

Service of Holy Communion
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

- Patricia Lou Harris

Variations on “Vater unser im Himmelreich”

- Kathryn Elting

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

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Red Book #719

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. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

In the year before Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, when the siege had already begun, Jeremiah, imprisoned in the king's palace, purchased a piece of land. The purchase of the land is a sign of hope that God will restore the people to life in the land after the exile.

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ^{3a}where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. ⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16 *read responsively*

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty –

²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

³For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly plague.

⁴**God’s wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them;
God’s faithfulness will be your shield and defense.**

⁵You shall not fear any terror in the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;

⁶**nor the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.**

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵**They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.**

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many

witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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.



You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he ¹became poor,* so that by his poverty you might ¹ become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Gather Us In”

Red Book #532

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, holy God, for your people gathered in your name, that we would set our hope on you where our true wealth is found. O God, our Sanctuary, empower the church to be faithful, and in your mercy, hear **our prayer**.

We pray, omnipotent God, for the well-being of creation, and especially for lands facing the effects of climate change: Puerto Rico and Alaska, as they deal with the aftermath of storms; Pakistan, as it copes with devastating floods. O God, Rainbow of promise, bring justice to our earth, preserve us, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world, for efforts toward international cooperation, for peace in Ukraine, and for stability in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador. O God, Sovereign and Judge, guide the nations, and in your mercy, hear **our prayer**.

We pray, compassionate God, for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit—for those in hospitals; for those who have no medical care for those who are incarcerated for all who today will die—
O God, Healer and Nurse, heal the sick, and in your mercy, hear **our prayer.**

We pray, loving God, for the desires of our hearts and for those in need who we name before you— O God, our Heart’s Desire, grant us peace, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith, that at the end we will join with them to rejoice in your presence, O God, our Homeland, gather us to yourself, and in your mercy, **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 ANTHEMS “Fight the Good Fight” - W. Glen Darst

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.

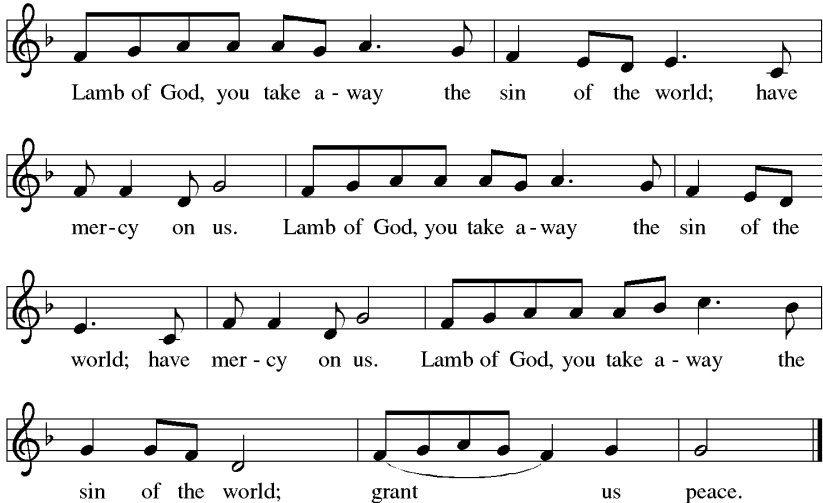
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

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

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment



1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-gether, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” - B. Schmid

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Mollie Hibbs	Assisting Minister

Larry Hamil	Reader
Amelia O'Rourke	Crucifer
Alex Kamerer	Acolyte
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Karen Boltz	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bill and Judy Vilcheck	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy and Bill Vilcheck, in memory of loved ones.

*All are welcome to gather in the social hall for coffee hour following worship.
Thank you to our hosts, Jeanette and Jim Cunningham.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 9/26	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 9/28	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Zoom book group (online)
Thurs., 9/29	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 9/30		Pastor Kimberly's day off
Sat., 10/1	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun. 10/2	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's office)
	11:30 AM	Sunday School/Confirmation at Lutherlyn
	5:30 PM	Dinner Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dinner Church returns to First English on Sunday, October 2 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.

We are updating the Prayer List for next Sunday's bulletin. If you would like to keep someone on the list, please let Caitlyn in the church office know by Wednesday, September 28th.

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 worshipers 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.

Do you have a passion for engaging worship? First English is starting a worship steering committee to engage our congregation in celebrating the seasons of the church year. If you are interested in the arts or drama—or if you simply enjoy being engaged in worship, this may be a way for you to serve! If you are interested, please contact Pr. Kimberly.

Singers are invited to sing Handel's *Messiah* with the MUSIC CLUB CHORUS of NEW CASTLE on **Nov. 27th** (our **80th anniversary performance**) at **3 PM** at the HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4154th St., in Ellwood City, PA. Rehearsals begin on **Sept. 19 at 7 PM** in Fellowship Hall, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Falls & Jefferson Sts. (A lighted parking lot is available). Score copies can be bought at the rehearsals. Kathy Miller, organist, Larry Baumgartner, pianist, & Andrew Erb, trumpeter, will accompany along with others. Liturgical dance students from the CROSSROADS DANCE ACADEMY near Slippery Rock will also take part in the performance. Harry Cunningham is director. First-time participants & high school choristers are especially welcome.

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 PM for our Zoom book group. We are reading *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism*. The book group meets using the same link that we use for Sunday morning Zoom worship.



JOIN FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND EMILY BRITTAIN 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)



PRAYERS

Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; family of Ray Sawyer; Sandy Lefebvre; continued healing for Graham Cannon; family of LTC. Jeffry 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; 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; Cassidy; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; Tad Sellers; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Lamentations 1:1-6

Jerusalem is empty and destroyed

Lamentations 3:19-26

Great is your faithfulness, O LORD (*La. 3:23*)

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ

Luke 17:5-10

Faith the size of a mustard seed

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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