

Order of Service for Worship in the Home and for Zoom
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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.

Are You Online? Join Zoom Worship!

Please email Caitlyn in the office at 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
Password: 408299

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). "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

zoom/in person worship

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:1-14

After Israel sinned by worshiping the golden calf, Moses interceded with God to spare Israel, lest the Egyptians conclude that God had evil intents in the exodus. Moses reminds God of the promises God made to Israel's matriarchs and patriarchs.

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

Read responsively

¹Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**²Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD
or proclaim in full God's praise?**

³Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right.

**⁴Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your salvation;**

⁵that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**⁶We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

¹⁹They made a bull-calf at Horeb
and worshiped a molten image;

**²⁰thus they exchanged their glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

²¹They forgot God their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,

**²²wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

²³So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood in the breach,
to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

SECOND READING **Philippians 4:1-9**

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We welcome the gospel:

Alleluia! This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 22:1-14**

The Holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Joined together in confidence of God's grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words "hear our prayer."

A brief silence.

That even through global sorrows the church can rejoice in your salvation,
that bishops, pastors, deacons, and church leaders be sustained for their ministries,
that churches find strength in ecumenical and interracial collaboration,
that church members resolve their conflicts in peace,
and that all the baptized find ways in this difficult time to uphold what is honorable and just:

A brief silence.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

That the damaged places on earth be restored to fruitfulness,
that animals in the wild be safeguarded,
and that we humans will be dedicated to a commendable use of your creation,

A brief silence.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

That national conflicts be resolved without warfare and destruction,
that the work of diplomats and international peace workers be honored,
that leaders of nations attend to the needs of the poor,
that our country be preserved from discord, rancor, and violence,
that the election process will be just,
that prejudice based on ethnicity, skin color, and economic status be ended,
and that justice will prevail in our laws and through our courts,

A brief silence.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

That the plague of the coronavirus will subside,
that all who are sick with the virus, from rulers to refugees, be healed,
that people living with fear be comforted,

that medical workers be supported and medical supplies be made everywhere available,
and that a vaccine be developed and fairly distributed,

A brief silence.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

That those who suffer from want be assisted,
that those without work find jobs,
that children be educated,
that ministries of care be strengthened to feed those who hunger and those without homes,
that extremism be lessened and a spirit of cooperation be nurtured,
and for all who are sick, whose names we call out here. . . :

A brief silence.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

That you receive our thanks for all those who have died in the faith,
that when facing our own death, you give us hope,
and that you grant us your peace throughout our days,

A brief silence.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, merciful God our Father, we offer ourselves and all the world, 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	Presiding Minister
Sharon Heist Miller	Assisting Minister
Judy Wadding	Reader
Judy Wadding	Crucifer
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Bob & Karen Domanski, Jan Nieto	Ushers
Jim & Jeanette Cunningham	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 10/12	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 10/13	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 10/14	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	1:30 PM	GFWC Intermediate League Meeting
Thursday, 10/15	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Saturday, 10/17	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following Jesus in a Democracy: This year, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American released a social message on “Government and Civic Engagement: Discipleship in a Democracy.” This social message covers traditional Lutheran thinking about the function and role of government and the responsibilities of Christians within it. On Sunday, October 18, Pastor Kimberly and Pastor Joel Benson of Trinity Lutheran Church will host an overview and Q and A on the social message via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86362303836?pwd=ZHdUN3UzbU0rbHpFdYtXQ1R3am1ZUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 6230 3836

Passcode: 281930

We hope you can join us!

The 2020 First English Directory has been sent out – Please check your email! If you did not receive it, please email officefelc@zoominternet.net to request a copy. Special thanks to Susan Farrell, Joan Giese, Judy Vilcheck, and Caitlyn Morgan for their work on the Directory.

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 October 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.

Take Out Dinner to Benefit Butler Meals on Wheels. On Tuesday, Oct. 20th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Anglican Church (218 E. Jefferson St., Cliff St. entrance), Butler Meals on Wheels will offer a Takeout Dinner for \$10. Choices are Beef Pot Roast and Biscuit or Cream Chicken and Biscuit. Bot dinners include coleslaw and pie.

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

Shirley Sellers, Crystal, Mary Elizabeth, the family of Mary Heist, Gayle Wynn, Aryl Bashline, 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, 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, Kitty Walker, Hope & Bruce Keeler, Gina Ambrosio, Elizabeth, Jena Wright, Tad Sellers, Ralph D'Antonio.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 33:12-23

The glory of God revealed to Moses

Psalms 99

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God. (Ps. 99:5)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica

Matthew 22:15-22

A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God