

Order of Service for Worship in the Home and for Zoom
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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!

+1 301 715 8592 US
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). *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

zoom/in person worship

THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 33:12-23

Moses successfully interceded with God to accompany Israel to the promised land after their sin with the golden calf. In response to a request to display the divine glory, God recites a sentence that appears frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious." Moses is not allowed to see God's face, but only God's back.

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

Read responsively

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;**

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We welcome the gospel:

Alleluia! Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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.

Most gracious and loving God,

We pray for all your people throughout the world, that we may render our whole lives to you in thanksgiving and praise, Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who struggle with faith, for those who wonder whether You are real, and for those who doubt your goodness, that You would reach them with your grace. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for people and places throughout the world devastated by hunger, war, fire, and storm in addition to pandemic, especially those suffering in the wake of Hurricane Delta, that You would send aid.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who wish to sow discord, violence, hatred, and fear within our nation, that their hearts may instead be opened to your ways of mercy and justice: Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in special need: for parents exhausted by the demands of work and homeschooling, for people who are sick or injured, for those who are isolated in their grieving, for those who are losing a sense of hope and purpose, that they would find wholeness. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who work in the performing arts: musicians, dancers, actors, dramatists, and all who manage and assist with production and venues, that you would guard and guide them through these challenging days. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died, including those in our nation who have died from covid, and including those dear to us whose names are in our hearts, that we may all taste resurrection hope.

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
Sandy Lefebvre	Assisting Minister
Susan Farrell	Reader
Sandy Lefebvre	Crucifer
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Marlin Boltz, Ron Huey, Jack Rudzki	Ushers
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rose Cooper,
in memory of her beloved husband, Gary, and her dear mother, Anna.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 10/19	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 10/20	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
Thursday, 10/22	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Saturday, 10/24	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, at 3 p.m. 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!

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 Oct. 18, 25, 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.

Trunk or Treat at Lutherlyn – Sunday, Oct. 25! If you would like to hand out individually wrapped/prepackaged treats to the Sunday School students, please meet at Dogwood Shelter at 12:40 pm. Everyone is asked to wear masks and wear gloves or use hand sanitizer. Please let Sharon know if you plan to participate: 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/>

For Such a Time as This:

Interfaith Service of Healing for Our Community & Nation
Join Us for a Zoom webinar on November 5th at 7 p.m.
hosted by the Butler Clergy Network



Join by phone

+1 301 715 8592

Webinar ID: 886 5600 8401

Join online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88656008401>

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PRAYERS

David and Gina & family, Gene and Myra Fozard, Ida Miller, 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, 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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The death of Moses

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children. (Ps. 90:16)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians

Matthew 22:34-46

Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor