

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth” - Raymond Haan
“My God, Accept My Heart This Day” - Flor Peeters

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

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

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

To you, O God,

**all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you,
confessing our sins, known and unknown, what we have done and
what we have left undone. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember
us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us
in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our
Savior.**

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
word and sacrament in 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

“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

Red Book #475

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 99 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you

shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:23-29 (*read responsively*)

²³ So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴ **raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵ So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

²⁶ **The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷ raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸ **letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹ So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING **Ephesians 4:1-16**

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all

and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

⁹ (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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 6:24-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Are All One in Christ”

Red Book #643

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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

The congregation may kneel or sit.

After each petition, the assisting minister bids:

Merciful God,

The congregation responds:

Receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes:

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

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

“Doxology”

- John Dressler

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“California Dreamin’”

- Sia

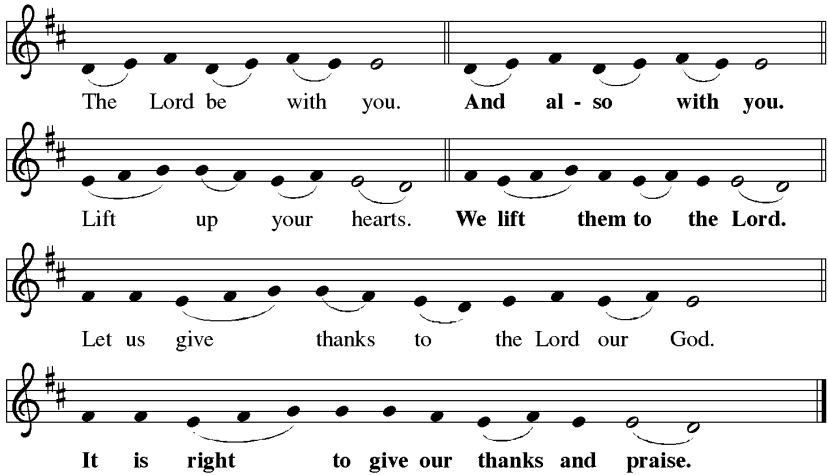
Amelia O'Rourke, *contemporary dance*

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

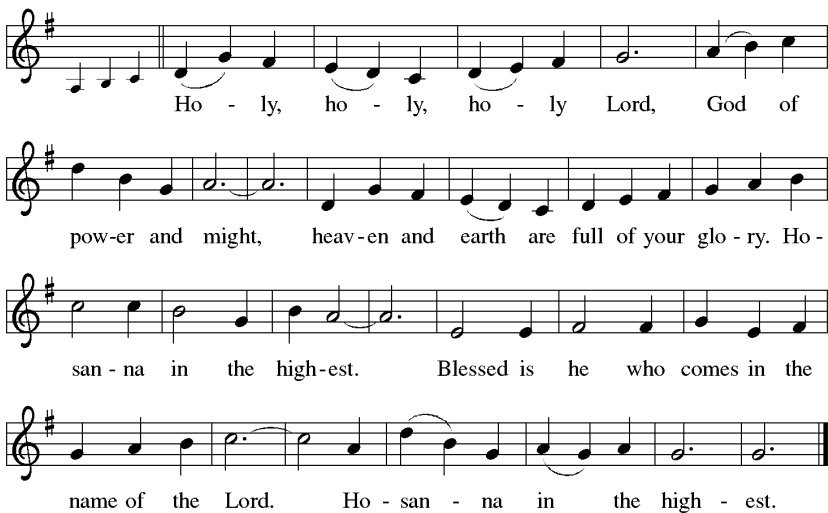
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GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

“God, Whose Firm Is All Creation”

Red Book #734

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

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

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

Red Book #618

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Suite du 1 Ton”

(Plein jeu, Allegro)

- Michel Corrette

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Mollie Hibbs	Assisting Minister
Linda Mathias	Communion Assistant
Yvonne Thickey	Reader
Amelia O'Rourke	Crucifer
Reese Sequite	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Minister
Larry Christy and Jack Rudzki	Ushers
Jim and Jeanette Cunninham	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob and Karen Domanski
in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.*

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 8/5	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 8/8	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

Sat., 8/10	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 8/11	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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PRAYERS

Mike Gibson; Dennis; Debra Williamson; Amy Waldron; Evelyn Shaulis;
Bill Brown; Ben & the Keeler family; Tracy Tucci; Aidan & family of
Rhonda Rogers-Ace; Nick Iman; Aryl Bashline; Jack and Amy Beiler; Julie,
Greg & 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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah given bread for his journey

Psalm 34:1-8

Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Ps. 34:8)

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Put away evil, live in love

John 6:35, 41-51

Christ, the bread of life

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