

Service of Holy Communion
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"	- Wilbur Held, <i>arr.</i>
"Praeludium"	- Józef Surzyński
"Prelude on 'Lord of Our Life'"	- Healey Willan

INTROIT "He Lives!" - Alfred H. Ackley
Jim Cunningham, *trumpeter*

WELCOME

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of baptism:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, joined to Christ and to one another in the waters our of baptism, we yet call to mind a world so filled with suffering—from war and violence, Covid and hunger, homelessness and prejudice, national disaster and personal loss.

We who are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we plead for the Spirit to strengthen us by the mystery of Christ's resurrection.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

Red Book #851

GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

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

page 138 in the front of the red book

THIS IS THE FEAST

page 140 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set

food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97 *read responsively*

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

³Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.

⁴**Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the LORD, hate evil!**

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

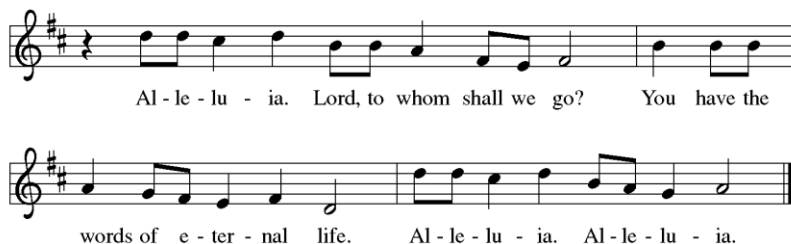
²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 17:20-26

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thine be the Amen"

Red Book #826

NICENE CREED

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

Drawn into the divine life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of resurrection, we boldly ask that you would renew our faith in Jesus, whose risen life among us challenges the powers of death in all their forms. Give us, your church, the imagination to work for life in this world. Turn us away from false religion that covers the power of death with the veneer of piety. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Convert the hearts of who turn to violence or abuse as a source of comfort and power. Give freedom and peace in this land and throughout the world. Make all churches places of safety. Give us all a vision instead of life with you in the power of the spirit. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Weep, we pray, with those who weep, especially in Uvalde, Texas. Comfort the mourning, mend the souls of the traumatized, sustain the strength of investigators and first responders. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, for Nathaniel and for all those who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. We remember before you Chester and Milford and all others who carried the hurts and the pride of military service through a long life and now to the grave. Give us a sense of your will and purpose, that we may understand that the work you have begun in them will be perfected through the one who has laid down his life for our sake. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

O God, above the tumult of our world you also give us a vision of a new creation, in which death and dying shall be no more. By your Spirit, keep that vision in our hearts and do not extinguish our hope. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, give for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

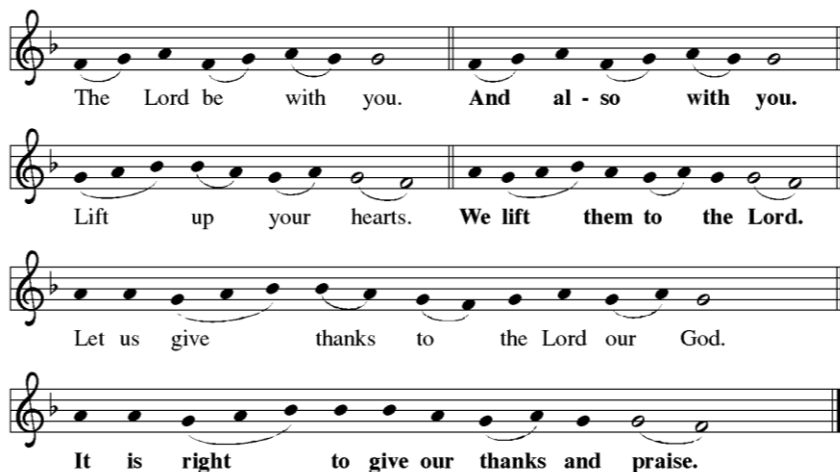
"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me" - Mary McDonald
Signe Mitchell, *pianist*

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

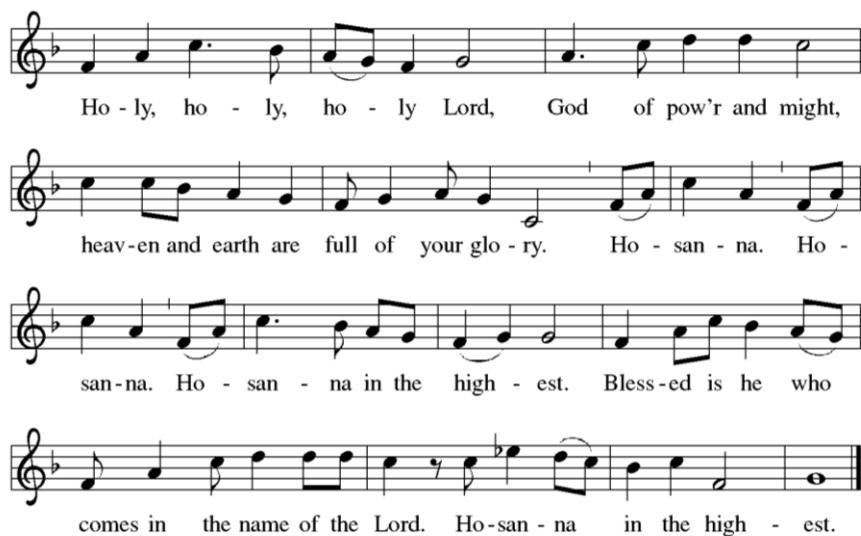
Amen.

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, 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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
Who preached good news to the poor,
And who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
We await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
And unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
The body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

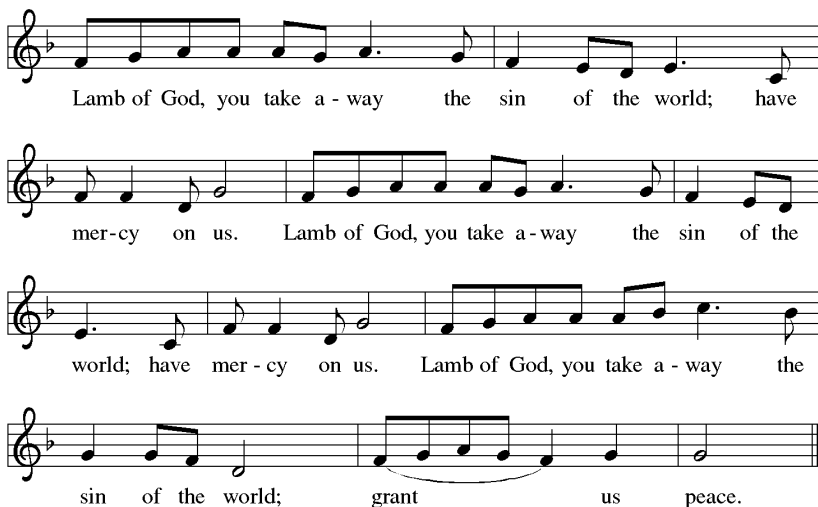
LORD'S PRAYER

Finally, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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



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

“Andante in D”

- John Garth

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*

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you have given the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Red Book #855

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Recessional March"

- Roland Rogers

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sharon Heist Miller	Assisting Minister
Amy Beiler	Reader
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Jim Cunningham	Trumpeter
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kameron	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Jack Rudzki and Larry Christy	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	Counters
Merry Miller	Social Hour

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

*All are welcome to gather in the social hall for coffee hour following worship.
Thank you to our host, Merry Miller.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 5/30	Memorial Day	No Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 5/31		Church Office Closed

Wed., 6/1	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 6/2	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 6/3		Pastor Kimberly's Day Off
Sat., 6/4	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Memorial Day, our congregation lifts up these names in memory
of their service to our country:**

Chester Aspelin

Milford Barber

SSgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren

VBS will be held at Lutherlyn June 20th -24th. Children ages 3 through entering fifth grade are invited to attend. Registration and health forms can be downloaded from First English's website or picked up at the front desk in the church office.

A Summer Music Schedule is posted in the Social Hall. Please consider signing your name on the schedule for one of the Sundays in June, July, or August. We look forward to hearing your voice, your instrument, and musical talent as an important part of our worship!

If you would like to be added to First English's email list, please send us an email to officefelc@zoominternet.net.

PRAYERS

Holly Schubert; Jeff Cunningham; family of Mary Ellen Shanor; continued healing for John Negley; family of Don Hapeman (Jeanette Cunningham's stepfather); family of Jim Petsinger; Ellen Dodge; family of Jean Morrow; Jamie mcpoyle & family; Andrea Dubler; Keith Morgan; Jan Nieto; family of Marlyn Dempsey; Michelle; baby Mac & family; family of Megan Gibson; Chrissy; family of Charlie Stitt; Jennifer Hartle Fink; family of Rob Huey; the people of Ukraine & others affected by the conflict; Tracy Steadman & family; Kassidy; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Tad Sellers; Anne Ferguson; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Romans 8:14-17

The Spirit makes us children of God

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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