

Funeral Liturgy with Holy Communion for C. Edwin Shields May 4, 1936 – June 2, 2022

> First English Lutheran Church, Butler, Pennsylvania Tuesday, June 7, 2022 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The congregation may stand.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Red Book #858

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Ed. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up by our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

REMEMBRANCES BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7

After the reading: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

read in unison

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? ²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. ³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep. ⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep; 5 the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand; 6the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life. ⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:31-35; 37-39

After the reading: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation may stand.



GOSPEL John 14:1-4

Before the reading: The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Beautiful Savior" Red Book #838

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

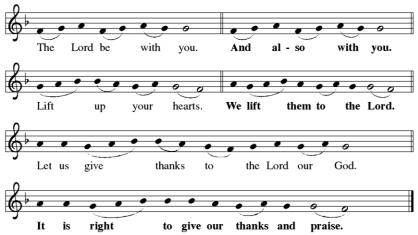
PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers, the assisting minister bids: God in your mercy, *The congregation responds:* **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

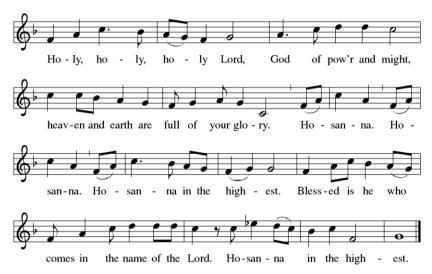
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation may share a brief greeting of peace with those around you with the words "peace be with you."



GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...(*the presiding minister continues giving thanks*)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are holy, O God of majesty, and holy is your Son (*the presiding minister continues giving thanks over bread and wine*)...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.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us...(*the prayers conclude*)...Through whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

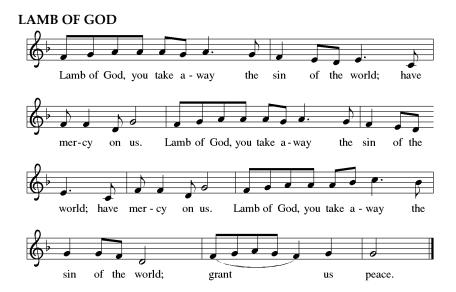
Amen.

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

Come to the table, for all is now ready.



SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT (at the center aisle) Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine and we welcome all baptized Christians to receive today. 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. If you do not desire to receive the sacrament but would welcome a blessing from the pastor, you may come forward and simply let her know.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Gentle Shepherd" - Molly Ijames Signe Mitchell, *pianist*

The congregation may stand as invited.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COMMENDATION AND CLOSING PRAYERS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" sts. 1-4 and 8

DISMISSAL Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Participating in worship today:

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel, Pastor Sue Morrow, Assisting Minister Shields Family, Readers Signe Mitchell, Organist/Pianist Harry Cunningham, Senior Choir Director Dan Morrow, Bob and Karen Domanski, Ushers Roxanne Glagola, Altar Guild

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