

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
All Saints Sunday
November 5, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

Today is All Saints Day, a day on the church calendar in which we remember the baptized who have gone before us in the faith. We especially remember those who have died since last All Saints Day. The resurrection of Jesus Christ holds us in life and death.

PRELUDE

"Prelude and Verse"

- Gerhard Krapf

"For All the Saints"

- David M. Cherwien

Aria

"Praeludium et Fuga in E"

- J. S. Bach

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

The congregation may stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GATHERING HYMN

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

Red Book #418

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 193 in the front of the red book

GLORIA

page 195 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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 Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22 *read responsively*

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
²**I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.
⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

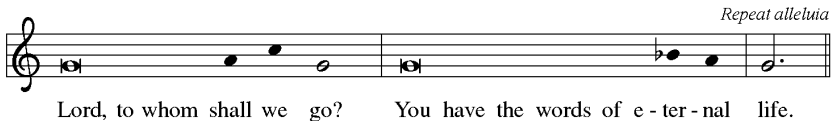
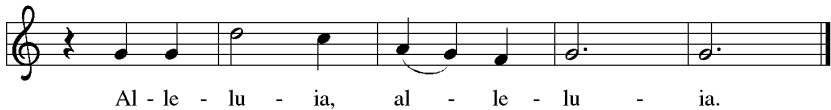
¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Taste and See”

Congregation sings Refrain

Red Book #493

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the

dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship. Give the sustaining grace you gave them and especially guide those who are newly baptized, especially.... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons and changing landscapes. Let our care of the earth's creatures and our value on life never fall dormant. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy giver of peace, help us in this warring world to sustain the hope for peace. Guard and protect especially Jewish and Muslim communities in this country as they feel the effects of war in the land we call holy. Be with all who suffer the daily threat of deprivation and violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy advocate, we thank you for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. Lead civic leaders to serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you, especially those whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy comforter, we pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, especially those who prepare and serve funeral dinners, that the promise of your new life may be shared and your love made known. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Especially this day, we remember those who have died in resurrection hope since last All Saints Day: Hazel Warheit; Ryan Glagola; Bob Graham; Carl Devore; Sandy Snyder; Janet Warner; Tony Sequite; Zema Schaney; Linda Hibbeler; Adrian Radziwon; Pete Huff; Deacon Mark Nurnberger; Linda Ray; Larry Wilson. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation may stand.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may sit.

CHOIR ANTHEM

An All Saints Sunday Hymn Medley

"Allelujah! Sing to Jesus"

- Rowland H. Prichard

(Revelation 7:9)

HYFRYDOL

"Ye Servants of God"

- William Croft

(Rev. 7:10)

HANOVER

"God Is Love"

(I John 3:2)

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

-William B. Roberts, b. 1947

(Rev. 7:9-12)

Harry Cunningham, *arr.* and *pianist*

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

"In the Singing"

Red Book #466

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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, 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... (*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

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

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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, grant us peace.

The congregation may sit.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

- Gerhard Krapf

After all have received, the congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Glory and honor and power are yours, O Lord our God.

For you created all things, and by your will they have their being.

Glory and honor and power are yours, O Lamb who was slain.

For by your blood you have ransomed for God a kingdom of priests from every race and language, from every people and language.

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which we have celebrated in this communion, bring us with all your saints into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation.

Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God give to you and all those whom you love comfort and peace, light and joy, in this world and the next, and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

Red Book #422

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Fuga in C”

- Johann Pachelbel

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sue Morrow	Assisting Minister
Jim Cunningham	Communion Assistant
Chuck McMichael	Reader
Evan Stein	Crucifer
Emily Stein	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Karen Boltz	PowerPoint Minister
Karen and Bob Domanski; Brenden Stevens	Ushers
Karen and Bob Domanski	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob and Karen Domanski.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 11/6	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 11/7	Election Day	Office Operating Remotely
Thurs., 11/9	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Downstairs)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 11/11	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 11/12	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is All Saints Sunday. On this Sunday, we remember all those, both living and dead, who have been joined to Christ in baptism. In our

prayers, we remember by name those who have died and those who have been baptized since last All Saints Sunday.

The candles around the paschal candle are in thanksgiving for those who have been baptized: Kaiy'zen Schnurr and Leila Ronnie Horwat

The candles around the altar are in thanksgiving for those who have died: Hazel Warheit; Ryan Glagola; Bob Graham; Carl Devore; Sandy Snyder; Janet Warner; Tony Sequite; Zema Schaney; Linda Hibbeler; Adrian Radziwon; Pete Huff; Deacon Mark Nurnberger; Linda Ray; Larry Wilson

Community Dinner is requesting donations of cookies and bars. Please bring them to the church on Sunday or Monday morning. Thank you!

The church office will be operating remotely on Tuesday, Nov. 7th.
First English will serve as a polling place for the election.

Confirmation class will meet following worship on Sunday, Nov. 12th.

Meals on Wheels Baking Sunday is Nov. 12th. Please bring your items, labeled and packed ready for the freezer in non-returnable containers, to First English by noon on Nov. 12. Monetary donations can be made out to *Butler Meals on Wheels*. Please see the poster in the social hall for the list of accepted baked goods. Thank you for your goodness!

Hope, Humor, and Holy Dying Sunday, Nov. 12th at 5:30 p.m. Join us for Dinner Church with Monty Python and reflections on how to plan a good funeral (because some of you asked).

If you would like to order Christmas flowers this year, the sign-up sheet is posted in the social hall. The last day to order is Sunday, Nov. 26.

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.

Join us during social hour following the
10 a.m. worship service on Sunday,
November 19th for our third
Intergenerational Faith Formation event
Trees ~ Jeremiah 17:5-8



All ages are welcome! Please sign up in the social hall.
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PRAYERS

Pam Reeder; Greg Reeder; Carol Cunningham; family of Zema Schaney;
Frank Miller; family of Tony Sequite; Mackenzie Perkins; Mairead
Magee; Linda Mathias; Gus Keiser; Cory; Will; Carol Chamberlain; Carol
Johnson; Mason Martin; family of Janet Warner; Eileen Herbeck; family
of Linda Hibbeler; Marj Rogner; Thelma Hassler; continued healing for
Graham Cannon; Aryl Bashline; Holly Schubert; Tad Sellers; Pam
Patterson; Tom Olson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Amos 5:18-24

Let justice roll down like waters

Psalm 70

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The promise of the resurrection

Matthew 25:1-13

The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids

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