

Service of Holy Communion
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	“Priere”	- Gustave Tritant
	“Jacob’s Vision”	- Steven Scott
	“Canzona”	- Robert W. Jones

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the mercy of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Red Book #853

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.

GLORY TO GOD *page 139 in the front of the red book.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING **Amos 8:1-12**

Amos announces God’s judgment upon the people of Israel who sin by oppressing the poor and engaging in deceitful business practices. Amos uses a Hebrew wordplay: a basket of summer fruit (qayits) symbolizes the end (qets) of Israel. That end will come through a famine of “hearing the words of the LORD.”

¹This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. ²He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me,

“The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by.

³The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord GOD;

“the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!”

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
⁸Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹On that day, says the Lord GOD,
I will make the sun go down at noon,
and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son,
and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,
when I will send a famine on the land;
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD.
¹²They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 52 *read responsively*

¹You mighty, why do you boast of wickedness
against the godly all day long?

²**Continually you plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor that commits deceit.**

³You love evil more than good
and lying more than speaking the truth.

⁴**You love all words that devour,
O you deceitful tongue.**

⁵Oh, that God would demolish you utterly,
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of
the land of the living!

⁶**The righteous shall see and be awestruck,
and they shall laugh at you, saying,**

⁷“This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,
but trusted in great wealth and found strength in destruction.”

⁸**But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.**

⁹I will thank you forever for what you have done;
in the presence of the faithful I will long for your name, for it is
good.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil

deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL**Luke 10:38-42**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Give Me Jesus"

Red Book #770

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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach all humankind to honor and protect creation, including life that is hidden from our eyes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you restore human dignity. Free those who suffer enslavement, oppression, or invasion. We remember especially the Uighur people in China, the Rohingya people in Myanmar, the people of Ukraine, and all others not known to us but well known to you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you bring peace. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Give strength and rest to caregivers, especially those who work in nursing homes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire First English to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Raise up among us new teachers and Bible study leaders so that we can tell the story of Jesus. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the people you have gathered at your table, especially Gretchen, and we ask for your mercy on those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" - Peter Scholtes

Ted Giese, Frederick Miller, Larry Hamil, Kevin Mathias,
and Jim Cunningham, *singers*

Lois Trimbur, *guitar*

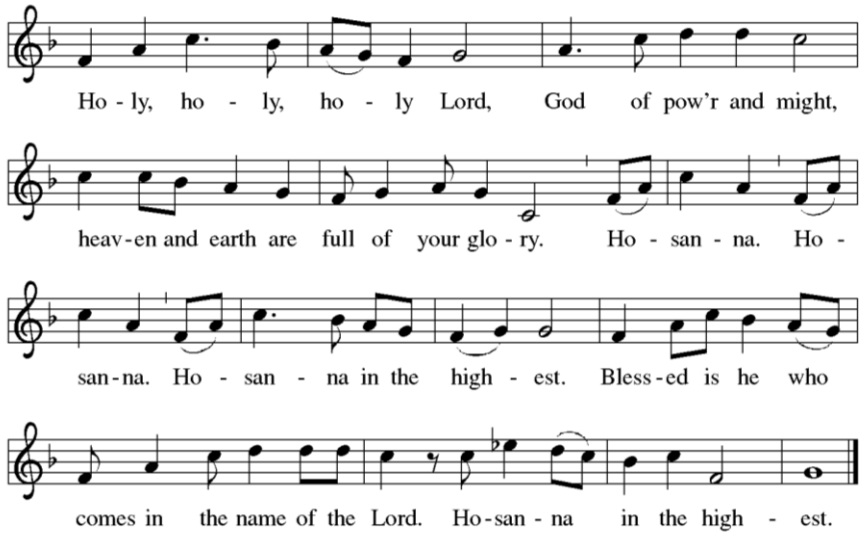
Signe Mitchell, *piano*

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

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:



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, God of power and might, O God...(*the prayer continues*)...Through your Son, in you Spirit, with all your people, we give you thanks and praise, O source of our life and fountain of all good, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we 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. 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.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

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In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 448

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voice - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voice - es, the Lord is near.' There are triplets in the piano accompaniment on the second and third systems.

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

Red Book #537

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” - Johann Christoph Bach

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Linda Mathias	Assisting Minister
Larry Hamil	Reader
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Karen Boltz	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bill and Judy Vilcheck	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	Counters

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sue and Dan Morrow,
in memory of Wil Morrow.*

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 7/18	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 7/20	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 7/21	10:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 7/22		Pastor Kimberly’s Day Off
Sat., 7/23	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We mourn with Susan Farrell upon learning of the sudden death of her daughter, Gretchen Farrell. Please keep Susan and her family in your prayers. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Seeing our Neighbors Bible Study. Join us after worship today and July 24 for this three-week study designed by Lutheran World Relief. Using Scripture, images, the practice of Visio Divina and prayer, we’ll be

invited to reflect on our church's call to relief and peacemaking work in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. If you are on Zoom and wish to join, a breakout room will be opened for that at 11:25 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 28th, annual picnic and outdoor worship. The location will be Alameda Park (please note the new location!). *The Italian Festival will be downtown that day so there will NOT be 10 a.m. worship at First English's building.* Further details TBA!

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Patrick Frank, sexton at Trinity and First English, will be held at Trinity on September 9, from 4-7 p.m. Trinity seeks our partnership for baskets for a raffle, desserts, and clean up. Sign-up sheet is posted in the social hall.

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

The First Annual St. Faustina Parish Festival will be held on July 22nd and 23rd at St. Christopher's in Prospect.

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

PRAYERS

The family of Gretchen Farell; Stephanie (Stevie) Andrew & husband; victims and community of Highland Park, Ill.; continued healing for Baby Mac; family of John Rudzki (father of Jack Rudzki); Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; family of Ed Shields; the families and community of Uvalde; Tom Walker; 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; 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

Hosea 1:2-10

Hosea's marriage: a message to Israel

Psalm 85

Righteousness shall go before the LORD. (*Ps. 85:13*)

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Buried with Christ in baptism, raised with him through faith

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

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