

Service of Holy Communion
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	“Präludium und Fuge”	- Johann Kuhnau
	“O Spirit of the Living God”	- Richard Ellsasser
	“The Gold Sun Lights Up the Sky”	- Mark Sedio, <i>arr.</i>

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

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Red Book #650

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. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1-11

Hosea compares God's love for Israel to the love parents have for their children. Whether teaching toddlers to walk or dealing with a child's rebellion, good parents continue to love their children as they try to lead them to life. In the same way, God's love will not let Israel go.

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

²The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

⁷My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴**Some wandered in desert wastes;
they found no path to a city where they might dwell.**

⁵They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.

⁶**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.**

⁷You led them on a straight path
to go to a city where they might dwell.

⁸**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

⁹For you satisfy the thirsty soul
and fill the hungry with good things.

⁴³**Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
and consider well the LORD's steadfast love.**

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another,

seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “O God, whose Word Well-Planted”



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

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GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Red Book #775

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice that makes peace possible. We pray especially for those places most on our hearts and minds today.... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are life. Give rest to the weary, healing to those who are sick, relief to those who are hungry, and encouragement to those who are in prison. Renew us all at your table of mercy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are our treasure. Give clarity to this congregations' ministry. We pray especially for our community dinner team and for those who work with children and youth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints (*especially...*) and all who lived faithfully. Help us in life and death to set our minds on things above. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

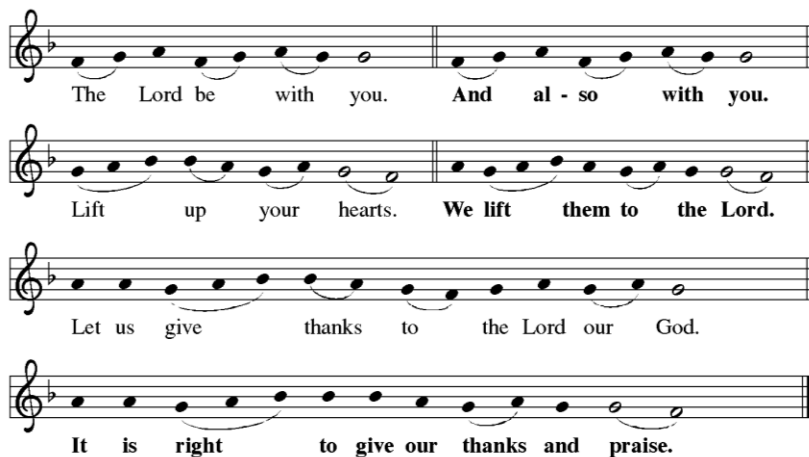
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

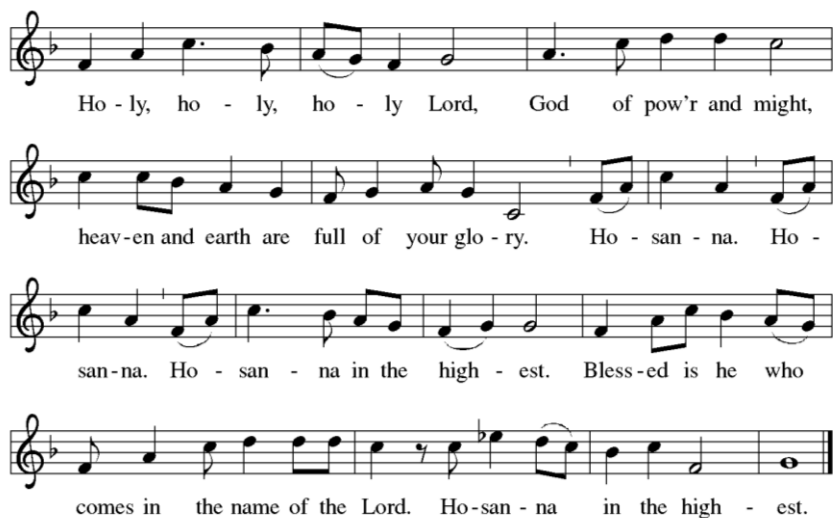
LYRICAL DANCE BY AMELIA O'ROURKE "Dream"- Priscilla Ahn

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:



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

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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. 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 voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.' The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes. The bass line is a simple, steady accompaniment.

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Music: Jacques Berthier

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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

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

Red Book #589

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Lord of the Everlasting Light”

- Flor Peeters

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Gary Roth	Presiding Minister
Jim Cunningham	Assisting Minister
Marlin Boltz	Reader
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Karen Boltz	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

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 hosts, Tony and Tillie Sequite.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 8/1	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 8/3	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 8/4	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 8/6	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kimberly will be away on vacation July 30th through August 21st.

In case of pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Pr. Joel Benson at Trinity Lutheran Church (724-287-1977) or Pr. Gary Roth (724-717-8069).



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND A PICNIC!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH AT 10 A.M.
AT ALAMEDA PARK (SHELTER 13)
PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR
& A DISH TO SHARE!
(DRINKS, MEAT, & PLACE SETTINGS PROVIDED)
WE WILL BE COLLECTING TRAVEL SIZE ONLY:
TOOTHPASTE, BAR SOAP, SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
FOR THE HOMELESS BAG PROJECT IN BUTLER

Please notify the church office if you plan to attend the picnic!

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.

If you would like to help, please sign-up TODAY!

PRAYERS

Stan Graff; 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; 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; 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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Learn to do good, seek justice, and rescue the oppressed

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

To those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God. (Ps. 50:23)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A model for us: Abraham's faith in a new home given by God

Luke 12:32-40

God will give you the treasure of the kingdom; sell all that you have

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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