

Wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood,  
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean & good.  
Take into thy keeping thy children great and small;  
While we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

*The congregation may stand.*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH IDEAS

The children's church ideas are found in a separate document attached to the church email and found on the website.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Together with all the people of God, we lift our prayers for those in need, responding to each petition, "Hear our prayer."

God whose love never ends:

Fulfill in us the promises of baptism that we may move through our difficult and weary world confident of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear the cries of those who suffer oppression, that they may not lose hope. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Teach us the sanctity of every human life and to love not only neighbors but also strangers. Pause our habits of judgment that we might grow as listeners. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Relieve those whose lives have been utterly disrupted by disaster: pandemic, forest fire, hurricane, derecho, and drought. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Save our country from violence, and save us for a future that is good for all people, filled with justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless the memories of our beloved dead, especially...*(here particular names may be named)* and increase our trust in your Son's rising from the dead. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE 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...)*

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**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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 OF BACKPACKS AND TECH FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

## BENEDICTION

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.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Linda Mathias	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Holly Schubert	<b>Reader</b>
Dan Morrow and Stan Graff	<b>Ushers</b>
Bob & Karen Domanski	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

## Musicians

Linda Mathias, *soprano*, Signe Mitchell, *soprano*, Sue Morrow, *alto*, Kevin Mathias, *tenor*, Jim Cunningham, *bass*, Josh Kamerer, *guitarist*, Harry Cunningham, *director*

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 8/31	12:00 PM	NA Meeting
	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 9/1	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
Thursday, 9/3	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
Friday, 9/4	All Day	Church Office Closed
Saturday, 9/5	9:00 AM	AA Meeting
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Spencer Reid Stein receives the gift of Holy Baptism today.** Spencer is the son of Marlene and Brad Stein. Sponsors are Leah Waltz and Bryan Stein. Welcome to God's family, Spencer!

**Zoom worshipers are asked to turn \*off\* their cameras** during worship on August 30<sup>th</sup> to allow the livestream to go as smoothly as possible.

**Reminder: Please turn in your non-photo directory update form no later than Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.** You can mail your form to the church office (241 N. Main St. Butler, PA 16001) or email it to [officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net).

**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.

**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**

The family of Jim Templet, all those affected by the wildfires in California and Colorado, the family of Edgar Nieto, the family of Marjorie Ellis, Anita, the family of Frances Cypher, Jamie and Kaitlin Sprague, Graham Cannon, Becky Wyckoff, Larry Hamil, Jan Nieto, Gene and Myra Fozard, Cindy Regis & family, the family of Mildred Dollhopf, Sandy Snyder, David and Emma Lee Hartle, Edna Hartman, the family of Hailey Matheson, Ryan, Forest and Marietta White, Christine Pflugh, Audrey Fleegeer, 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.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

#### **Exodus 12:1-14**

*The Passover of the LORD*

#### **Psalm 149**

*Sing the LORD's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)*

#### **Romans 13:8-14**

*Live honorably as in the day*

#### **Matthew 18:15-20**

*Reconciliation in the community of faith*