Order of Service for Worship in the Home and for Zoom All Saints Sunday November 1, 2020 10:00 a.m.

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

Zoom requires a password to join the worship service. The password for First English's worship is 408299.

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GATHERING

Today is All Saints Day, a day on the church calendar in which we remember the baptized who have gone before us in the faith. We especially remember those who have died since last All Saints Day. The resurrection of Jesus Christ holds us in life and death. As you prepare your worship space, consider setting out signs of resurrection hope: water to remember baptism and a candle to remember eternal life.

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

Let us remember all the saints before God. Especially this day, we remember Marcia Bennett, Marsha Codispot, Gary Cooper, Frances Cypher, Mildred Dollhopf, Marjorie Ellis, Gary Fleeger, Sr., Rev. Randal Gullickson, Mary Heist, Mary Ann Knarr, Robert McCandless, Edgar Nieto, Jean Purvis, Ryan Warheit, Jean Wiles, and others whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts....

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with

you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

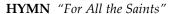
Amen.

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And you will find rest for your souls.





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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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the

inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

zoom/in person worship

THE WORD

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
17for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22 read responsively

¹I will always bless the LORD; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD;

let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me

and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are they who take refuge in God!

9Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,

for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,

and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We welcome the gospel:

Alleluia! They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us remember all the saints who have served the church and the world as we pray for the needs of all creation. The response to each petition is, "hear our prayer."

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who have ministered in your church. Give us now, we pray, pastors, deacons, teachers, and lay leaders who will guide your people in the way of truth. Bless all who minister during this difficult time. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who were peacemakers. Give us now government authorities who will strive for peace between and within their nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who strove for equality and justice. Guide us during this election week, that those who seek the common good will be elected; protect those who vote; and preserve our nation from all forms of civil discord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who worked to renew society. Give us now persons who will struggle against prejudice, lethargy, and evil, and will work to improve the lives of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**We praise you, O God, for all the saints who nursed the sick. Support physicians, nurses, and all medical staff, especially those in hospitals overwhelmed by the pandemic. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We praise you, O God, for all the faithful who have suffered in body, mind, or spirit. Give wholeness to the sick and suffering, and send your healing power on those whose names we call out to you now. . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints, both the famous and the forgotten, who lived in faith and now live in you. We thank you, O God, especially for those whom we name here now: . . .

Bring us at the last with them to be in your triune presence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, O God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Come unto Our Fathers' God" Tune: Nun freut euch, 1535 Harald Rohlig, *arr*.

We come unto our fathers' God,
Their Rock is our salvation;
Th' eternal arms, their dear abode,
We make our habitation.
We bring Thee, Lord, the praise they brought,
We seek Thee as Thy saints have sought
In every generation.

The fire divine their steps that led Still goeth bright before us; The heavenly shield around them spread Is still high holden o'er us; The grace those sinners that subdued, The strength those weaklings that renewed, Doth vanquish, doth restore us. Their joy unto their Lord we bring, Their song to us descendeth; The Spirit who in them did sing To us His music lendeth: His song in them, in us, is one; We raise it high, we send it on The song that never endeth.

Ye saints to come, take up the strain, The same sweet theme endeavor; Unbroken be the golden chain! Keep on the song forever. Safe in the same dear dwelling place, Rich with the same eternal grace, Bless the same boundless Giver.

- Thomas H. Gill, 1819-1906

SINGERS Linda Mathias, Judy Wadding, Sue Morrow, Signe Mitchell, Fred Miller, and Jim Cunningham

<u>MEAL</u>

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should always sing of your glory,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ

brings home the lost, restores the sinner, and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth,

gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation

we glorify your name, forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed... (the presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding...).

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!

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	Presiding Minister
Linda Mathias	Assisting Minister
Judy Wadding	Reader
Judy Wadding	Crucifer
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Holly Schubert	PowerPoint Minister
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Bill and Judy Vilcheck	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Karen and Bob Domanski.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 11/2	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 11/3	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
Wednesday, 11/4	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 11/5	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Saturday, 11/7	10:00 AM	DAR Meeting
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Nov. 8, 22, and Dec. 13. 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.

Meals on Wheels Baking Sunday is November 15th! If you are interested in making a baked good donation, please bring them to church on Nov. 15th. If you are worshipping via Zoom, Judy Vilcheck will be at the First English door to collect donations from 11 am until 12 pm. Just drive by and drop off your dessert!

Christmas Flowers Orders! If you would like Christmas flowers, please place your order with the church office (724) 283-2378 or officefelc@zoominternet.net by Sunday, December 6th. Options include: Poinsettia - \$6.25 (red, pink, white, burgundy, jingle bells or marble), Cyclamen - \$8.30 (red, pink, white, or purple), or Christmas Cactus - \$4.15



PRAYERS

Cyndy Halin, Gene Fozard, Cindy Regis & her daughter Angie, Josh, Aryl Bashline, Sara and Rob, Dave and Diana Braun, David and Gina & family, Ida Miller, Shirley Sellers, Crystal, Mary Elizabeth, the family of Mary Heist, Gayle Wynn, Mary Maloney, the family of Ryan Warheit, the family of Scot Taylor, Claude, Audrey & Jonah Clark, 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, 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, Kitty Walker, Hope & Bruce Keeler, Gina Ambrosio, Elizabeth, Jena Wright, Tad Sellers, Ralph D'Antonio.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua calls Israel to serve the LORD

Psalm 78:1-7

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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The promise of the resurrection

Matthew 25:1-13

The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids