

Service of Holy Communion
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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| "Song" | - Claudin de Sermisy |
| "All Depends On Our Possessing" | - Flor Peeters |
| "God Alone Be Praised" | - Zebulon M. Highben |

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

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Red Book #517

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. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING **Isaiah 5:1-7**

The prophet sings about a beautiful vineyard, carefully planted and cultivated, that nevertheless yields wild grapes. The owner therefore determines to destroy the vineyard, which represents the sinful people of Israel and Judah.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-19 *read responsively*

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

you cast out the nations and planted it.

**⁹You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.**

¹⁰The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

**¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.**

¹²Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

**¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;

**¹⁵behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

¹⁶They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

**¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging

fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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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GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to

bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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 My Hope on God Is Founded"

Red Book #757

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.

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to fellow Christians around the world. Bless the work of the Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief, and our interfaith partners. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters (*especially*). Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and heal the nations. We pray for peace in Ukraine, Yemen, Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, and Cameroon. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and free those who are oppressed. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this congregation, as we rejoice with those who rejoice and with those who weep. We remember those concerns on our hearts today...In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints (who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. 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

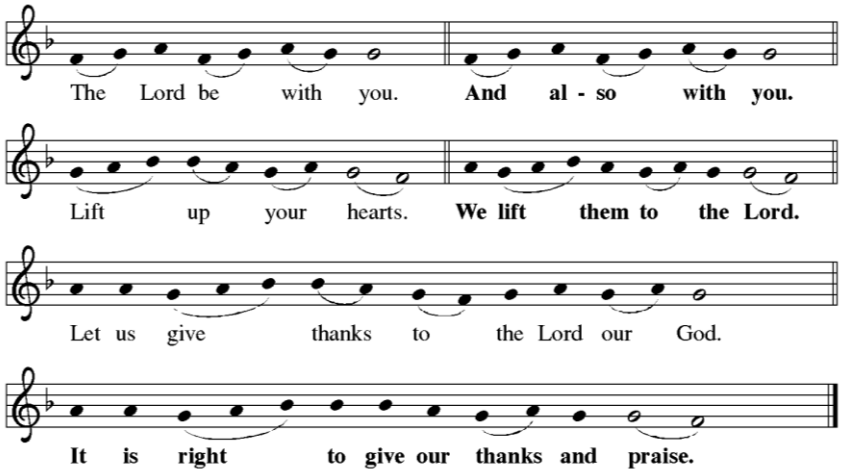
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

SUMMER CHOIR

“Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us” - M.L. Bringle / T. Pavlechko
(Text; Music)

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



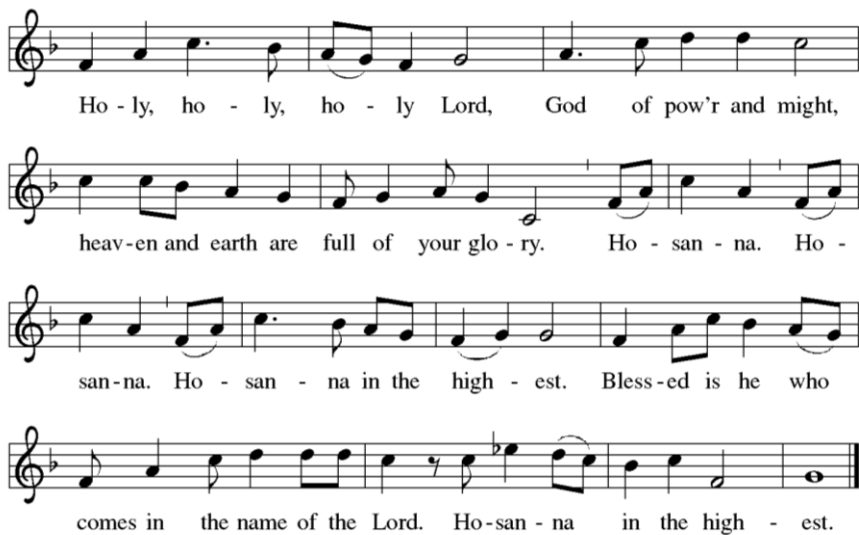
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

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.

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 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 (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. 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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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

“O God of Every Nation”

Red Book #713

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” - David Polley

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Gary Roth	Presiding Minister
Sandy Lefebvre	Assisting Minister
Amy Beiler	Reader
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski and Dan Morrow	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	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, Josh and Jessie Kamerer.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 8/15	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 8/17	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 8/18	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 8/19	9 AM – 2:30 PM	Caitlyn Working Remotely
Sat., 8/20	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kimberly will be away on vacation 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).

Please note that the church office will be open remotely on Friday, August 19th. The phone will be answered during normal business hours.



**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**

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.

PRAYERS

The family of LTC. Jeffrey E. Cunningham; Pat Mould & family; Stan Graff; family of Gretchen Farrell; Stephanie (Stevie) Andrew & husband; victims and community of Highland Park, Ill.; continued healing for Baby Mac; family of John Rudzki (Jack Rudzki's father); 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; Cassidy; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Tad Sellers; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Jeremiah is called to be a prophet

Psalms 71:1-6

From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned

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