

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

- “Recit de Chromhorne” - Francois Couperin
“Thine Forever! God of Love” - Paul Bouman
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” - setting / Janet Linker

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed!

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the

name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Red Book #645

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

THIS IS THE FEAST

page 196 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus’ ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas’s treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for

he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 (*read responsively*)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Thine is the Glory”

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Red Book #376

GOSPEL John 17:6-19

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Red Book #655

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (CONFIRMATION)

page 234 in the front of the red book

HYMN

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” sts. 1&3 Red Book #445

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

After each petition, the assisting minister bids:

God of grace,

The congregation responds:

Hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes:

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Meditation”

- Joe Utterback

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Go Into the World”

- Natalie Sleeth

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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father ... 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....

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.

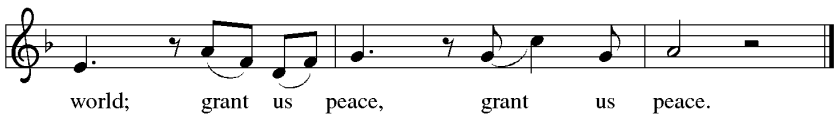
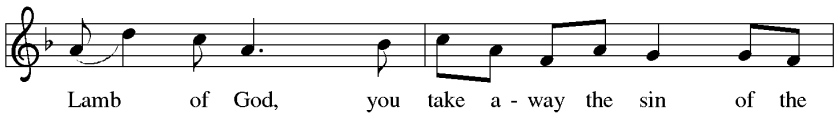
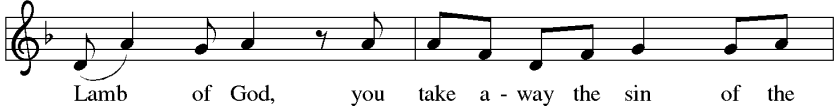
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God given for the people of God. Come to this feast of resurrection and new life.

LAMB OF GOD



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

“Father, We Thank You”

Red Book #478

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

May God who has brought us from death to life fill us with peace. Almighty God, Father, Son + Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Red Book #392

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Christ ist erstanden”

- Helmut Walcha

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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| The Rev. Kimberly van Driel | Presiding Minister |
| Sue Morrow | Assisting Minister |
| Sharon Heist Miller | Communion Assistant |
| Marlin Boltz | Reader |
| Sharon Heist Miller | Crucifer |
| Shane Kameron | Acolyte |
| Signe Mitchell | Organist |

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| Harry Cunningham | Sr. Choir Director |
| Marlin Boltz | AV Assisting Minister |
| Karen Boltz | PowerPoint Minister |
| Susan Farrell and Christiaan van Driel | Ushers |
| Jeanette and Jim Cunningham | Counters |
| Roxanne Glagola | Altar Guild |

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob and Karen Domanski.
Happy Mother's Day*

*Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may
be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth.*

Ephesians 6:2,3 4th commandment

*All are welcome to join us for a cake reception in honor of our confirmands,
Alex Kamerer, Grant McVay, Andrew O'Rourke, Reese Sequite,
and Emily Stein following the worship service.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

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| Mon., 5/13 | 5:00 PM | Community Dinner |
| | 8:00 PM | NA Meeting (Social Hall) |
| Tues., 5/14 | 7:00 PM | Council Meeting |
| Thurs., 5/16 | | <i>No Bible Study</i> |
| | 9 AM – 12:30 PM | Church Office Hours |
| | 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:30 PM | NA Meeting (Downstairs) |
| Sat., 5/18 | 12 – 4 PM | Benefit in Social Hall |
| | 12:00 PM | NA Meeting (Downstairs) |
| Sun., 5/19 | 10:00 AM | Worship |
| | 5:30 PM | AA Meeting (Downstairs) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Making Affirmation of Baptism today are Alexander Joshua Kamerer, Grant James McVay, Andrew William O'Rourke, Reese Lena Sequite, and Emily Elizabeth Stein. Following today's service, a reception will be held in the social hall.

The Sunday Morning Bible Study is on hiatus until August. Have a wonderful summer, everyone!

The Thursday Morning Bible Study will NOT meet this week. Our meeting schedule through the rest of May and June will be:
May 23, 10:30 a.m., 2 John

June 13, 10:30 a.m. 3 John

Pr. Kimberly will be out of the office from May 13-16 for continuing education. She can be reached by cell phone in case of emergency.

Next week, May 19, is Pentecost! We'll be receiving new members and celebrating this festival of the church. Join us for an international Pentecost party for social hour following worship.

The Wil Morrow Memorial Bowl will be on Saturday, June 15 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Family Bowlaway Fun Center. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Pastor Dollhopf will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination this year and will be recognized at the synod assembly in June. The synod will honor Pr. Dollhopf with a \$500 gift to the seminary toward a new scholarship which will in time benefit seminarians entering public ministry. Members of First English who wish to send congratulatory greetings and/or scholarship contributions may direct them to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod; 1014 Perry Highway, Suite 200; Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Please note in the memo line “50th Anniversary Scholarship Fund.”

Members of the congregation are reminded that they need to commune once a year to remain voting members. If you are communing today, please fill out a communion card located in the pew racks. Thank you!

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.

The prayer list will be refreshed on Sunday, June 2. If you would like to keep someone on the prayer list, please let the church office know by Wednesday, May 29.

PRAYERS

David; Paul Eicholtz; continued healing for Jayden; Butler County Food Bank; family of Dr. Keith Parrish; family of Tony Valvano; Leslie Easler; Jason Rahner; family of Jason Russell; Elaine Cavanaugh; Laine Repic; Rappaport family; Cory and Emi; Bill Brown; family of Tom Zarnick; Randy Kosior; Carolyn Shanor; Karen Cranmer; Carol Sawford; family of Leanne Bushaw; Abbie; C. J. Williams; Evan; Cheryl Stirling; Kenneth

Mathias; Lucas Barber; Charlie and Lori; Jan Nieto; Gavin; family of David Riggs; family of Mary Ann Rudzki; 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; 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; 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

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God’s deeds

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (*Ps. 104:30*)

Romans 8:22-27

Praying with the Spirit

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Christ sends the Spirit of truth

ZOOM INFO

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