

Service of Holy Communion
All Saints Sunday
November 7, 2021
10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

Today is All Saints Day, a day on the church calendar in which we remember the baptized who have gone before us in the faith. We especially remember those who have died since last All Saints Day. The resurrection of Jesus Christ holds us in life and death.

PRELUDE

“Full Many Shall Come from the East and the West” - G. Winston Cassler

“Behold a Host”

- John Ferguson

“Shall We Gather at the River”

- Charles Callahan

WELCOME & TEMPLE TALK

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

Let us remember all the saints before God. Especially this day, we remember those who have died in resurrection hope since last All Saints Day.

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo-ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re-vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath-er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal-le-lu-jah day, and on that

saints go march-ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo-ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re-vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
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num-ber when they gath-er round the throne.
num-ber on that hal-le-lu-jah day.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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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.

Glory and honor and power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

For you created all things and by your will they have their being.

Glory and honor and power are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain.

For by your blood you have ransomed a kingdom of priests from every race and language, from every people and nation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save
us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24 *read responsively*

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is
false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸**Who is this King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?**

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

SECOND READING **Revelation 21:1-6a**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully
with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated.*

These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the

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 John 11:32-44

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Red Book #423

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We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the

dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. 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.

Jesus, our savior, our friend, you are beyond death, but you understood what it is to weep. We pray that we, your people, would take such comfort in your presence that we do not turn away from our own tears or those of others. Help us to serve you joyfully even in grief. Hear us, O Lord:

You are the resurrection and the life.

We pray that a spirit of reconciliation and peacebuilding would inspire those who dwell in countries rent by war or violence, especially the Sudan, Yemen, and Haiti. Hear us, O Lord:

You are the resurrection and the life.

We pray for those who have served in the armed forces of this nation, especially those who carry physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds, that you would hear their questions and concerns and provide for their needs. Hear us, O Lord:

You are the resurrection and the life.

We pray that you would ease the burdens on those who are hurting in any way—those who are ill, those who are hungry, those who are suffering in the wake of the bus accident, and all others whose needs are known to you...Hear us, O Lord:

You are the resurrection and the life.

We pray that all those who were baptized this last year: Antonio Devaughn, Alyssa Piche, David Hall, Demetrius Hunter, Vivienne Gullickson, Artem Horwat, and Isla Cirillo may grow in faith and love. Hear us, O Lord:

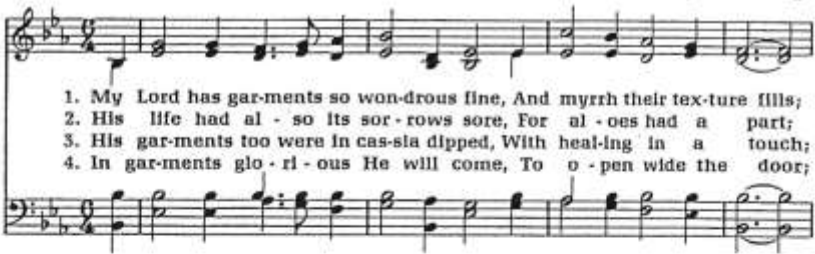
You are the resurrection and the life.

We pray that we may trust you not for ourselves alone, but for those also whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death. Today, we remember especially Sue Andres, Jean Baldauf, Olivia Bartholomew, Marian Boltz, Carol Duffus, Adam Fry, Jacob Grady, Joyce Hall, Edna Hartman, Terry Hibbs, Larry Kline, L. Daniel Mauger, Sandra Shields Miles, Joel Phillips, Jeffrey Presco, Shirley Sellers, Marilyn Stephenson, Helen Vilcheck, Kara Greeley, *and others whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...*

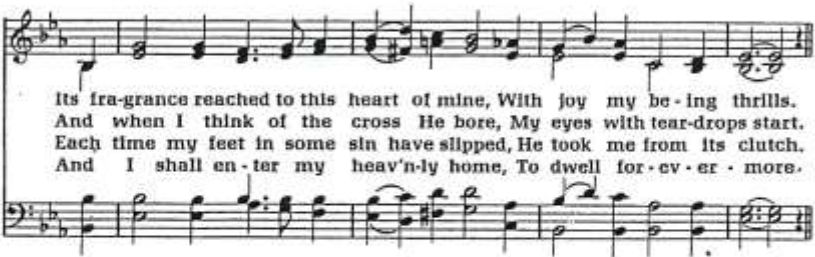
Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Ivory Palaces" - Henry Barraclough



1. My Lord has gar-ments so won-drous fine, And myrrh their tex-ture fills;
2. His life had al - so its sor - rows sore, For al - oes had a part;
3. His gar-ments too were in cas-sia dipped, With heal-ing in a touch;
4. In gar-ments glo - ri - ous He will come, To o - pen wide the door;



Its fra-grance reached to this heart of mine, With joy my be-ing thrills.
And when I think of the cross He bore, My eyes with tear-drops start.
Each time my feet in some sin have slipped, He took me from its clutch.
And I shall en-ter my heav'n-ly home, To dwell for - ev - er - more.

Refrain



Out of the i - vo - ry pal - a - ces, In - to a world of woe,



On - ly His great, e - ter - nal love Made my Sav - lor go.

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The congregation may stand.

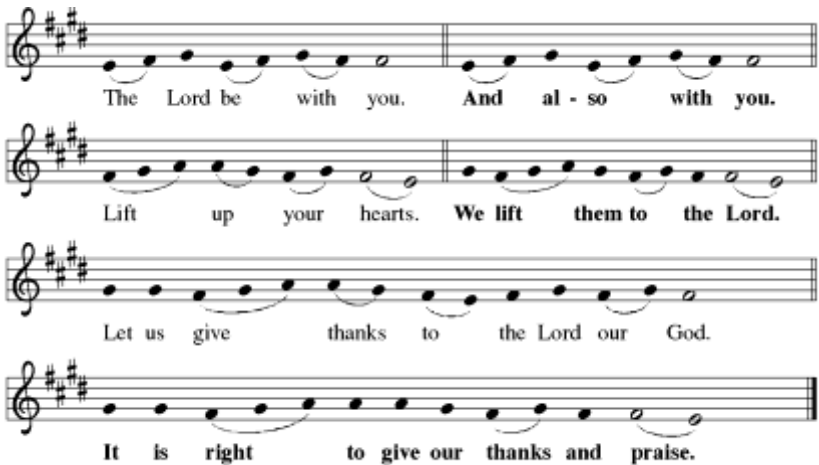
MEAL

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a half note.

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

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we have celebrated in this communion, bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation.

Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God give to you and to those whom you love comfort and joy, light and peace, in this world and the next. And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN “For All the Saints” Red Book #422

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be” - Richard Hillert

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Mollie Hibbs	Assisting Minister
Amy Beiler	Reader
Christiaan van Driel	Crucifer
Edwin van Driel	Children’s Church
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Brandon Stein	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Larry Christy and Susan Farrell	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	Counters

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Robert and Karen Domanski.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 11/8	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tuesday, 11/9	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 11/10	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Book Study via Zoom
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 11/11	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Friday, 11/12		Pr. Kimberly's day off
Saturday, 11/13	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is All Saints Sunday. On this Sunday, we remember all those, both living and dead, who have been joined to Christ in baptism. In our prayers, we remember by name those who have died and those who have been baptized since last All Saints Sunday.

The candles around the baptismal font are in thanksgiving for those who have been baptized: Antonio Devaughn, Alyssa Piche, David Jeremiah Hall, Demetrius Hunter, Vivienne Gullickson, Artem Horwat, and Isla Cirillo.

The candles around the altar are in thanksgiving for those who have died in resurrection hope: Sue Andres, Jean Baldauf, Olivia Bartholomew, Marian Boltz, Carol Duffus, Adam Fry, Jacob Grady, Joyce Hall, Edna Hartman, Terry Hibbs, Larry Kline, L. Daniel Mauger, Sandra Shields Miles, Joel Phillips, Jeffrey Presco, Shirley Sellers, Marilyn Stephenson, Helen Vilcheck, and Kara Greeley.

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 today 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.

Meals on Wheels Baking Sunday is November 14th! If you are interested in making a baked good donation, please drop them off at the church on Nov. 14th by noon.

Our annual Christmas Tree Drive will begin on November 28th and end on Dec. 10th. 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 5th. You may also order by contacting the church office (724) 283-2378 or 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

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Hannah's prayers for a child answered

1 Samuel 2:1-10

My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. (1 Sa. 2:1)

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

The way to God opened through Christ's death

Mark 13:1-8

The end and the coming of the Son