

**First English Lutheran Church  
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion  
The Holy Trinity  
May 26, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Settings, David Schelat,  
Janet Linker

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

- Michael Costello

**WELCOME**

*The congregation may stand.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Red Book #414

**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. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## THE WORD

### **FIRST READING      Isaiah 6:1-8**

*This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **PSALM 29**

*(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6The LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

**10The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;

give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **SECOND READING    Romans 8:12-17**

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.*

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 John 3:1-17

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses

lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

*The congregation may sit.*

## **SERMON**

*The congregation may stand.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Praise and Thanksgiving be to God”

Red Book #458

## **HOLY BAPTISM OF KINGSTON WILLIAMS**

*page 227 in the front of the red book*

## **HYMN**

“Borning Cry”

Red Book #732

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us come before the triune God to pray for ourselves, our community, and our world.

*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

“So Led Forth His People With Joy,  
His Chosen Ones With Singing” (Ps. 105:43) - Bill Williams

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

### CHOIR ANTHEM

“Holy is He” - David T. Clydesdale

*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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

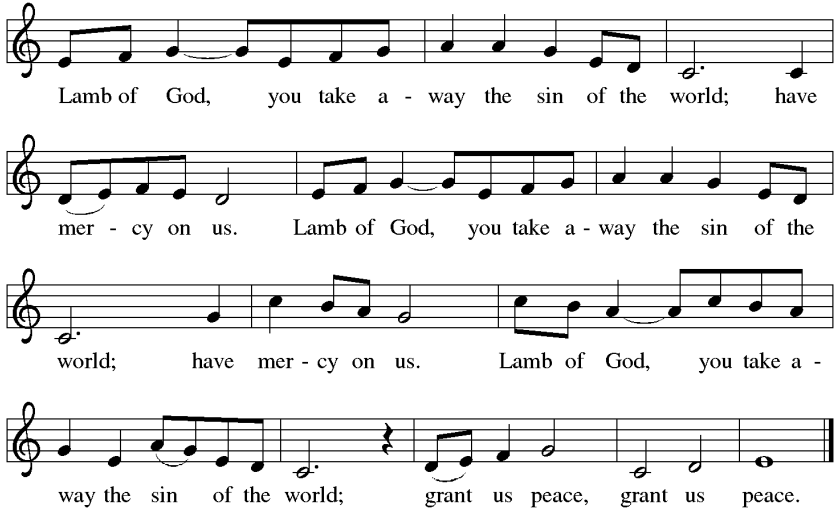
**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.

**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



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

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

Red Book #412

## 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 with grace and mercy.



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

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Red Book #408

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Settings, John Leavitt

“With High Delight”

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Linda Mathias	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Sharon Heist Miller	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
Larry Hamil	<b>Reader</b>
Christiaan van Driel	<b>Crucifer</b>
Tucker Sequite	<b>Acolyte</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Sr. Choir Director</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Gracie Love	<b>PowerPoint Minister</b>
Larry Christy and Jack Rudzki	<b>Ushers</b>
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sandy Lefebvre in memory of loved ones.*

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

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH**

Mon., 5/27	Memorial Day	No Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 5/28		Church Office Closed
Thurs., 5/30	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 6/1	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 6/2	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism** today is Kingston Regis Williams. Kingston is the son of Summer Schnur and Isaiah Williams and Sponsors are Gabby Davis and Julius Minarik. Welcome to God's family!

**Pr. Kimberly will be on vacation May 27 – June 10.** If there are pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact Pr. Joel Benson at Trinity Lutheran Church at 724-287-1977 or 724-544-3996.

**The church office will be closed on Tuesday, May 28.**

**Pr. Peter Asplin, assistant to the bishop for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod,** will be our guest preacher next Sunday, June 2. Following worship, during social hour, he will host an informal “chat and chew” to share news of our synod with the congregation. **Pr. Mike Robinson** looks forward to joining us again on June 9.

**Sunday, June 23 is Cruise-a-Palooza** in downtown Butler, and Main Street and the municipal parking lot next to First English will be closed. For worship that Sunday, we will join our friends at Trinity Lutheran Church, 120 Sunset Drive, at 10:15 a.m. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Liddy Barlow, executive minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania.

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

**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**

Pr. Jim Dollhopf and family; Bruce Solomon; Tracy Gullickson; 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**

### **Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

*The commandment regarding the sabbath*

### **Psalms 81:1-10**

Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)

### **2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

*Treasure in clay jars*

### **Mark 2:23—3:6**

*Doing the work of God on the sabbath*

## **ZOOM INFO**

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

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