

Service of Holy Communion
6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “O Lord, We Praise You” - Heinrich Scheidemann
 “Solitude in the Grove” - Martha Sobaje
 “Let Justice Flow Like Streams” - Healey Willan

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and 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.

The congregation may kneel as desired.

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. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

Red Book #479

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.

GLORIA

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**May be sung as a round.*

Text: Traditional

Music: GLORIA 3, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and

vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 *read responsively*

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the
scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

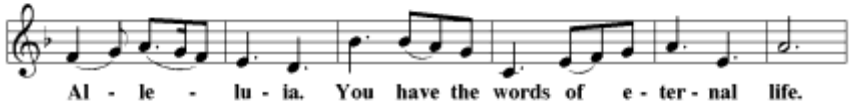
²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Justice Flow like Streams”

Red Book #717

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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your prophets and psalmists saw your creatures the trees as symbols of faithfulness and life. Help us also to recognize the gifts that trees bring to us and all creation, and help us to care for them and their habitat. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer, especially those whom we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renew this congregation in our mission, open our hearts to newcomers, and give us creativity and insight as we move through this phase of the pandemic. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you, especially Angie, and all others.... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

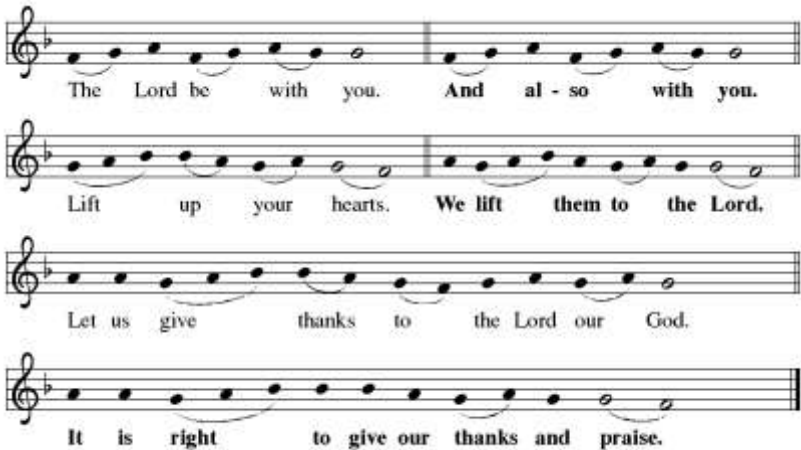
And also with you.

The congregation may share the peace by waving at those around you. Please remain in the pew where you are standing or sitting as you share the peace!

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Psalm 1 – Happy Are They”*
(text: *Psalm 1:1-2, 3-4, 6*)
- David Haas

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*
Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
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 that we should at all times and in all places...*(The presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a -
 men, a - men, a - men.

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 COMMUNION

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.

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.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *led by the assisting minister*

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Red Book #705

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”

- Johann Christoph Bach

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Lois Trimbur	Assisting Minister
Susan Farrell	Reader
Christiaan van Driel	Crucifer
Sharon Heist Miller	Children’s Church
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Brandon Stein	PowerPoint Assisting Minister

Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Marlin Boltz and Jack Rudzki	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Karen Domanski, in honor of Bob Domanski's 80th birthday.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 2/14	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 2/16	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 2/17	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 2/18		Pastor Kimberly's Day Off
Sat., 2/19	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom meeting info:

To join online, click 'Join Our ZOOM Meeting' in the email.

Meeting ID: 956 305 5281

Password: 408299

To join via telephone, dial: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 956 305 5281

Password: 408299

We mourn with the family of Angie Regis Wolfe, the daughter of former FELC office administrator Cindy Regis. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon her. A sympathy card is on the front desk if you wish to sign it. If you would like to send a card to Cindy, her address is 270 SW 84th Lane, Ocala, FL 34476.

Attention Parents!

After dropping off your children
at Sunday School on
February 6th & 20th,
we invite you to stay for
a brief discussion about our
children's ministry.

Your participation and insight
will be greatly appreciated!

February Sunday School

Children ages 3 through confirmation age
are invited to gather in the Social Hall
from 11:05 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
on Sundays, February 6th and 20th
for faith formation activities.

Please RSVP to Sharon if you plan to attend.

We hope to see you there!

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COMMUNITY DINNER
ART SHOW & SALE

GALA

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 SUNSET DRIVE
BUTLER, PA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022
7 PM - 10 PM

WINE * REFRESHMENTS * MUSIC * BASKET RAFFLE
FEATURING THE ART OF JON PUGLIESE
TICKETS \$20/PERSON OR \$30/COUPLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT EACH CHURCH THAT SERVES A COMMUNITY MEAL.
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Purchase Gala tickets in the church office or from Tracy or MaryAnn!



COMMUNITY DINNER ART SHOW & SALE

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 SUNSET DRIVE
BUTLER, PA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022
12:30 PM - 4 PM

FREE ART SHOW & SALE
FEATURING
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PRAYERS

Tom Walker; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; John Negley; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Charles Stitt; Anne Ferguson; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph forgives his brothers

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

The mystery of the resurrection of the body

Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies

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