Trinity Lutheran Church with First English Lutheran Church Butler, Pennsylvania

Service of Holy Communion Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024 10:15 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation may stand.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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

Kneel if you are able - Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: Dear people of God, hear the good news, You are loved in the name of Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of

all. You are God's child; your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world. **C: Amen.**

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

We Praise You, O God



P: The grace of our risen Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.C: And also with you.



Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GLORY TO GOD



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

Our first two readings are from the part of the bible we share with our Jewish siblings.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

FIRST READING Job 38:1-11

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?-⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'

After the reading:

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107: 1-3, 23-32 (*read responsively*)

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ²³ Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; ²⁴ they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. ²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. ²⁶ They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; ²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end. ²⁸ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; ²⁹ he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰ Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. ³¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,

and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,

and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our

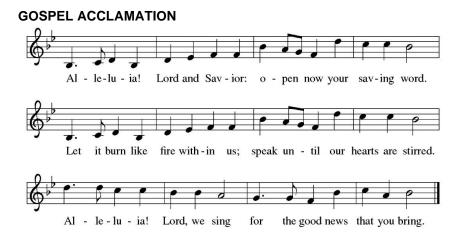
ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

After the reading:

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

The congregation may sit.

MESSAGE

Pr. Liddy Barlow

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



APOSTLES' CREED

A: God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living with one another in trust and hope, we now proclaim our faith.

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

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each petition of the prayers ends with:

- A: Lord in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

THE MEAL

SHARING THE PEACE

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

(We greet one another in the name of the risen Lord.)

The congregation may sit.

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray:

C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those

who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

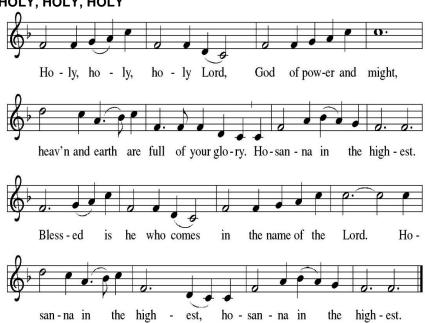
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy......we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

C: Amen.

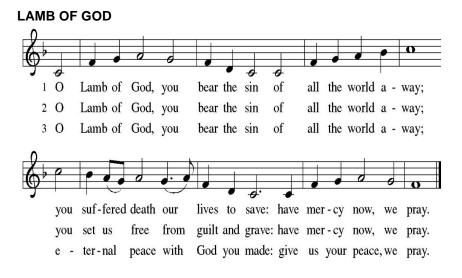
P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

P: All are welcome at Christ's table. Come eat and drink.



The congregation may sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ Jesus welcomes all of us to this meal. Anyone with a gluten allergy may tell the minister prior to the service or when you come to the table, and a gluten free wafer will be offered to you from a different paten. Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Instructions for coming forward to receive Holy Communion are on the last page of the bulletin.

COMMUNION HYMNS

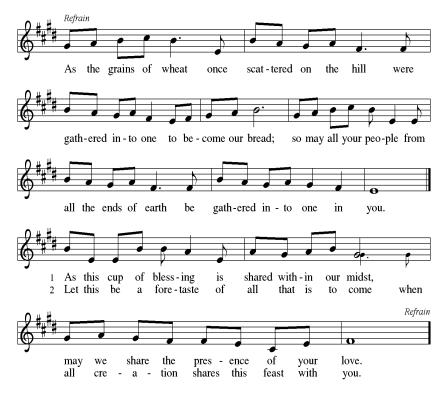
Jesus Loves Me!







As the Grains of Wheat



Bread of Life from Heaven



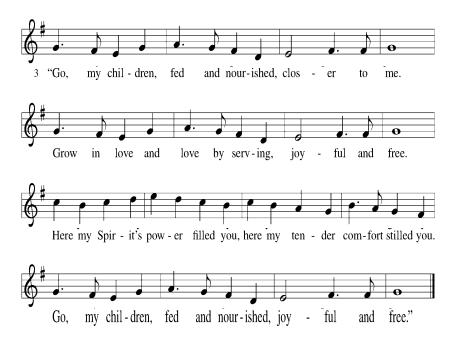
The congregation may stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE Go, My Children, with My Blessing



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

A: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

P: As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way; may he go behind you to encourage you; beside you to befriend you; above you to watch over you and within you to give peace. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN



SENDING

A: Go in peace, grounded and growing in Christ, for the world. C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preaching	Pr. Liddy Barlow
Presiding	Prs. Joel Benson & Kimberly van Driel
Communion Assistants	Rick Weber & Doug Hammer
Lector	Jeanne Graff
Ushers	Dan Hartzell & Doug Hayes
Acolyte	Mason Heichel
Pianist	Jessica Sanzotti

Altar Guild	Joe & Paula Morici
Music Director	
AV Assisting Minister	Marlin Boltz
PowerPoint Assisting Minister	

Mon., 6/24	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 6/27	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 6/28	5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat., 6/29	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
	2:30 PM	Wedding
Sun., 6/30	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Morrow family would like to thank everyone who made donations to the Wil Morrow Bowling Scholarship.

A Summer Music Schedule is posted in the Social Hall. Please consider signing your name on the schedule for one of the Sundays in 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.

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!

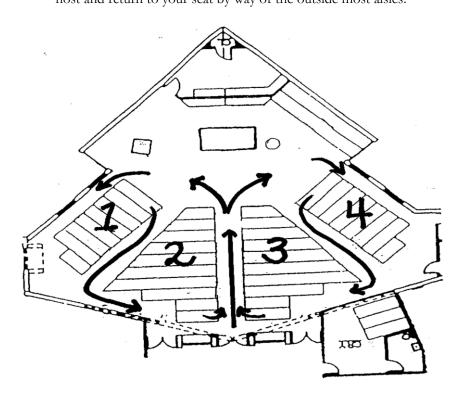
PRAYERS

Julie, Greg & family; Rhonda Rogers-Ace & family; family of Kenneth Mathias; Nissa Rappaport & family; Pr. Jim Dollhopf & family; Bruce Solomon; Tracy Gullickson; family & friends of Walter Szczurek; Paul Eicholtz; Frank Miller; Tad Sellers

The Rev. Liddy Barlow became the first woman to be installed as Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania in 2014. For over fifty years, Christian Associates has built relationships among Christians who are Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant; Black and white; liberal and conservative; rural and urban; from 28 church bodies in the 10 counties of greater Pittsburgh. Together, these diverse Christians speak and act together for the common good and build bridges between the church and our interfaith, civic, and community partners. Rev. Barlow leads all of Christian Associates' projects and programs, including unanimous public statements, worship services and community forums, *The Call* newsletter, and *Sofa Spirituality* online interfaith dialogues. She holds a variety of leadership roles in local organizations that serve people experiencing hunger, discrimination, or incarceration. Rev. Barlow grew up in New Hampshire and is ordained in the United Church of Christ. She is married and has two children: Pippa, age 14, and Edmund, age 11.
She hopes you will check out the Web site: *mmm.casp.org* and like Christian Associates on Facebook: *mmm.facebook.com/christianassociatesswpa*.

Instructions for Holy Communion

Communion begins with the outside set of pews (Sections 1 & 4), the first pew (closest to the altar) exits toward the middle and proceeds to the back of the church, coming forward down the center aisle. (see arrows on diagram) At the front of the church Section 1 goes toward the left, Section 4 goes toward the right; you will receive the host and wine and return to your seat by way of the outside most aisles. Section 2 & 3 begins from the back pew, exits toward the middle, and goes down the center aisle. Section 2 goes toward the left, Section 3 goes toward the right; you will receive the host and return to your seat by way of the outside most aisles.



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