

**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**April 3, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**      Pastorale on “In the Cross”      - Janet Linker, *arr.*  
                         “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”      - Janet Linker, *setting*  
                         “My Song Is Love Unknown”      - Dale Wood

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The congregation may kneel as able.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”      Red Book #338

## GREETING

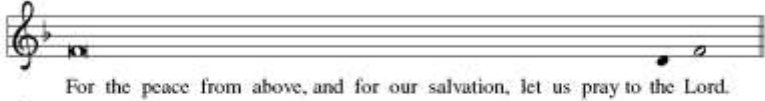
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



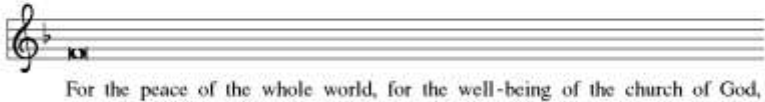
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



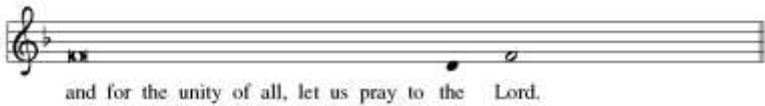
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



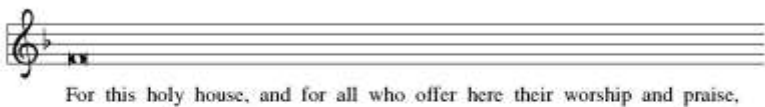
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the

new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD

*The congregation may be seated.*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### FIRST READING      **Isaiah 43:16-21**

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 126**     *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

**<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue  
with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done  
great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**SECOND READING**     **Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings

by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### GOSPEL      John 12:1-8

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner

for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*The congregation may stand.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Red Book #803

## **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**

Gracious God, without your Holy Spirit we cannot trust or believe in you. Ground our identity in Christ alone. Keep your church from taking the name of Christ for granted and treating the name of Christian cheaply. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By the power of your Spirit, restore the fortunes of those who suffer violence, war, hunger, or social unrest. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Afghanistan, Yemen, El Salvador, and all other places not in our awareness but well known to You. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By the power of your Spirit, sustain those who risk their lives in service to others. Guard them from recklessness, equip them with skill and level-headedness, and bless them with courage in the face their challenges. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By the power of your Spirit, teach us to bear our neighbor's burdens and live in solidarity with those who are poor. Help us never to prize convenience at the cost of community. Bless our congregation's outreach ministries, especially community dinner, and our wider church's work in disaster and hunger relief. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By the power of your Spirit, help us experience the power of the resurrection in this life and to trust in its fullness in the age to come. We remember before you those who have died this week, especially Marilyn...Bring us with her to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need grant for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE MEAL

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

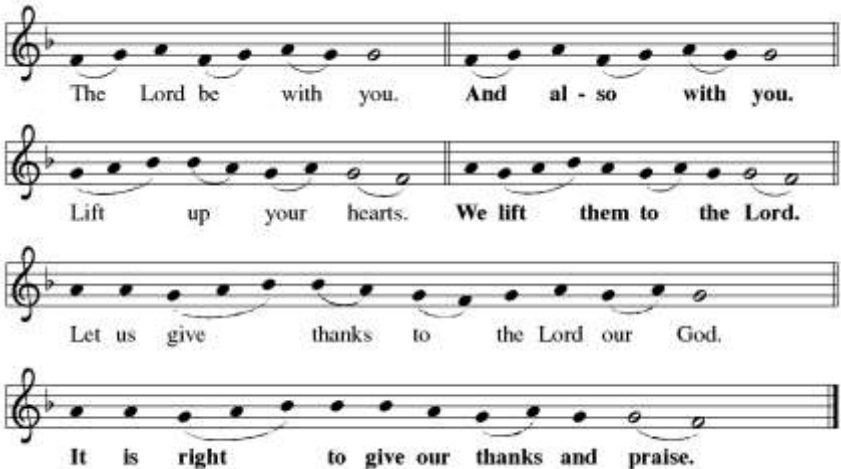
**ORGAN OFFERTORY** “Jesu, Meine Freude” - Emma Lou Diemer

### OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, In whose name we pray.

**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'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God... (*The presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding...*For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...(*the thanksgiving concludes*)...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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**

## 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.

## 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*

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Red Book #339

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** “Fugue” - Jean Langlais

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Lois Trimbur	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Marlin Boltz	<b>Reader</b>
Evan Stein	<b>Crucifer</b>
<i>TBA</i>	<b>Children’s Church</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Heather Helsel	<b>PowerPoint Assisting Minister</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Bill and Judy Vilcheck	<b>Ushers</b>
Bob and Karen Domanski	<b>Counters</b>
Tracy Gullickson	<b>Social Hour</b>

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

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 4/4	11:00 AM	Sabbatical Committee Meeting
	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 4/6	Noon	Midday Prayer at Trinity Lutheran
	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer at First English Lutheran
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 4/7	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 4/8		Pastor Kimberly’s Day Off
Sat., 4/9	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

### **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

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### **PRAYERS**

Jan Nieto; family of Marlyn Dempsey; Michelle; baby Mac & family; family of Megan Gibson; Chrissy; family of Charlie Stitt; Jennifer Hartle Fink; Jamie McPoyle & family; family of Rob Huey; the people of Ukraine & others affected by the conflict; Tracy Steadman & family; Cassidy; continued healing for John Negley; Tom Walker; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Tad Sellers; Anne Ferguson; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Children ages 3 through confirmation age** are invited to gather in the Social Hall after worship today for faith formation.

**The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** will be celebrated with an ecumenical service of Holy Communion today at 4 p.m. The service will encourage membership of the SWPA synod and the synod's partners to be engaged actively in the practice of nonviolence in our continuing efforts to build the Beloved Community in Pittsburgh. The service will be in person and live streamed. For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/663237774875991?ref=newsfeed>

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

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The servant of the LORD submits to suffering*

**Psalms 31:9-16**

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

**Philippians 2:5-11**

*Humbled to the point of death on a cross*

**Luke 22:14--23:56**

*The passion of the Lord*

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**2022 LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP**  
**THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS**



*Wednesdays: March 9th - April 6th*

**Midday Prayer with Chancel Drama**

**Trinity Lutheran Church | Noon**

120 Sunset Drive | Butler, PA

In-Person Only

**Evening Prayer with Chancel Drama**

**First English Lutheran Church | 7 PM**

241 N. Main Street | Butler, PA

In-Person & On Zoom

(Visit [FELC.org](http://FELC.org) for Info)

**Offering Items for**

**Lutheran World Relief Health Kits:**

March 9: Bath Towels

March 16: Bars of Soap

March 23: Toothbrushes

March 30: Combs

April 6: Nail Clippers

*Items may be brought to Wednesday services  
or to your home congregation on Sundays.*



## ***Holy Week at First English***

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10 - 10 AM**

*In-Person and Zoom*

With Palm Procession and the Passion According to Luke

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14 - 7:30 PM**

*In-Person and Zoom*

Service of Holy Communion  
with Prayer Stations and Stripping of the Altar

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15 - 7:30 PM**

*In-Person and Zoom*

Good Friday Liturgy with the Passion According to John  
and Prayers Around the Cross

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER AT LUTHERLYN  
SATURDAY, APRIL 16 - 8 PM  
DOGWOOD SHELTER**

*In-Person Only*

This ancient liturgy includes fire, Scripture reading,  
chanting, and the first Eucharist of Easter.  
Worshippers should plan for at least a 90 minute service.  
Please bring a flashlight, dress for the weather, and wear  
clothes that can get smoky.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - 10 AM**

*In-Person and Zoom*

Worship with Holy Communion at First English  
*Celebratory coffee hour to follow*

