

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Prelude in F Minor”

- J.S. Bach

Prelude on “Allein Gott in der Hoh”

- David Schack

“Morning Has Broken”

- Larry Shackly, *arr.*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit, † one
God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting in God’s promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

The congregation may kneel as desired.

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being.

Look upon us, your children,

the work of your hands.

Forgive us all our offenses,

and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.

By your grace draw us near to you,

our refuge and our strength;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God’s love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we were still sinners;
and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Red Book #858

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.

GLORIA

page 121 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our
being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world
and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING Hosea 5:15--6:6

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to
withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God’s face.
The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog
or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words
or meaningless deeds.*

¹⁵I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;

he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:7-15 *read responsively*

⁷"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;

for I am God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving**

and make good your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

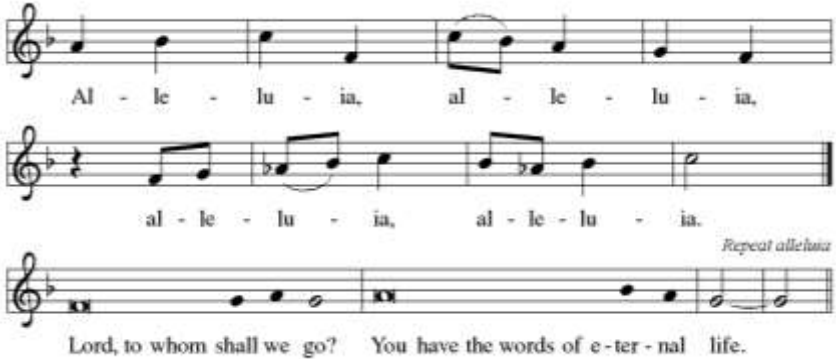
¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 9:9-13, 18-26

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman

who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Red Book #764

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 into Discipleship and growth by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us pray for those in need, our community, the Church, and the World.

We give you thanks for this glorious creation and this season of renewal and growth. Help us to be good stewards of the land, water, and air, keeping in mind future generations to come after us and acknowledging your ownership of all creation. Lord, in Your Mercy,
Hear Our Prayer.

Keep us from the temptation to place our hope in false security and the illusion that we can live independent of you and each other. Lord, in Your Mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

Save us from the arrogance of denying our own sinfulness while exaggerating the sin of others. Teach us to rely upon your grace, forgiveness, and steadfast love. Lord, in Your Mercy,
Hear Our Prayer.

Open our hearts to the power of your Gospel. Help us to follow you amidst the constant distractions of our world. Lord, in Your Mercy,
Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for the Assembly to be held this week of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod. Guide all Bishops, Pastors, Deacons, and Lay leaders with your Holy Wisdom. Help us to see your action in the World and respond in ways that glorify You. Lord, in Your Mercy,
Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for those who are struggling with chronic conditions and the families, loved ones, and communities who support them. We ask for healing in their lives and peace in their suffering. Give them strength to face the challenges that lie ahead. May they never lose hope in your goodness and power. Lord, in Your Mercy,

Hear Our Prayer.

Into your hands, merciful Savior, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your power and love.

Amen.

The congregation may stand.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may sit.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Reflection on Christ ist erstanden”

- Craig Mather, *arr.*

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

Red Book #691

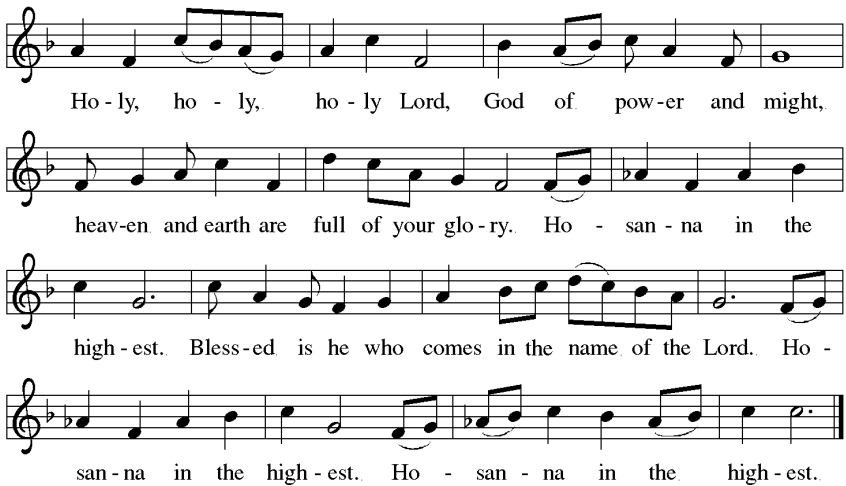
OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.... *(The presiding minister continues giving thanks)*....

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

The prayers conclude:

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, invites you to share in this banquet of forgiveness and new life. Come to his table!

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.

The congregation may sit.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT *shared at the center aisle*

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

"Jesus Christ, Bread of Life"

Red Book #472

A brief interlude will follow each singing of "Jesus Christ, Bread of Life," #472.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *led by the assisting minister*

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

Red Book #722

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news of the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Thanks to God for My Redeemer”

- Setting/ John Carter

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Mike Robinson	Presiding Minister
Lois Trimbur	Assisting Minister
Linda Mathias	Communion Assistant
Melody Kamerer	Reader
Lois Trimbur	Crucifer
Signe Mitchell	Pianist
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Karen Boltz	PowerPoint Minister
Bob and Karen Domanski; Brenden Stevens	Ushers
Jeanette and Jim Cunningham	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Thelma Cross, in honor of her husband, Harold.

All are welcome to join us for social hour following the worship service.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 6/12	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 6/13	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thurs., 6/15	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 6/17	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Morrow family would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who donated to Wil's Scholarship Fund.

There will be no Thursday morning Bible Study on June 15th.

Save the Date for the third Sabbatical Lunch and Presentation on July 9th with Jessica Burr, Clinical Director of the Butler County YMCA's Reach & Rise Program. Reach & Rise® is a national, evidence-based youth mentoring program designed to provide the support that children may not be receiving at home or in school. Lunch and presentation were made possible by the sabbatical grant from the Lilly Endowment.

A Summer Music Schedule is posted in the Social Hall. Please consider signing your name on the schedule for one of the Sundays in **June, July,** or **August.** We look forward to hearing your voice, your instrument, and musical talent as an important part of our worship! Kevin Mathias and Signe Mitchell are available if you have any questions.

Butler Meals on Wheels is hosting a dine-in or take-out fundraiser dinner on Tuesday, June 20th from 4-7 pm at St. Peter's Anglican Church. The Italian dinner is \$12 and will be catered by The Monroe.

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

James Carlantonio; Carl Devore; family of Jamie McPoyle; Marc Fogel; Jeff Acord; Lida Mason; Rob Mertha; Gregory Reeder; Kirsten Schaney; Gus Keiser; Renee; Liam Cirillo; Lucas; Jonathan Peterson; Maread Magee; Alysia Shaffer; Donny Bayless; Rose Cooper; Sue Lehew; Beth Weber; family of Madaline Golic; family of Joyce Mitchel; Ann Johnson; Jeff Turner; family of Ryan Glagola; family of Pete Huff; Mary & Steve and foster children; Janice Krause; Dave Adams; Tracy Steadman; family of Paul Thom; 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; Karen Knepp; Tony Sequite; Kyle Badger; Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Stan Graff; Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; Holly Schubert; Ellen Dodge; Tad Sellers; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 19:2-8a

The covenant with Israel at Sinai

Psalm 100

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

Romans 5:1-8

While we were sinners, Christ died for us

Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

The sending of the Twelve

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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