First English Lutheran Church Butler, Pennsylvania

Service of Holy Communion Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Aria"

"Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord"

"Veni, creator spiritus"

- Anthony Giamanco

- F. W. Zachau

Sarum plainsong, mode VIII

- Wilbur Held, arr.

WELCOME

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

"O Day Full of Grace"

Red Book #627

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 98 in the front of the red book

THIS IS THE FEAST

page 101 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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 Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19 And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b (*read responsively*)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" st. 1 Red Book #395

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

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

Glory to you, O Lord.

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶ When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your

advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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O Spirit All-Embracing



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Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

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HOLY BAPTISM OF MAXIMUS HALEY

page 227 in the front of the red book

HYMN

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" st. 2 Red Book #395

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

"Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit"

- Guenter Raphael

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Spirit, Now Live in Me"

- Bryan Jeffery Leech Fred Bock, *arr*.

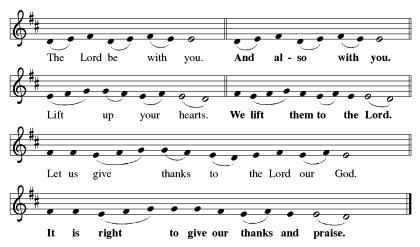
Jim Cunningham, trumpeter

The congregation may stand.

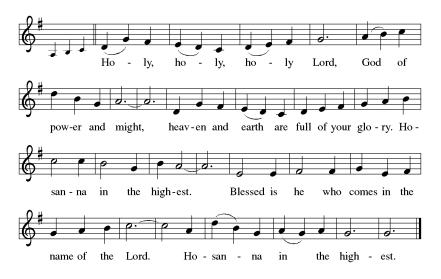
OFFERING PRAYER

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:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.... Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus our Savior has taught us, let us 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.

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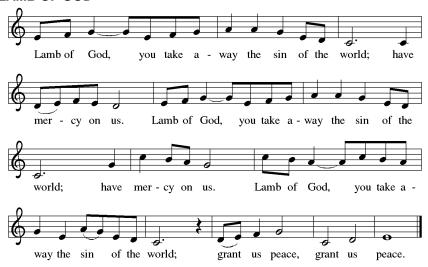
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Red Book #398

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look with favor upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Red Book #582

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott"

- Andreas Armsdorf

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

| The Rev. Kimberly van Driel | Presiding Minister |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Mollie Hibbs | Assisting Minister |
| Lois Trimbur | Communion Assistant |
| Susan Farrell | Reader |
| Lois Trimbur | Crucifer |
| Reese Sequite | Acolyte |
| Kevin Mathias | Organist |

| Jim Cunningham | Trumpeter |
|---|-----------------------|
| Harry Cunningham | Sr. Choir Director |
| Jim Cunningham | 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 in loving memory of Glen Cobbett, given by his mother and sisters.

All are welcome to join us for an international Pentecost party following the worship service.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

| Mon., 5/20 | 5:00 PM | Community Dinner |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------|
| | 8:00 PM | NA Meeting (Social Hall) |
| Thurs., 5/23 | 10:30 AM | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:30 PM | NA Meeting (Downstairs) |
| Sat., 5/25 | 12:00 PM | NA Meeting (Downstairs) |
| Sun., 5/26 | 10:00 AM | Worship |
| | 5:30 PM | AA Meeting (Downstairs) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we begin using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* setting one for our liturgy. This will be our base liturgical setting throughout the summer.

We have many celebrations on this Feast of Pentecost!

Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism today is Maximus Zane Haley. Maximus is the son of Zakkary and Kayla Haley and Sponsors are Angela Haley and Aron Wulff. Welcome to God's family!

We celebrate the new members who have joined our congregation: Rich and Li Stoehr, Merab Drennen, Bob Thompson, Dylan Szczurek, and Maggie Babinka-Repic. Welcome to First English! **Following worship today,** there will be a Pentecost Party during social hour to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church throughout the world.

Reminder: Submissions for the June Newsletter are due in the church office tomorrow, May 20. Submissions may be emailed to Caitlyn at officefelc@zoominternet.net.

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

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."

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.

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!

PRAYERS

Family and friends of Walter Szczurek; family of David Mould; 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

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah's vision and call

Psalm 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

Romans 8:12-17

Living by the Spirit

John 3:1-17

Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit

ZOOM INFO

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