

**Service of Holy Communion**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 29, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**      Meditation on "Pleading Savior"      - Fred B. Binckes  
"O for a Closer Walk with God"      - Gerhard Krapf  
"What God Ordains Is Good Indeed"      - Johannes Schrenk

**WELCOME**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to live forever. Give us at this moment your mercy, that we may confess our sin and receive your forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may sit or kneel.*

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.**

In the mercy of almighty God Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"      Red Book #772 sts. 1 & 2

## **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. O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING      Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

*Though using language and images of a love story, the Song of Solomon has long been interpreted allegorically. Jewish lore sees it as a description of the love between God and Israel. Christians have often interpreted the Song as a description of the love between Christ and his church.*

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands

behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

<sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 45:1-2, 6-9**      *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have  
fashioned for the king;  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

<sup>2</sup>**You are the noblest among the people;  
grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever,  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>7</sup>**You love righteousness and hate iniquity;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of  
gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

<sup>9</sup>**Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;  
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

**SECOND READING**    **James 1:17-27**

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us

birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

*The congregation may be seated.*

**SERMON**

*The congregation may stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"      Red Book #772 sts. 3 & 4

## 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.

## DEDICATION OF A/V EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. After each petition, there is a brief time of silence for all to offer their silent prayers.

We pray for the church of Jesus Christ around the world, and especially in places of persecution.

*A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for wisdom and insight about church traditions.

*A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to destructive wildfires.

*A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace throughout the world.

*A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for nations experiencing adversity of any kind, especially Haiti, Afghanistan, Venezuela, Guatemala, and Honduras.

*A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our elected leaders and for those in our armed forces.

*A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Butler City Police Department, and for the officer wounded on Tuesday. *A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who loved the man who was killed. *A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for physicians, nurses, and technicians who treat hospitalized coronavirus patients. *A time of silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick or suffering. *A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for teachers, students, and parents in these first weeks of school.

*A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Finally, we pray for ourselves.

*A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the faithful departed, and we pray that at the end we join them in your presence forever.

*A time of silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

**TAIZÉ SONG**

“The Lord is My Song”

*The ensemble will play twice through the melody, then the congregation is invited to join in the singing on the repeats.*

Jacques Berthier

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:  
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the

*Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

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*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: ourselves, 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.*

## **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**

“This Is My Father’s World”

Red Book #824

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

“Was Gott thut, das ist wohlgethan” - Johann Pachelbel

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Holly Schubert	<b>Reader</b>
Dan Morrow	<b>Crucifer</b>
Kevin Mathias	<b>Organist</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Senior Choir Director</b>
Jim Cunningham	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Heather Helsel	<b>PowerPoint Assisting Minister</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Marlin Boltz and Jack Rudzki	<b>Ushers</b>
Jack and Amy Beiler	<b>Counters</b>

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

*Thanks to our Taizé instrumentalists today!*

*Signe Mitchell, piano*

*Lois Trimbur, guitar*

*Pr. Kimberly van Driel, clarinet*

*Rebecca Sue, flute*

*Kevin Mathias, bell blocks*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 8/30	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wednesday, 9/1	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)
Thursday, 9/2	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Friday, 9/3		Pr. Kimberly's day off
Saturday, 9/4	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today in worship we dedicate our A/V equipment and furnishings.**

We thank Josh Kamerer and Bryan Helsel for their research and selection of microphones and cameras. We thank Jerry Shanor for the skillful building of the cabinet, and Marlin Boltz and Dan Morrow for their additional work in installation.

**Following worship today**, we will gather at the Dogwood Shelter at Lutherlyn for a picnic and swimming! Meat, beverage, and place settings will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

**Butler Hospital is now allowing pastoral visitation!** If you are hospitalized and would like Pr. Kimberly to visit, please let the church office know.

**Social Hour Hosts are Needed!** If you would like to volunteer to be a host during our social hour after worship, please sign-up on the sheet in the Social Hall.

**The Butler VA needs clothing, socks, and shoes** to help the Voluntary Services department keep up with the growing demand. Because of Covid, they are only able to accept donations of new items. Their greatest need is for plus-sized men's and women's clothing (XXL and up). Items can be brought to the church and Karen Cranmer will deliver them to the VA.

### **PRAYERS**

Friend of the Swansons, Don, Betty and family, Mia Gill, Claude and all the soldiers who have been recently deployed to Kuwait as well as their families, Eleanor Roth, Joe Roudebush, Joe and Linda, Dave Konesni, Raymond Sawyer, 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**

**Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

*Sayings concerning a good name and generosity*

**Psalm 125**

Those who trust in the LORD stand fast forever. (Ps. 125:1)

**James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

*Faith without works is dead*

**Mark 7:24-37**

*Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man*