

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” - Ulrich Hildebrand
“Verset” - Jean Langlais
“Break Thou the Bread of Life” - Wilbur Held

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

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Red Book #461

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. Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-8 (*read responsively*)

¹I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**²I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.

**⁴I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**⁶I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.

**⁸Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 6:35, 41-51

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

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

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

Red Book #488

HOLY BAPTISM OF THOMAS JAMES STYEN

page 227 in the front of the red book

HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

Red Book #456

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.

For all the people of God, and especially those whose faith wavers in the face of suffering, that you would sustain them for the next steps of their journey. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For all those in our day, who like Elijah in his day, work to bring integrity, truth, and renewal to people at steep personal cost, that they may receive encouragement and faith from you. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For the citizens of this nation as we move through an election season, that you would make them thoughtful, prudent, and calm and that you would save us from bitterness, wrath, and enmity. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For those who suffer the wild waters of flood or the ferocity of fire, especially in the Carolinas, Georgia, and California, and in places throughout the world outside the lens of our news, that they may receive all they need in the days ahead. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For those most on our minds and hearts at this hour: for children served by the Butler Back to School Bash, for all who are gearing up for the school

year, for those who are acutely ill, especially Cindy, and for all those needs we struggle to name, but which you, O God, know before we ask....

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For all of the baptized, and especially today for Thomas James, that you would help us each and every day to receive the gift of our baptism, until we join those who see you face to face....Merciful God,

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

“Communione”

- Nicola Couturier

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come to Me”

- Stephen De Cesare

Jim Cunningham, Ted Giese, Larry Hamil,
Kevin Mathias, and Chuck McMichael

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 a musical score for a hymn titled 'GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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. 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.

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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.

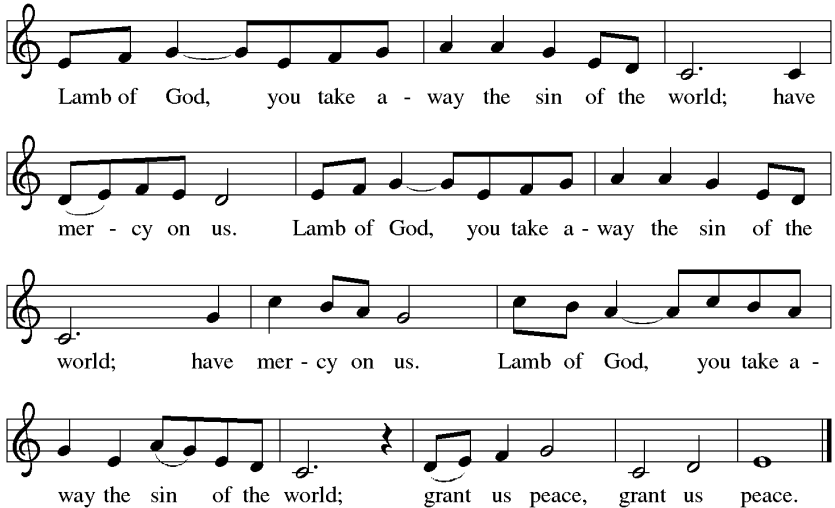
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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 Farm 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

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Red Book #535

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Was mein Gott will, gescheh allzeit”

- Carl Steinhaeuser

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Mollie Hibbs	Assisting Minister
Sandy Lefebvre	Communion Assistant
Chuck McMichael	Reader
Sandy Lefebvre	Crucifer
Tucker Sequite	Acolyte
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Karen Boltz	PowerPoint Minister
Stan Graff, Dan Morrow, Amelia O'Rourke, Andrew O'Rourke	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Choir, in memory of Kenneth Mathias, father of our organist, Kevin Mathias.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 8/12	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 8/14	8:00 AM	Health Clinic Execs (Social Hall)
	9:30 AM	Hymn Pick
	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
Thurs., 8/15		Backpack Walk in Butler
	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)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism today is Thomas James Styen. Thomas is the son of Marah Hyatt and James Styen. His sponsor is Kara Hyatt. Welcome to God's family!

On Thursday, August 15, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., First English will be a "station" in the Center for Community Resources' "Butler Back to School Bash." This event brings school supplies and other needed resources to families in our community as they start the school year.



PRAYERS

Family of John Mileski; Cindy Halin; Mike Gibson; Dennis; Debra Williamson; Amy Waldron; Evelyn Shaulis; Bill Brown; Ben & the Keeler family; Tracy Tucci; 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



CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

FEATURING

**BRASS QUINTET NO.1 BY VICTOR EWALD
CLARINET QUINTET IN A-MAJOR BY
WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART**

Saturday, September 7, 2024 3PM
First English Lutheran Church, Butler

Sunday, September 8, 2024 3PM
Hope Lutheran Church, Cranberry Township

FREE ADMISSION

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Proverbs 9:1-6

Invited to dine at wisdom's feast

Psalm 34:9-14

Those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

Ephesians 5:15-20

Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God

John 6:51-58

Christ the true food and drink

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