

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 11:1-15

King David takes Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, then eventually has her husband murdered. The king, who should be at the battle but stays home, is contrasted in this story with the loyal and upright soldier Uriah.

¹In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

²It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

⁶So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of

the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." ¹²Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 14 *read responsively*

¹Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.

²**The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.**

³They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one.

⁴**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?**

⁵See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.

⁶**Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but the LORD is their refuge.**

⁷Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!

When the LORD restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad.

SECOND READING **Ephesians 3:14-21**

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung by choir*

GOSPEL **John 6:1-21**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

st. 3 Red Book #461

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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Today, we remember before you those ministries that reach young people: campus ministries, camps, and military chaplaincies, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray in gratitude for those who labor to bring food to our tables: farmworkers, hunters, meatpackers, truck drivers, grocery workers, and those who work in food banks and community meal ministries, that all may be fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation. Open our eyes to new ways we can serve. Assist us in showing hospitality to our community in creative and life-giving ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

- Argentine traditional (refrain);
Marty Haugen, b. 1950 (stanzas)

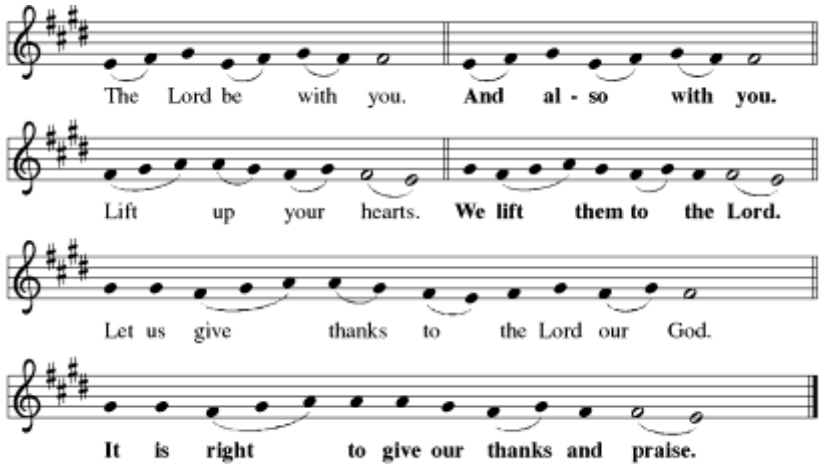
The congregation may stand.

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding)*...Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The congregation may be seated.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to

receive; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of communicants. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

The congregation may stand.

COMMUNION HYMN

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

sts. 1 & 2

Red Book #484

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

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 you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Red Book #547

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Choral”

- Jean Langlais

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Brian Bennett	Presiding Minister
Mollie Hibbs	Assisting Minister
Jeanne Graff	Reader
Sharon Heist Miller	Crucifer
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Holly Schubert	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Dan Morrow and Jack Rudzki	Ushers
Sue Morrow and Susan Farrell	Counters

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 7/26	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Wednesday, 7/28	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 7/29	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
Saturday, 7/31	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kimberly will be away on vacation beginning Saturday, July 17th and returning to the office on Tuesday, August 3rd. In case of pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Pr. Joel Benson at Trinity Lutheran Church, 724-287-1977 or 724-544-3996. For routine office concerns, please contact the church office.

Save the Date! After worship on August 29th, we will gather for a picnic and swimming at Lutherlyn. Details and sign-up sheet coming soon!

Social distancing markers have been removed from the two central sections of pews. Please reserve the far right (pulpit side) section of pews for those who wish to mask and keep social distance. Thank you!

VBS will be held at Lutherlyn on August 5, 6 & 7!

Registration for Vacation Bible School is open to children ages 3 years

through 6th grade. To register, please provide your child's name, age, grade entering in the fall (if applicable), parents' names, address, phone numbers, email address, and a phone number for an emergency contact.

Help: We are still in need of food items for VBS:

10 8-packs of hotdogs and 10 8-packs of hotdog buns

40 bags of individually packaged salty snacks

56 fruit cups

40 juice drinks

2 24-packs of small, bottled water (8-10 oz)

These items can be brought to worship on Sunday, Aug. 1st or dropped off in the church office during office hours. If you are willing to donate food or help with VBS, please call or email Sharon at (724) 822-9576 or

sharonfelc@zoominternet.net.

We look forward to hearing your voice, your instrument, and musical talent as an important part of our worship! A Summer Music Schedule is posted in the Social Hall. Please consider signing your name on the schedule for one of the Sundays in July or August. We look forward to hearing you at the church on your chosen Sunday. However, if you have concerns about attending in-person during the pandemic, please let us know if you would prefer to pre-record your selection of music in advance. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

PRAYERS

Dave Konesni, Donna, the family of Rita Wagner, the family of Carol Duffus, Judy O. and family, Graham Cannon, Anne Ferguson, Claudia, Karen, Anita, Joyce Hall, Kitty Walker, Nancy Hoehn, Tad & Shirley Sellers, Aryl Bashline, Jenna, Tom Olson, Pam Patterson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 Samuel 11:26--12:13a

David rebuked by the prophet Nathan

Psalms 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (*Ps. 51:1*)

Ephesians 4:1-16

Maintain the unity of the faith

John 6:24-35

Christ the bread of life