

Service of Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“The Humble Heart”

- Robert Lau

“Savior, When in Dust to You”

- Aaron D. Miller, *arr.*

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 "The God of Abraham Praise" Red Book #831

sts. 1-3, *all*

st. 4, *choir only*

st. 5, *all*

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



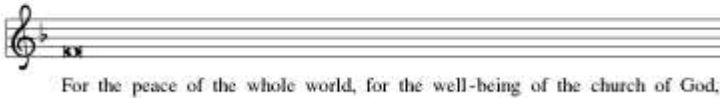
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



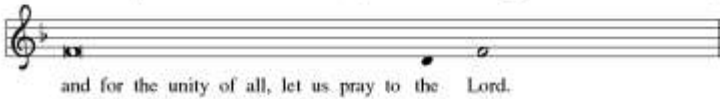
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



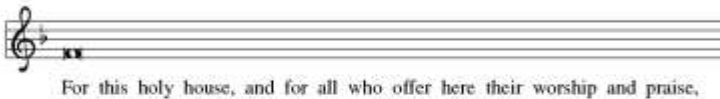
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and

cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27 *read responsively*

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message — "Seek my face."**

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away — you have been my helper; forsake me not, O

God of my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING **Philippians 3:17--4:1**

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

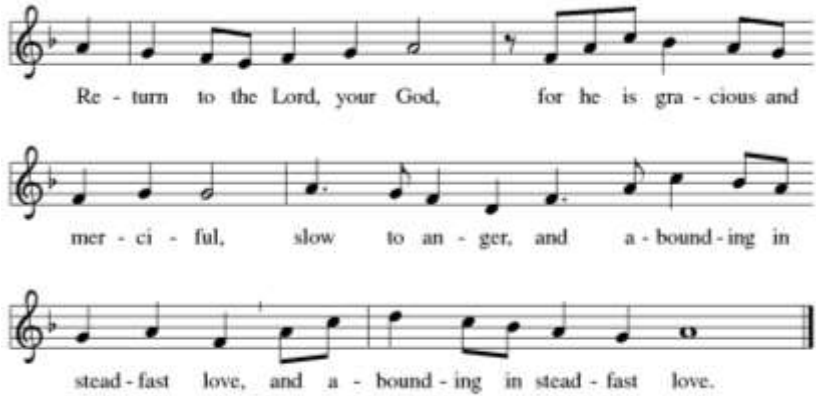
¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 Luke 13:31-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Red Book #724

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

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

For the church, that it would give voice to your Son's desire to protect all people, and that it would back up words with actions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the work of Lutheran World Relief and all humanitarian agencies throughout the world, as they seek to serve the suffering without discrimination or partiality. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in wake of war, especially the people of Afghanistan, the Middle East, Ukraine, Ethiopia, and all others known to you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who struggle with addiction and those who love them, for those suffering suicidal desperation, for those who have incurable disease, and for all others in need at this hour whom we name before you...*(pause)*...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that you would keep our hearts and minds focused on what truly matters in your sight and that you would guard us from petty controversies and complaints. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who mourn as they remember the names of the beloved dead, that you would hold them all in the promise of your Son's finished work of resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **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!

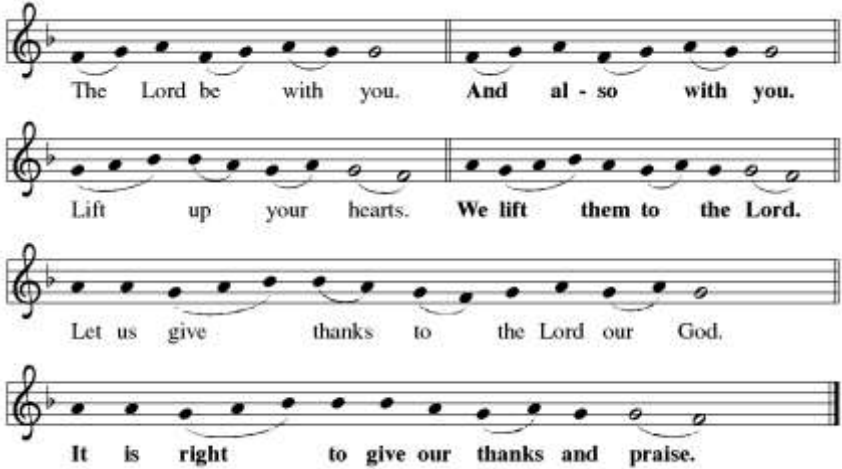
CHOIR ANTHEM "O Jerusalem" - David Haas
(text: *Luke 13:34; 17:20-21; 23:34-35*)

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC “Jesus Christ, our Savior” Marcel Dupré

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 “Blessed Be the God of Israel” Red Book #250

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

- Raymond Haan, *arr.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
The Rev. Ryan Fitch	Preacher
Mollie Hibbs	Assisting Minister
Amy Beiler	Reader
Emily Stein	Crucifer
Sharon Heist Miller	Children’s Church
Signe Mitchell	Organist

Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Sue Morrow	AV Assisting Minister
Heather Helsel	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 3/14	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 3/16	Noon	Midday Prayer at Trinity Lutheran
	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer at First English Lutheran
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 3/17	12:30 PM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 3/18		Pastor Kimberly's Day Off
Sat., 3/19	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ZOOM MEETING INFO:

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PRAYERS

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

Are you curious about making First English your church home? Join us after worship today or on March 27th in Pastor Kimberly's office for an introduction to the congregation. All are welcome!

First English is donating to the people in Ukraine through Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to donate, please indicate the amount you wish to contribute on the specials line of your offering envelope. Contributions can also be made directly at www.lwr.org/match. *If you indicate that you are giving on behalf of First English Lutheran Church in Butler, PA, your contribution will be matched thanks to the generous gift of a congregation in Wisconsin.*

If you would like to order Easter flowers, the sign-up sheet is posted in the Social Hall. Please place your order by Sunday, March 27th.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-9

Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the LORD

Psalms 63:1-8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree

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Butler Area Lutheran Ministries

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 FEELC.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.*