

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

THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE**        "Trio G major"                                     - J.S. Bach  
"Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise"                    - J.G. Walther; J.S. Bach;  
   J. Pachelbel

**WELCOME & OFFERING OF COMMITMENTS**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal and forgive us. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*The congregation may kneel or sit.*

To you, O God,  
**all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you,  
confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in  
your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in  
justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our  
Savior.**  
**Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation may stand or sit.*

**GATHERING HYMN** "O God beyond All Praising"     Red Book #880

## **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. Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Following the message, the children are blessed to go downstairs to children's church or to return to their families. The children's church returns to the sanctuary during the sharing of the peace.*

### **FIRST READING      1 Samuel 1:4-20**

*This story introduces us to Elkanah, a devout Israelite, and his wife, Hannah, who is unable to have children. God grants Hannah's prayer and she bears a son, Samuel, who will be an important figure in Israel's history. Samuel, the last of Israel's judges, anoints the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David.*

<sup>1</sup>There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. <sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup>but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and

would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

<sup>12</sup>As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup>So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” <sup>15</sup>But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” <sup>18</sup>And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

<sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SONG OF HANNAH 1 Samuel 2:1-10**

*read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

<sup>2</sup>**There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.**

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by the LORD actions are weighed.

**<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life;  
the LORD brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
brings low, and also exalts.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD raises up the poor from the dust; lifting the needy from  
the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them God  
has set the world.**

<sup>9</sup>You, LORD, will guard the feet of your faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might  
does one prevail.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD's adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will  
thunder in heaven.**

**O LORD, you will judge the ends of the earth; you will give  
strength to your king, and exalt the power of your anointed.**

## **SECOND READING    Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25**

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he

opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 13:1-8

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,

Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

*The congregation may be seated.*

## SERMON

*The congregation may stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

Red Book #327

## 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**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, your mercy is higher than the mountains and deeper than the seas. We ask this day for your to pour out your steadfast love upon those in special need. Especially this day, we pray:

For the peace and stability of the whole church of God as we move through challenging times. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For our siblings in Christ at Grace@Calvary Lutheran Church, as they meet today to make decisions about their congregation's future. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For those suffering severe flooding in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh in India; for those suffering drought in Madagascar, and for all victims of disasters across the world. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as they make sense of their experience, recover from injuries of all kinds, and connect to civilian life. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For those who have experienced the pain of infertility, that their burdens might be seen and shared. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick, overwhelmed, or worried; for those who struggle with short days and long nights; for those who are quarantined or isolating. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For all who are grieving, for those who mourn the deaths of several family members at once, for those who grieve unseen and unheard, that the promise of resurrection may comfort them, and that we may give thanks for all who have died in resurrection hope this week....Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” - setting/ Kenneth Kosche

*The congregation may stand.*

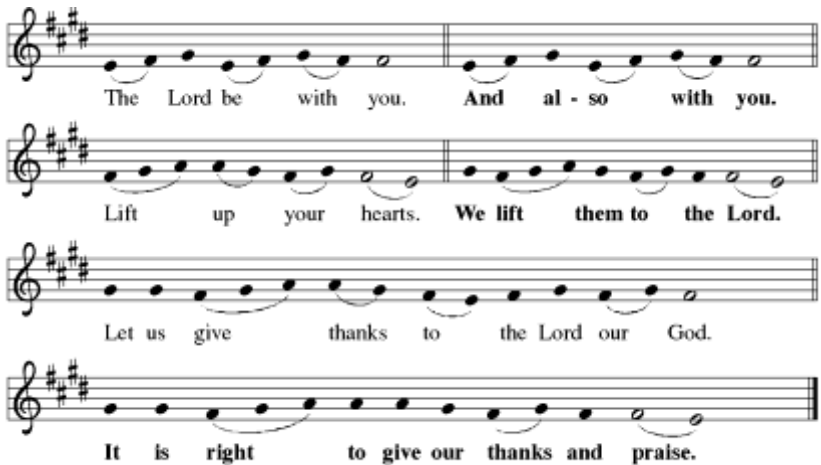
**MEAL**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**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.

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets... *(the presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding)* ...As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**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**

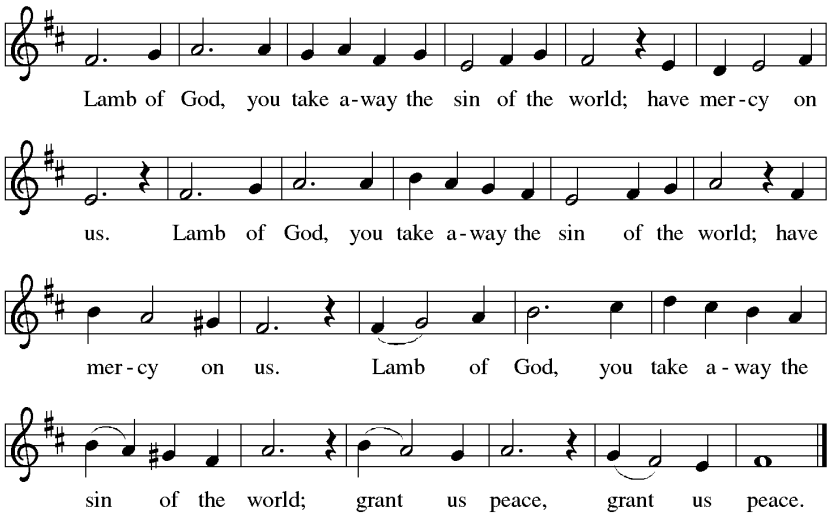
**who trespass against us;**

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. Come to the table, for all is now ready.

### 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**

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. May the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" - Red Book #628

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**              "A Rejoicing"                              - Alfred Fedak

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Susan Farrell	<b>Reader</b>
Evan Stein	<b>Crucifer</b>
Rebecca Sue	<b>Children's Church</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Jim Cunningham	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Melody Kamerer	<b>PowerPoint Assisting Minister</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

Dan Morrow, Stan Graff and Christiaan van Driel	<b>Ushers</b>
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	<b>Counters</b>

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tracy Gullickson  
in memory of Randy Gullickson.*

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH**

Monday, 11/15	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wednesday, 11/17	7:00 PM	Book Study via Zoom
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 11/18	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Friday, 11/19		Pr. Kimberly's day off
Saturday, 11/20	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Thank you to all who generously brought baked goods or made a monetary contribution to Meals-on-Wheels.**

**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/>.

**Children's church has returned to First English!** This aspect of worship allows children under age 10 to experience the scripture readings in ways that are appropriate for them.

**Sundays @ Lutherlyn** continues next Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> for all children age 3 - confirmation age. We will gather at the Dogwood Shelter.

**Sign-Up Sheet: Snacks for Staff at Butler Memorial Hospital** – As part of the ministry of the Butler Clergy Network, Pr. Kimberly will be visiting with staff on the COVID unit at the hospital on Monday mornings to offer support. If you would like to bake or purchase treats for her to take and share with the staff, please sign-up on the sheet in the Social Hall or contact Caitlyn in the office at (724) 283-2378.

**Our annual Christmas Tree Drive will begin on November 28<sup>th</sup>** and end on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Butler County Children and Youth Agency has reached out to our congregation to help enrich the lives of local children. We have participated in the program faithfully in the past. Last year over 300 deserving children were helped by this program. Please help again with your donation. You may use the "Specials" line of your offering envelope and make your check payable to First English Lutheran Church. Thank you for making this part of our Christmas tradition.

**Christmas Flowers Sign-Up Sheet** is posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. If you would like a flower to take home, please place your order by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. You may also order by contacting the church office (724) 283-2378 or [officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net).

### **Book Study: *The Difficult Words of Jesus***

In this six-week study, we'll dive into Amy-Jill Levine's *The Difficult Words of Jesus* and learn more about these hard sayings. The study will take place for six weeks on Wednesdays from October 13 to November

17 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Check the church email for a link. The book is available on Amazon and other online retailers.

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

### **PRAYERS**

Hazel Warheit; Emma Lee and David Hartle; Glenn and family; the family of Joyce Hall; Eric; Lisa; Jan Nieto; Kathy Kline's niece Rose; Bill and Judy Vilcheck and family; the family of Kara Greeley; the family of Larry Kline; Jeff LaLonde; the Pelgrin and Buehler family; Jean Morrow; families of Joan Chew, Henry Sinopoli, and Mark Grossman; family of Shirley Sellers; family of Barbara Petanovich and Curtis Wilbert; 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; Kitty Walker; Nancy Hoehn; Tad Sellers; Aryl Bashline; Jenna; Tom Olson; Pam Patterson

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

#### **2 Samuel 23:1-7**

*The just ruler is like the light of morning*

#### **Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]**

*Let your faithful people sing with joy. (Ps. 132:9)*

#### **Revelation 1:4b-8**

*Glory to the one who made us a kingdom*

#### **John 18:33-37**

*The kingdom of Christ*