

**First English Lutheran Church  
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 14, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

“Allegro in G Minor”

- John Stanely

“Strengthen for Service”

- Friedrich W. Marpurg

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

- Setting / John Behnke

*(Andante)*

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The congregation may kneel, sit, or adopt another posture appropriate for confession.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

*The congregation may stand.*

## **GATHERING HYMN**

“Dearest Jesus, At Your Word”

Red Book #520

## **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 195 in the front of the red book*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## **THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING**

**1 Samuel 3:1-20**

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel’s prophetic ministry.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone

out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup>Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18**

*read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of  
them were written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the  
sand;**

**to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

## **SECOND READING    1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have

from God, and that you are not your own?<sup>20</sup> For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Hallelujah”

Red Book #171

**GOSPEL            John 1:43-51**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may sit.*

**SERMON**

*The congregation may stand.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”

Red Book #580

## **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**

As we celebrate the revelation of God in the humanity of Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*The congregation may kneel or sit.*

*After each petition, the assisting minister bids:*

Hear us, O God:

*The congregation responds:*

**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes:*

Accept these prayers, O God, and those we name in our hearts before you in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may stand.*

## THE MEAL

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

*The congregation may sit.*

### OFFERING

#### ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Come, Follow Me the Savior Spake” - Johann G. Walther

*The ushers present the offerings and gifts of bread and wine for communion.*

### CHOIR ANTHEM

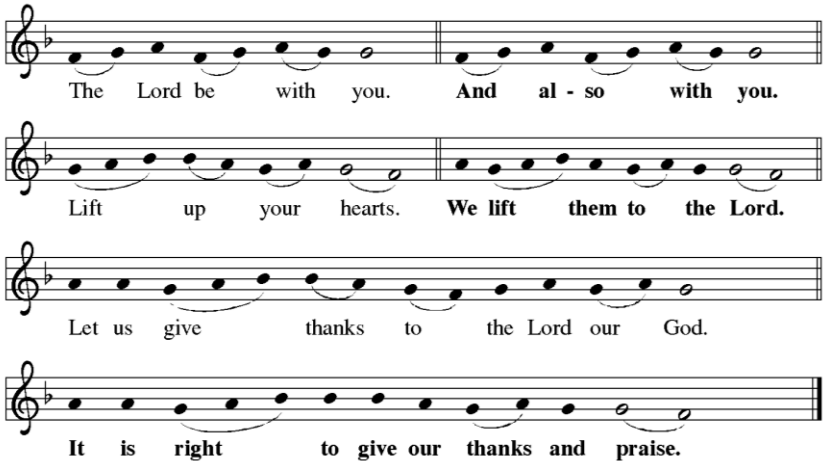
“I Hear Thy Voice” - Edith Lang

*The congregation may stand.*

### 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, 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

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, 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.*

*After all have received, the congregation may stand.*

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION

### Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*Refrain*



Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye  
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the



*mwam-ba ni sa-la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -*  
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



ma, ndi - ye *mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.*  
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



*Refrain*

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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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

*led by the assisting minister*

## THE SENDING

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

“Here I am, Lord”

Red Book #574

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

(*Fantasia*)

- Setting / John Behnke

Tune by Kathleen Thomerson

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Dr. Edwin van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Linda Mathias	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
Amy Beiler	<b>Reader</b>
Amelia O'Rourke	<b>Crucifer</b>
Reese Sequite	<b>Acolyte</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Sr. Choir Director</b>
Josh Kamerer	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Joan Giese	<b>PowerPoint Minister</b>
Larry Christy and Jack Rudzki	<b>Ushers</b>
Amy and Jack Beiler	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by congregation of  
First English Lutheran Church.*

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

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

Mon., 1/15	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 1/18	10:30 AM	Bible Study

	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 1/20	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 1/21	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Intergenerational Event
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**There will be NO Sunday morning Bible study on January 14.**

**Save the Date for the next Intergenerational Event** next Sunday, January 21 following the 10 a.m. worship service.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 28 following the 10 a.m. worship service.

**The Sunday PowerPoint Ministry** is looking for additional people to serve our zoom congregation by helping stream the PowerPoint orders of service every week. Because of changes in the current team's schedules and availability, we may have to discontinue the use of PowerPoint on a regular basis if we are unable to find additional volunteers. We believe, however, that this ministry does help people at home to worship and would like to maintain it if possible. Do you have some basic understanding of zoom and Microsoft office? Then we can train you! Please contact Pr. Kimberly at [pkfelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:pkfelc@zoominternet.net) if you are interested.

**The AV Ministry** (responsible for coordinating the livestream of our worship services) is also seeking new participants! Do you like computers and tech? Would you be interested in helping our congregation stay connected to folks who are sick, traveling, or homebound? Then this ministry might be right for you! Email Marlin Boltz at [marlinboltz@hotmail.com](mailto:marlinboltz@hotmail.com) if interested.

**Our Community Meal Ministry** has been informed that we will not be receiving as much of the donation of non-perishable goods from Giant Eagle as we did in the past. Those who come to our door for a hot meal on Mondays have always appreciated the few extras they could take home when we had canned and boxed goods to offer. This will be very limited in the future. However, we can be of help! If you could spare a few non-perishable items to share with our neighbors, it would be deeply appreciated. There will be a container available to place those items in the

Brady St. vestibule on Sundays. The following is a list of most needed items: canned soups, stews, vegetables, tuna, chicken, beans of all kinds, fruit, canned milk, shelf stable milk, non-dairy milk, powdered milk, dry creamer, peanut butter, cooking oil, nuts and seeds, uncooked rice and barley, pasta, canned or plastic jarred pasta sauce, cereal, oatmeal, granola, crackers, healthy snacks, protein bars, beef jerky, dried fruit, canned fruit and vegetable juices, baby food. Please, no glass containers and check expiration dates. Any little bit is appreciated. Thank you for being a blessing to our community.

**In this season, we have resumed passing the offering plate** as a part of our worship service. This practice allows us to remember that giving is an act of worship, even as we recognize now that many of us give online or through mail. All that we have is a gift from God and we give out of gratitude, however we give!

### **PRAYERS**

Family of Mary Ann Rudzki; Dave and Linda Riggs; Jeff Boyd; Betty Thomas; Owen; family of Rose “Roe” Goda; family of Mairead Magee; Chris and Jodie; Kathy Rhodes, her husband Ken, and family; Tonnie van Driel; family of Frank Franzen; Vicki Shields Cannon; Jayden; Jan Nieto; Myrna Hamil; Linda; Kathy Schweikart Spingola and Charles Spingola; Marj Rogner; Pam Reeder; Greg Reeder; Carol Cunningham; family of Zema Schaney; Frank Miller; family of Tony Sequite; Mackenzie Perkins; Linda Mathias; Gus Keiser; Cory; Will; Carol Chamberlain; Carol Johnson; Mason Martin; family of Janet Warner; Eileen Herbeck; family of Linda Hibbeler; Thelma Hassler; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Aryl Bashline; Holly Schubert; Tad Sellers; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson

### **NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

*Repentance at Nineveh*

**Psalms 62:5-12**

God alone is my rock and my salvation. (*Ps. 62:6*)

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*Living in the end times*

**Mark 1:14-20**

*The calling of the disciples at the sea*

### **ZOOM INFO**

To join via telephone, dial: +1 301 715 8592

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