

**First English Lutheran Church  
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
August 6, 2023  
10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**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

"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"

Red Book #461

## 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. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING      **Isaiah 55:1-5**

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
    come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
    and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 145: 8-9, 14-21** *read responsively*

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

<sup>19</sup>**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;  
you hear their cry and save them.**

<sup>20</sup>You watch over all those who love you,  
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

## SECOND READING    Romans 9:1-5

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14:13-21

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

## **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

*The congregation may sit.*

## **SERMON**

*The congregation may stand.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

Red Book #479

## **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

Nourished by the word of God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, you created human beings with bodies, minds, and spirits. Help us receive the salvation you have prepared for our whole selves and to praise you with every aspect of our being. We pray:

**God, have mercy.**

Make us mindful of the connection between the meals we eat and the earth that you have made and give us insight to treat both with reverence and care. Give bread to those who throughout the world hunger for food, and to those who have more than enough, give a hunger for justice. We pray:

**God, have mercy.**

Look with love on those who labor to bring food to our tables, especially farm, grocery store, restaurant, and food service workers, that they may have a fair share of your abundance and fair treatment in their working conditions. We pray:

**God, have mercy.**

Hear our pleas for those who yearn for a taste of your salvation at this hour: for those who are sick, those who are grieving, those whose hope has grown small but frustration large, and for those things for which we can find no words but lift up in silence to you...*(pause)*. We pray:

**God, have mercy.**

Remember those who give of themselves to especially volunteers with Meals on Wheels, community dinner ministries, St. Vincent de Paul, and Hunters sharing the Harvest. Save them from burnout and sustain them in the joy of serving. We pray:

**God, have mercy.**

Around your altar, O Lord, you give us a foretaste of the feast that we will share with you and all your saints in the new creation. By your word offered with bread and wine, preserve our hope in the resurrection until we join you and them (especially...) around your great table. We pray:

**God, have mercy.**

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**

"Dream"

- Priscilla Ahn

*Lyrical Dance by Amelia O'Rourke*

*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.**

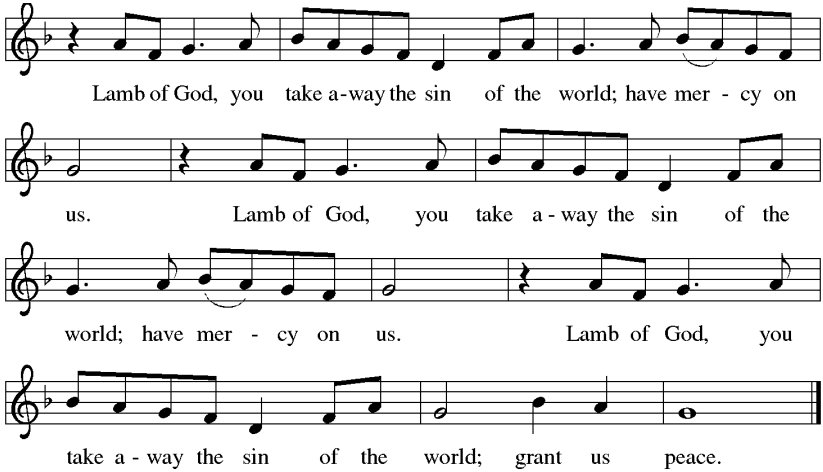
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**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 rail*

*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.*

## 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

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

Red Book #542

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| The Rev. Kimberly van Driel | <b>Presiding Minister</b> |
| Sue Morrow                  | <b>Assisting Minister</b> |

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| Lois Trimbur   | <b>Communion Assistant</b>   |
| Amy Beiler   | <b>Reader</b>                |
| Christiaan van Driel   | <b>Crucifer</b>              |
| Claudia van Driel  | <b>Acolyte</b>               |
| Kevin Mathias  | <b>Organist</b>              |
| Jim Cunningham   | <b>AV Assisting Minister</b> |
| Melody Kamerer   | <b>PowerPoint Minister</b>   |
| Dan Morrow, Andrew O'Rourke, Amelia O'Rourke, Christiaan van Driel | <b>Ushers</b>                |
| Jeanette and Jim Cunningham  | <b>Counters</b>              |
| Roxanne Glagola  | <b>Altar Guild</b>           |

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob and Karen Domanski in celebration of 57 years of marriage.*

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

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH**

|              |          |                               |
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| Mon., 8/7    | 5:00 PM  | Community Dinner              |
|              | 8:00 PM  | NA Meeting (Social Hall)      |
| Wed., 8/9    | 11:00 AM | Staff Meeting                 |
| Thurs., 8/10 | 10:30 AM | Bible Study (Downstairs)      |
|              | 7:30 PM  | NA Meeting (Downstairs)       |
| Sat., 8/12   | 12:00 PM | NA Meeting (Downstairs)       |
| Sun., 8/13   | 9:00 AM  | Bible Study (Pastor's Office) |
|              | 5:30 PM  | AA Meeting (Downstairs)       |

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Synod Youth Day at Lutherlyn & Kickoff for 2024 National Youth Gathering Planning on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00- 7:00 p.m.** Join SWPA & NWPA Synod youth (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pkfelc@zoominternet.net).

**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).



### **PRAYERS**

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](mailto: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**

**1 Kings 19:9-18**

*The LORD speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb*

**Psalm 85:8-13**

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

**Romans 10:5-15**

*Hearing and confessing the word of faith*

**Matthew 14:22-33**

*Jesus walking on the sea*

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