

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
11th Sunday of Pentecost
August 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Praeludium und Fuga”

- Johann Pachelbel

Partita on “Built on the Rock”

- Alfred Fedak

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

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Red Book #756

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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver them from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God’s presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown

down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13

read responsively

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,

and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 14:22-33

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught

him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" Red Book #767

HOLY BAPTISM OF LEILA RONNIE HORWAT

page 227 in the front of the red book

BAPTISMAL HYMN

"Baptized and Set Free" Red Book #453

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free by God's grace, let us confidently pray for our own needs and for those of the church and the world.

God, through the waters of baptism you send us out into an uncertain world to love and serve others. Help us to live in this world, trusting that you can work for us miracles of faith and focus even amidst strong distractions. God, in your mercy:

Hear us and help us.

Look with love on Leila and her family as they live into the promises you have made to them in Holy Baptism. God, in your mercy:

Help us and hear us.

Let your glory dwell in all nations of the earth. Bring an end to the storm of war, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, and all

other places where violence robs people of life, livelihoods, and hope.

God, in your mercy:

Help us and hear us.

Assure those who are in special need at this hour of your presence and love, especially those who are sick, who are afraid for any reason, who doubt or who have a hard time feeling their faith, or who are affected by suicidal despair. God, in your mercy:

Help us and hear us.

Watch over those who serve in the Navy and Coast Guard, who work in shipping, fishing, and cruise industries, that they may be safe, and that their work may safeguard the oceans and their creatures. God, in your mercy:

Help us and hear us.

Save us and all your people who have gone before us and who now praise you on a different shore and in a greater light. God, in your mercy:

Help us and hear us.

We offer these prayers to You, Gracious God, trusting in your mercy. Where our words have fallen short of all that you would have us ask, hear the interceding of your Spirit's sighs. These things we ask in the name of Jesus your Son.

Amen.

The congregation may stand.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may sit.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Anthem - "A Light of Hope, A Song of Peace"

- Mark Burrows

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

Red Book #691

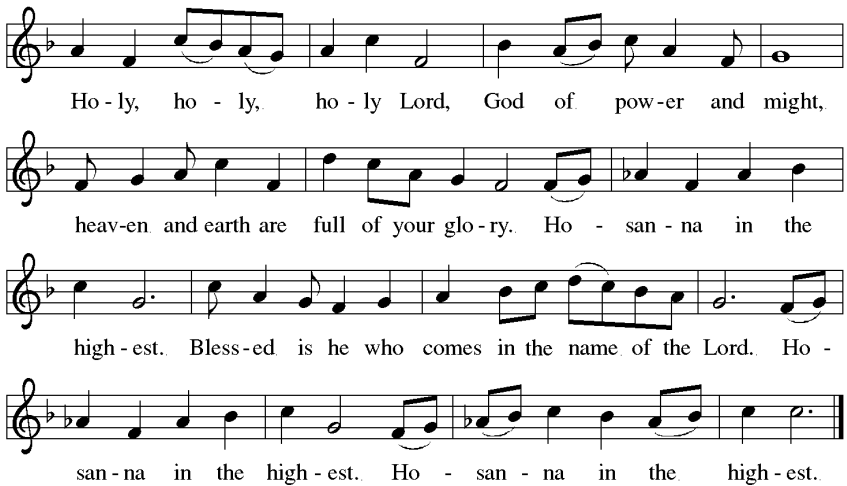
OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

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.

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and hearth....(*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:

Glory and praise to you, O God, author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the most high, now and forever .

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

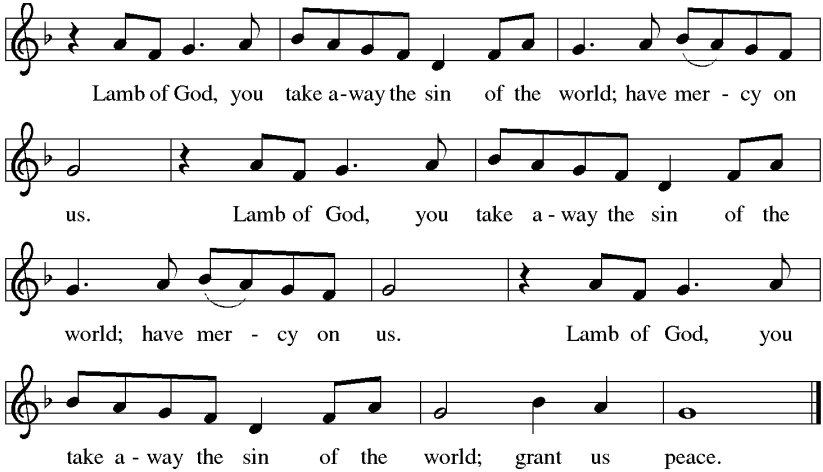
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In this meal, Christ gives us a foretaste of that day when all creation will be healed, all people will be forgiven, and all. Here in bread and wine are his body and blood, enough for everyone. 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Sabbath Rest"

- Daniel Pinkham

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 ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared 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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"When Peace like a River"

Red Book #785

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, now be praised"

- J. S. Bach

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Linda Mathias	Assisting Minister
Sue Morrow	Communion Assistant
Melody Kamerer	Reader
Alex Kamerer	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Minister
Bob and Karen Domanski; Brenden Stevens	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ramona Schmidt,
in memory of her mother.*

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 8/14	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 8/17	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Downstairs)
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 8/19	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 8/20	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Leila Horwat through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Leila is the daughter of Amanda and Dayne Horwat. Leila's baptismal sponsors are Ron and Linda Huey. Welcome, child of God!

Synod Youth Day at Lutherlyn & Kickoff for 2024 National Youth Gathering Planning next Sunday, August 20th from 3:00- 7:00 p.m. Join SWPA & NWPA Synod youth (7th – 12th grade) and adult leaders for a Sunday afternoon gathering at Lutherlyn. There will also be a time for the adults to meet about planning for the 2024 National Youth

Gathering. Are you interested? Let Pr. Kimberly know at pkfelc@zoominternet.net.

Please sign up in the social hall if you plan to attend the picnic!



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

Frank Morrow; family of Sandy Snyder; Meghan; family of Carl Devore; Marj Rogner; Lindsey Shuster; Bill Brown; Linda and Joe Randig; James Carlantonio; 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 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; Karen Knepp; Tony Sequite; 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

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola
September 2023 – Early May 2024

1-Hour Group Meetings: Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
120 Sunset Drive, Butler

What is it?

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. The Exercises in Everyday Life are designed to be completed over a 9-month timeframe. Trained Spiritual Directors (Kathy and Al Yarzebinski) will guide weekly small group meetings at Trinity Lutheran.

How will it work?

Each week, participants will receive materials containing scripture and other compositions to read and pray with on a daily basis. Once per week the group will meet for a time of faith sharing, deep listening and reflection.

What are the commitments?

Participants agree to pray with the materials for at least ½ hour every day and meeting once per week, realizing that life circumstances may interrupt on occasion. The materials and weekly guidance are free; however, the Yarzebinskis are asking for a donation of \$300 to the Pneuma Institute to promote the training of spiritual directors and leaders. (Note: If you feel that cost is a barrier for participating, please speak to Pastor Kimberly.)

I think I'm interested, but I need more information.

Pastor Kimberly completed the Spiritual Exercises during her recent sabbatical and is happy to answer questions about the experience. Specific questions about Trinity's program can be directed to Pr. Joel

Benson at 724-287-1977 or trinityalivepb@gmail.com . The website <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/> (click on the heading *Ignatian Prayer*) also has good information.

I'm ready! How do I sign up?

That's awesome! Just let Pr. Joel Benson from Trinity Lutheran know at the contact information listed above.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A house of prayer for all peoples

Psalm 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter

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