

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

- Gerhard Krapf

"Quem pastores laudavere"

- Paul Manz

"All Praise to Thee, Eternal God"

- German Folk Hymn,

J.S. Bach and Paul Manz, *arr.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation may stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GATHERING HYMN

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

Red Book #455

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.

KYRIE

page 120-121 in the front of the red book

GLORIA

page 121-122 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our

Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,

a light to the nations,
 ⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 *read responsively*

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
⁷The voice of the LORD
 bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips
the forests bare.
 And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;**

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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.

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

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL **Matthew 3:13-17**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Remember and Rejoice”

Red Book #454

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

In joyful expectation that he will come to our help, let us bring our burdens and concerns to God.

The congregation may kneel or sit.

That all baptized people may know the promise of their belovedness in your sight, and that we may live with the gentleness of Jesus, we pray:
Hear us, O God.

That the whole human family may respect your gift of water, use it well, share it with all who need it, and keep it clean, we pray:
Hear us, O God.

That a new and gentle justice break out over the whole earth, and especially in places where there is war, we pray:

Hear us, O God.

That those who work in law enforcement in this region may receive all they need from your hand, especially as they mourn the loss of Chief Justin McIntire, and as they live with daily danger, we pray:

Hear us, O God.

That those in special need receive healing and strength, especially all those who are ill, all who are grieving, all who bear the marks of trauma, and all those whom we name now before you.....We pray:

Hear us, O God.

That at the end of our days we may face death as those who are beginning a new and joyful life, and that we may commend our beloved dead, especially Ryan, to your loving care, we pray:

Hear us, O God.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

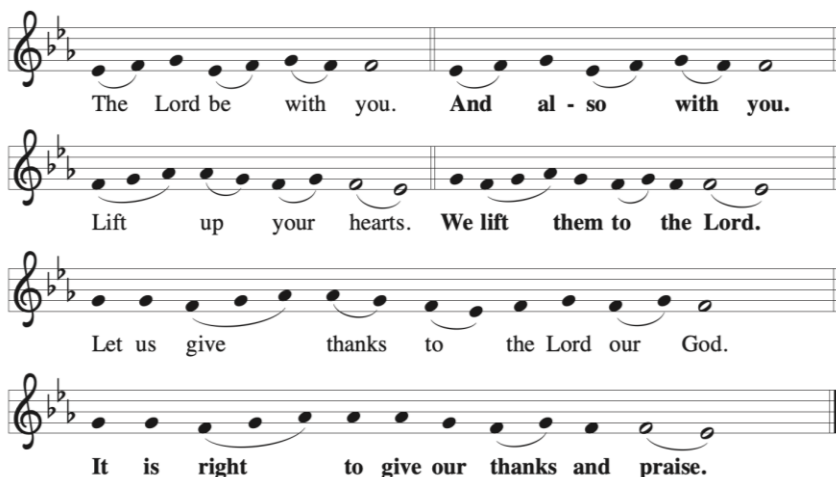
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



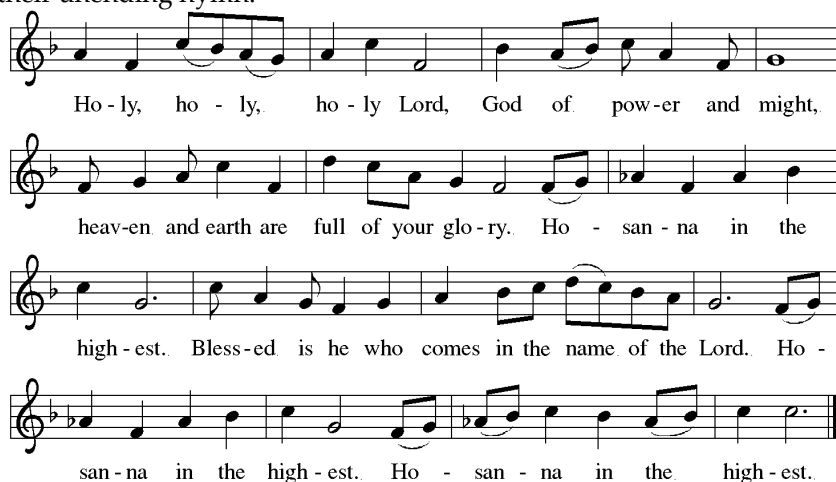
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a 4/4 measure followed by a 2/4 measure and then back to 4/4. The second system is entirely in 4/4. The third system is also in 4/4 and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Red Book #445

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Beach Spring”

- Gerhard Krapf

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sandy Lefebvre	Assisting Minister
Marlin Boltz	Reader
Christiaan van Driel	Crucifer
Tucker Sequite	Acolyte
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Sue Morrow	AV Assisting Minister
Brandon Stein	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	Counters

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Roxanne and Charles Glagola
in memory of their beloved son, Ryan.*

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 1/9	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tuesday, 1/10	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 1/11	8:00 AM	Community Health Clinic Meeting (Social Hall)
	9:30 AM	Worship Planning Meeting
	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting

	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 1/12	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Friday, 1/13		<i>Pastor Kimberly's day off</i>
Saturday, 1/14	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sunday, 1/15	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's office)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We mourn with the family of Ryan Glagola who died in resurrection hope on December 31, 2022. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

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

Reminder: Please send the photo that you would like to include in the new church directory to 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!

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.

PRAYERS

Family of Ryan Glagola; family of Dallas (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 49:1-7

The servant brings light to the nations

Psalms 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul's greeting to the church at Corinth

John 1:29-42

Revelation of Christ as the Lamb of God

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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