

Service of Holy Communion
17th Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Thine Own, O Loving Savior” - Flor Peeters
 “Psalm Prelude – Ps. 139:11” - Herbert Howells

WELCOME

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in
compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The congregation may kneel or sit.

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned.**

In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.

**Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us
away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.**

Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God’s compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God’s love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

The congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

GATHERING HYMN “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Red Book #759

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 *stanzas 1 and 3*



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-9 *read responsively*

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**²For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**⁴Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

**⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds
in evil schemes.

**⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled

with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing the alleluia before and after the verse, which is chanted by the cantor.



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Repeat alleluia

The word of the Lord en- ¹dures forever.* That word is the good news that was an- ¹nounced to you. (1 Pet. 1:25)

GOSPEL **Luke 17:1-6**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! ²It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive."

^{a5}The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come Down, O Love Divine" Red Book #804

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.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ, especially Elizabeth and Kurt, our bishops, and Kimberly, our pastor. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts people in Florida and Cuba in the wake of Hurricane Ian, and for all people who suffer because of natural disaster. Give them all that you see that they need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For peace in Ukraine, in the Holy Land, and in all places where there is war. Restrain those who wage war and frustrate the plans of the wicked. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect, you would heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are most on our minds today (*name special concerns*), and for those who are sick or injured, that your constant presence may bring hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who may visit this building during the cultural district event on Saturday, our open doors may witness to your open heart. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (*especially*). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“We Remember” - Joseph M. Martin/Michael E. Showalter

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God 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
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Response: The earth is full of your glory.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

“Let us Break Bread Together”

Red Book #471

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

SENDING HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” Red Book #810

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Allegro in Eb Major” - Johann G. Albrechtsberger

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sandy Lefebvre	Assisting Minister
Tracy Gullickson	Reader
Sandy Lefebvre	Crucifer
Schaney Kamerer	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Sue Morrow	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Carl Devore, Susan Farrell, and Jan Nieto	Ushers
Jim and Jeanette Cunningham	Counters

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Signe Mitchell, in memory of loved ones.

*All are welcome to gather in the social hall for coffee hour following worship.
Thank you to our hosts, Jessie and Josh Kamerer.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 10/3	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 10/4	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed., 10/5	9:30 AM	Worship Committee Meeting
	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)

	7:00 PM	Zoom book group (online)
Thurs., 10/6	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 10/7		Pastor Kimberly's day off
Sat., 10/8	9 AM – 1 PM	DAR (Social Hall)
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
	2 PM – 6 PM	Butler Cultural District Event
Sun. 10/9	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's office)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dinner Church returns to First English this evening at 5:30 PM. Dinner church is a worship service in the context of a meal. Through drama, song, and conversation, we'll reflect on the kingdom of God. We'll be joined by Pr. Scott Bryte, a pastor and artist who will help us worship also through visual art. All welcome! Sign up in the social hall.

First English is participating in the Butler Cultural District event on Saturday, October 8 from 2 – 6 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up, provide light refreshments, and staff the building during the event. Please sign up in the social hall.

Do you have joys and concerns you would like to lift up in the prayers of intercession today? We'll invite people to name those concerns prior to worship during the welcome time. Zoom worshippers are invited to name their prayer requests in the chat.

Join us for Daily Discipleship Bible study at 9 a.m. If you wish to join by zoom, please join the worship link. We'll conclude by 9:40.

PRAYERS

Joyce Mitchel (Matt Cooper's grandma); those in the path of hurricane Ian; Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Stan Graff; family of Gretchen Farrell; Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; Holly Schubert; Ellen Dodge; Tad Sellers; Claudia

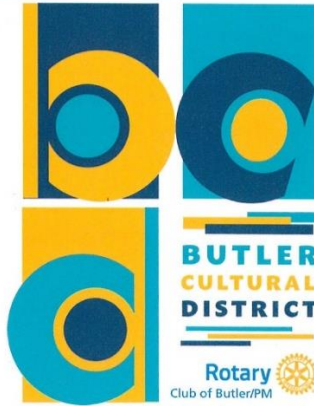
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office or add their names to the sign-up sheet in the social hall.

JOIN FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND EMILY BRITAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR

Sock-tober!

THIS OCTOBER, LET'S HELP OUR COMMUNITY BY
COLLECTING NEW SOCKS, UNDERWEAR, AND GLOVES
FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

(KIDS' SIZES SMALL-XXL OR 4-16)



Visions Of CommUnity

A Glimpse of the Past and What's to Come

Saturday, October 8 • 2pm - 8pm

Stroll through a self-guided tour of the developing

Butler Cultural District

with friends and family to enjoy art, performances and culture.

Enjoy banner art displayed throughout the district and vote for your favorite banner.

Take in some of Butler's most beautiful churches and stained glass, tour Asian art, musical performances, poetry readings and more.

Light refreshments will be served in various locations.

Ticket sales and a full list of stops and activities are at

www.butlerculturaldistrict.org

Check in and Same Day Ticket Sales are available at
Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson St., Butler

Price is \$10 per person, children 12 and under are free

Finish your evening with one of two incredible performances:

"Social Security" • 8pm • Butler Little Theatre • Tickets purchased separately at butlerlittletheatre.com

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" • 7pm • The Musical Theatre Guild
Tickets purchased separately at www.mtgbutler.org

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Israel builds houses and plants gardens in Babylon

Psalm 66:1-12

God has kept us among the living. (Ps. 66:9)

2 Timothy 2:8-15

If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ

Luke 17:11-19

One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God

ZOOM MEETING INFO

To join online, click 'Join Our ZOOM Meeting' in the email.

Meeting ID: 956 305 5281

Password: 408299

To join via telephone, dial: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 956 305 5281

Password: 408299

*Liturgical portions of today's service are reprinted with permission under
Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS028762.*