

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Jesu, redemptor omnium” - Murray C. Bradshaw
“Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star” - Theophil Forchhammer
“The People Who Walked in Darkness” - Richard W. Hillert

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

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Red Book #661

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. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be

reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 4-9 *read responsively*

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high
upon a rock.

**⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround
me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of
rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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 Matthew 4:12-23

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea— for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed

him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Red Book #798

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

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

For the unity of the church, that all God's people may know that they belong to Christ and that they may regard one another in love even when they disagree, let us pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the awareness of the opportunities that we have in our daily lives to reflect God's love and light, let us pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an end to extremism and hate in our nation and that people who hold different convictions may dwell together without fear, let us pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the people of California as they grapple with flood and storm, and for all who do with work of disaster response, let us pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, especially in the Holy Land, Myanmar, and Ukraine, let us pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are moving homes or changing jobs, that they would experience God's leading during times of transition, and for all who are in special need of healing or wholeness at this time, let us pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for our beloved dead, and for all who have gone before us to show us Christ's light and life, let us pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

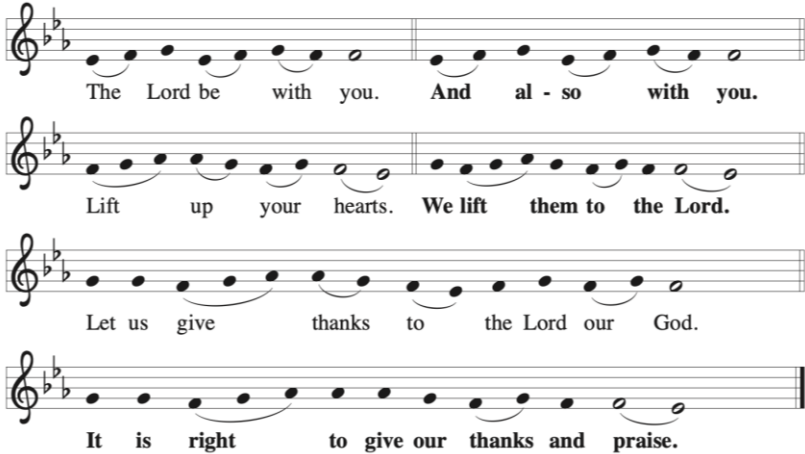
And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Forever Worthy Is Thy Lamb” - Peter I. Tchaikovsky, (1840-1983)

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



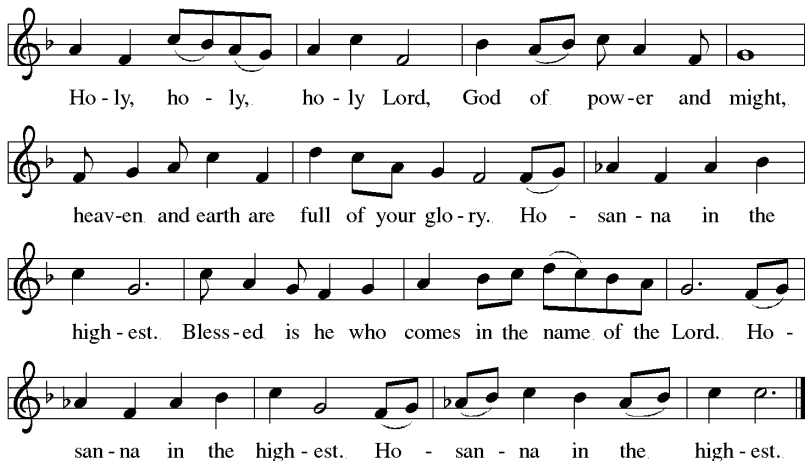
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.**

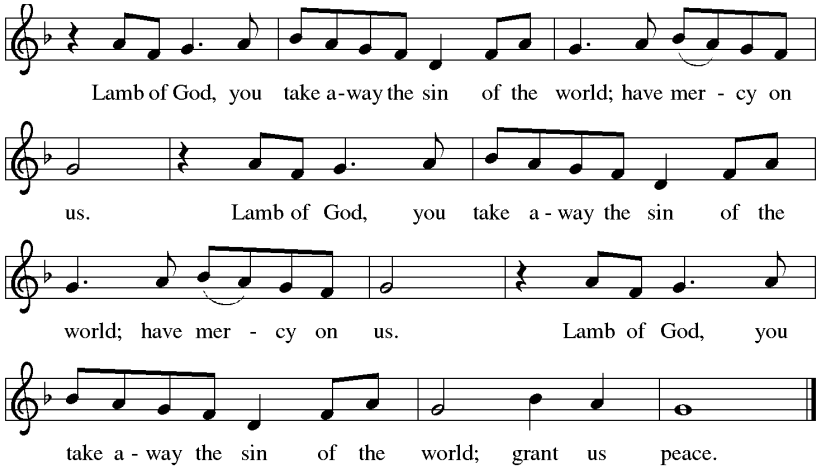
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system begins with a 2/4 time signature change. The lyrics are: 'Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the'. The second system continues with: 'wa - ter of life free - ly. A - men, come, Lord'. The third system concludes with: 'Je - sus. A - men, come, Lord Je - sus.' The piano accompaniment features block chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

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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

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

Red Book #818

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

- Johannes Scheffler

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Lois Trimbur	Assisting Minister
Susan Farrell	Reader
Grant McVay	Crucifer
Julia McVay	Acolyte
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Stan Graff, Dan Morrow, and Christiaan van Driel	Ushers
Jim and Jeanette Cunningham	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, Jeanette and Jim Cunningham.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 1/23	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wednesday, 1/25	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 1/26	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

Friday, 1/27		<i>Pastor Kimberly's day off</i>
Saturday, 1/28	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
	9 AM – 5 PM	Butler Symphony Recording (Sanctuary)
Sunday, 1/29	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's office)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place today following the 10 a.m. worship service.

Would you like to make First English your church home? First English will receive and celebrate new members on February 26. Please speak to Pr. Kimberly if you are interested in formally joining the congregation.

Please pick up your 2023 offering envelopes and 2022 financial statements in the social hall.

Please email the photo that you would like to include in the new church directory to officefelc@zoominternet.net. 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.

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.



**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

Micah 6:1-8

The offering of justice, kindness, humility

Psalms 15

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God

Matthew 5:1-12

The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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