

**Order of Service for Worship in the Home and for Zoom**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 20, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Reminder: we are meeting in person in the building following Covid-19 precautions.

**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.

**Not Online? Join Us Over the Phone!**

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Meeting ID: 956 305 5281  
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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**

**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). "As Saints of Old"*

## As Saints of Old



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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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: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-15

*Faced with hunger in the wilderness, the Israelites longed for life back in Egypt and wished they had never left. Then God miraculously and graciously gave them quails and manna to eat.*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that

you complain against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45**

*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>37</sup>You led out your people with silver and gold;  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

<sup>38</sup>**Egypt was glad to see them go,  
because they were afraid of them.**

<sup>39</sup>You spread out a cloud for a covering  
and a fire to give light by night.

<sup>40</sup>**They asked, and you brought quail,  
and satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

<sup>41</sup>You opened the rock, and water flowed,  
so the river ran in the dry places.

<sup>42</sup>**For you remembered your holy word  
and Abraham your servant.**

<sup>43</sup>So you led forth your people with gladness,  
your chosen with shouts of joy.

<sup>44</sup>**You gave your people the lands of the nations,  
and they took the fruit of others’ toil,**

<sup>45</sup>that they might keep your statutes  
and observe your teachings. Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-30**

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of

you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

We welcome the gospel:

**Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son. Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL        Matthew 20:1-16**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON    *online***

## **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

With all the people of God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. After each petition, the congregation may respond, “**Hear us, O God.**”

That the people of your church may be slow to quarrel with one another and eager to delight in all that God gives us during this unusual time, let us pray:

**Hear us, O God.**

That those in the path of storm or wildfire find protection and assistance, let us pray:

**Hear us, O God.**

That our nation pursue policies that care for the environment and for people, let us pray:

**Hear us, O God.**

That those who are hungry in this community and throughout the world be fed, and that food banks and hunger relief programs be supported, let us pray:

**Hear us, O God.**

That restaurant and other business owners in our community find ways both to sustain their livelihood, let us pray:

**Hear us, O God.**

That we do not grow indifferent to those who have suffered loss or illness due to the pandemic and that we may not weary of attending to public health, let us pray:

**Hear us, O God.**

That those who are ill, recovering from surgery, depressed, anxious, or declining in memory find resilience and healing in God’s constant presence, let us pray: **Hear us, O God.**

That those who are grieving this day be surrounded with compassion and patience, and that the dead be remembered in resurrection hope, let us pray:

**Hear us, O God.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

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**

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.**

### **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.**

**“NOW, LORD...”** *read responsively*

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation**

**which you have prepared**

in the sight of ev'ry people:

a light to reveal you to the nations

**and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, 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.**

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Linda Mathias	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Judy Wadding	<b>Reader</b>
Judy Wadding	<b>Crucifer</b>
Kevin Mathias	<b>Organist</b>
Marlin Boltz, Ron Huey, Jack Rudzki	<b>Ushers</b>
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry Hamil.

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH**

Monday, 9/21	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 9/22	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
Wednesday, 9/23	10:00 AM	Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday, 9/24	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	Choir
Saturday, 9/26	9:00 AM	AA Meeting
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Update on Pastor Kimberly's office hours.** With all of the life and school shifts because of the pandemic, Pr. Kimberly will be working from home one or two days a week. Fridays remain her regular day off.

**New church office hours:** Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

**Christian Education - Outdoors at Lutherlyn!** All Sunday school students are invited to meet at Dogwood Shelter from 11:30 to 1 p.m. on Sundays September 27, October 4, 18 and 25. If you are in worship in person we will caravan out together. Please wear playclothes, outdoor shoes, and a mask. A bagged lunch will be available. Please RSVP to Sharon at [sharonfelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:sharonfelc@zoominternet.net).

**Corn Hole Tournament – Fundraiser for Relay for Life:** Trinity Lutheran is sponsoring a corn hole tournament on Saturday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. Medals will be given to the winning team. If you are interested in participating, call Rhonda Pilarcik at 724-841-9170 or e-mail [trinityaliveofc@gmail.com](mailto:trinityaliveofc@gmail.com) with your team name, names of persons on your team (2 people), and an e-mail or phone number where you can be reached. The entrance fee is \$25.00 and it can be paid the day of the tournament. Some snacks and drinks will be provided. Social distancing will be practiced. Rain date for the tournament will be on Sunday, October 4 after the 10:00 a.m. service. This event is open to all ages!

**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 Ryan Warheit, Christiaan van Driel, the family of Scot Taylor, Claude, Audrey & Jonah Clark, Beth and Kevin, Ed Beck, 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, 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 17:1-7**

*Water from the rock in the wilderness*

#### **Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16**

We will recount to generations to come the power of the LORD. (Ps. 78:4)

#### **Philippians 2:1-13**

*Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross*

#### **Matthew 21:23-32**

*A parable of doing God's will*