

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Chaconne”

- Louis Couperin

“Allegretto”

- Hermann Schroeder

“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”

Setting/Franklin D. Ashdown

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 sins before God and our neighbor.

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

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

Red Book #557

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. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekeiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekeiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123 (read responsively)

¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, **O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 Mark 6:1-13

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

Red Book #716

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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves,
and our world.

A brief silence.

For all baptized people, that you would give us the grace to follow the way
of Christ's self-giving love and to share his power revealed in weakness. In
times of confusion and disorder, give us clarity about what serves you and
our neighbors well. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

For all of those in harm's way from hurricanes, floods, and fire (especially in...) that you would give them protection and strength to deal with disaster. God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

For this country's leaders, that you would guide them to govern in such a way that all people may enjoy a just and peaceful life, and for its citizens, that they may work for one another's good. God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

For all of those who are most on our hearts and minds this morning,
For those who are sick...
Those who suffer depression...
Those who are coping with changes in physical ability...
Those who are anxious about the future of this country...
That your grace may be sufficient for us, no matter way, God of grace:
Hear our prayer.

For Alex, Pr. Kimberly, for our friends from Trinity, and all those across the country preparing for our church's National Youth Gathering, that they may be attentive to your Spirit's movement. God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

For all those who grieve, especially the family of Clyde Croupe, that they might be touched by the promise of Jesus' resurrection and so have light for their coming days. God of grace:
Hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
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

“At the Rising of the Sun”

- David Paxon

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

American Melody

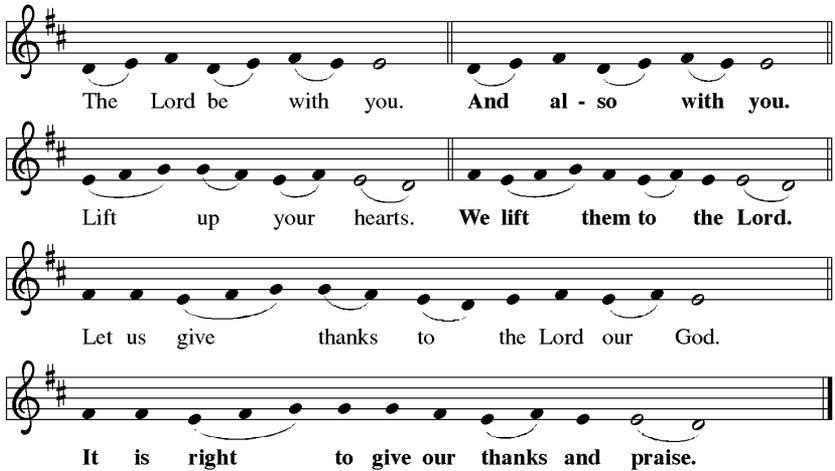
Vocalists – Sue Morrow, Larry Hamil

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a double bar line.

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.

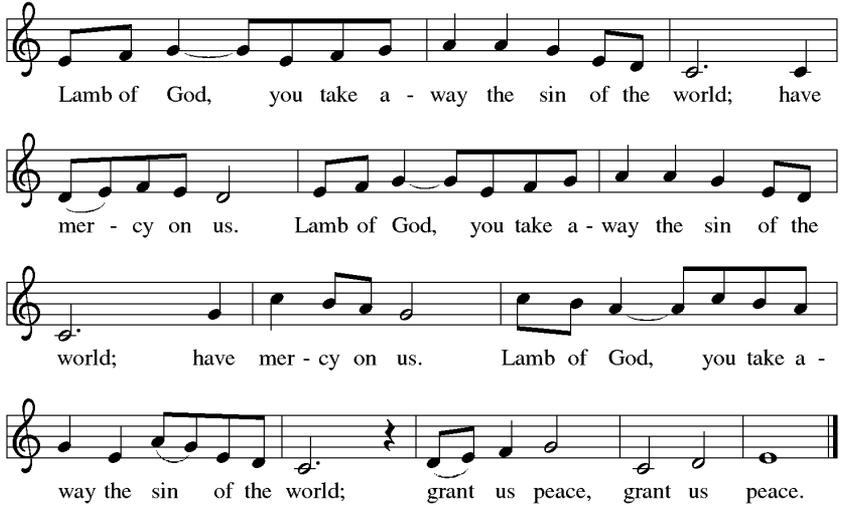
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

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

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

Red Book #480

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

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Red Book #620

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Allein Gott in der Höh”

- David Schack

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Maggie Babinka-Repic	Assisting Minister
Jim Cunningham	Communion Assistant
Jeanne Graff	Reader
Sandy Lefebvre	Crucifer
Reese Sequite	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Minister
Stan Graff and Dan Morrow	Ushers
Jim and Jeanette Cunningham	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Karen and Marlin Boltz.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 7/8	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 7/9	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed., 7/10	8:00 AM	Health Clinic Meeting (Social Hall)
	9:30 AM	Hymn Pick
	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
Thurs., 7/11	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 7/13	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 7/14	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The Thursday Women's Bible Study will meet July 11 at 10:30 a.m. This week, we will study the book of Jude.



PRAYERS

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

Amos 7:7-15

The sign of the plumb line: God's judgment on Israel

Psalms 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory

Mark 6:14-29

The death of John the Baptist

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