

**First English Lutheran Church  
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 15, 2023  
10:00 a.m.**

**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year" | - Alfred Fedak            |
| "As with Gladness Men of Old"         | - Setting/ Walter Pelz    |
| "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" | - Setting/ Kevin Sadowski |

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The congregation may stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit † one God,  
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and  
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection. The congregation may kneel as desired.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We  
have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have  
done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with  
our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the  
sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,**

**and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

“Arise, Your Light Has Come”

Red Book #314

### **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 121-122 in the front of the red book*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The congregation may sit.*

### **THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **FIRST READING      Isaiah 49:1-7**

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant’s ultimate assignment is to bring news of*

*God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 40:1-11**      *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the LORD,

who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans  
for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more  
than I can count.

**<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you  
have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**<sup>8</sup>I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'"**

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of  
your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great  
assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

**SECOND READING    1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**GOSPEL      John 1:29-42**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

*The congregation may sit.*

## SERMON

*The congregation may stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Red Book #311

## HOLY BAPTISM OF KAIY'ZEN SCHNUR

*page 227 in the front of the red book*

### BAPTISMAL HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

Red Book #456

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You put a new song in the mouths of those who know your wonders, O God. Help us to see these wonders in the mystery of love given to sinner. Help us to pay attention to them, and to tell others of all that you have done. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Give Kaiy'zen and all who love him desire for the new life you offer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations, and direct their leaders to do your will. Today we pray for those serve as diplomats, that their work may save lives and promote peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Be powerfully present to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand. We especially pray for those whom we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts....Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice, even when that call feels like a sharp sword. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In every place and time, you have made your people holy. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

**THE MEAL**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**ORGAN OFFERTORY**

“Andante” - Mark Sedio

**OFFERING PRAYER** *led by the assisting minister*

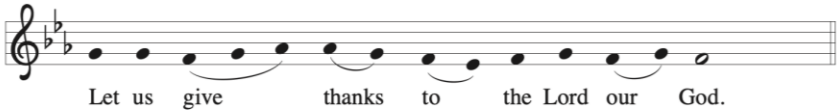
**GREAT THANKSGIVING**



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....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, holy and mighty... (*the thanksgiving continues*)... Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

United as one family and with one voice, let us 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.

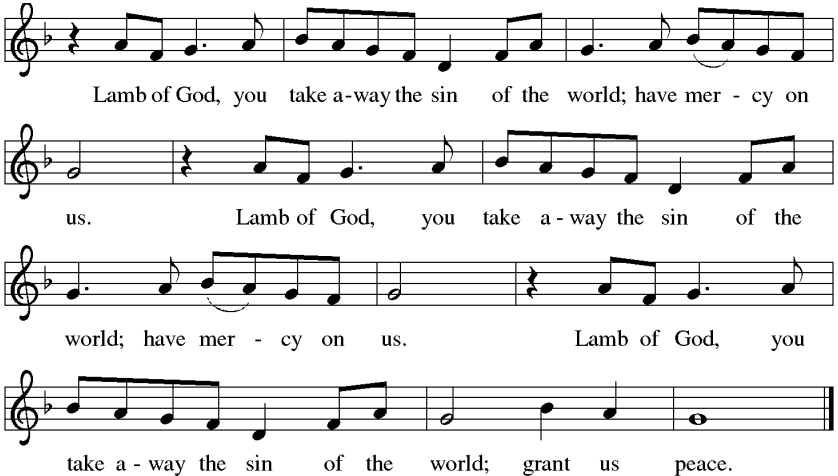
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

## 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 All Who Are Thirsty, Come

Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the  
wa-ter of life free-ly. A-men, come, Lord  
Je-sus. A-men, come, Lord Je-sus.

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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

## THE SENDING

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

Red Book #677

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power" - Wayne Wold

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
The Rev. Ryan Fitch	<b>Preacher</b>
Mollie Hibbs	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Tracy Gullickson	<b>Reader</b>
Reese Sequite	<b>Acolyte</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Marlin Boltz	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Karen Boltz	<b>PowerPoint Assisting Minister</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Larry Christy and Jack Rudzki	<b>Ushers</b>
Amy and Jack Beiler	<b>Counters</b>

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy and Bill Vilcheck.*

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

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 1/16	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wednesday, 1/18	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)

Thursday, 1/19	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Friday, 1/20		<i>Pastor Kimberly's day off</i>
Saturday, 1/21	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sunday, 1/22	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's office)
	11:15 AM	Annual Meeting of the Congregation

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome Kaiy'zen Schnur through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

Kaiy'zen is the son of Lacey Schnur. Kaiy'zen's baptismal sponsors are Alyssa Piche, Isaiah Williams, and Haley Keefer. Welcome, child of God!

**The annual meeting of the congregation** will take place next Sunday, January 22, 2023, following the 10 a.m. worship service.

**Reminder: Please pick up** your 2023 offering envelopes in the social hall.

**Reminder: Submissions for the February newsletter** are due in the church office by Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Reminder: Please send the photo** that you would like to include in the new church directory to [officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net). (*preferred file types include: .jpeg; .tiff; .png*) If you have any changes to your contact information that you have not yet communicated to the church office, please send those updates along with your photo. Thank you!

**E-prayer Chain!** Did you know that First English has an E-prayer chain?

This email list reaches a dedicated group of praying folks as prayer concerns arise. If you would like to join the prayer chain or submit a request, please contact MaryAnn Swanson at [mswan52@zoominternet.net](mailto:mswan52@zoominternet.net).

**Note on Offering Envelopes:** Did you know that there are ways that you can help our counters and financial secretaries keep the most accurate records of your giving? Please put the total amount of your donation on

the front of your envelope. (If you put it upside down in the offering plate, it will still be confidential).

**Support First English's ministry:** In thanksgiving to God, financial contributions to the congregation can be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space or made online at [www.firstenglishbutler.org/giving](http://www.firstenglishbutler.org/giving).



**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR  
GATHERING**

**Butler  
Community  
Gathering for  
Love**

February 19, 2023  
2:00PM - 4:00PM  
Diamond Park

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### PRAYERS

Family of Ryan Glagola; family of Pete Huff; Mary & Steve and foster children; Janice Krause; Vonnie Baker; Shirley Mould; Dave Adams; Tracy Steadman; family of Paul Throm; Jim Cunningham; Gracie Love; Thelma Hassler; family of David Hartle; family of Chris Holman; family of Hazel Warheit; 6-month-old baby girl in Ohio; Jack Beiler; Karen Knepp; Zachary Sutton; Tony Sequite; Kyle Badger; Joyce Mitchel (Matt Cooper's grandma); those affected by hurricane Ian; Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Stan Graff; Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; Holly Schubert; Ellen Dodge; Tad Sellers; Claudia; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

*Light shines for those in darkness*

**Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Appeal for unity in the gospel*

**Matthew 4:12-23**

*Revelation of Christ as a prophet*

**ZOOM MEETING INFO**

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