

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Ricercare”

- Johann J. Froberger

“Aria”

- Richard Hudson

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

- Mathilde McKinney

with Chorale

- J.S. Bach

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

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

Red Book #689

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. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:9-14 (*read responsively*)

- ⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the Lord.
¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING **Ephesians 5:15-20**

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 6:51-58

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I 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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm, b. 1933

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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

“Récit”

- Nicolas Gigault

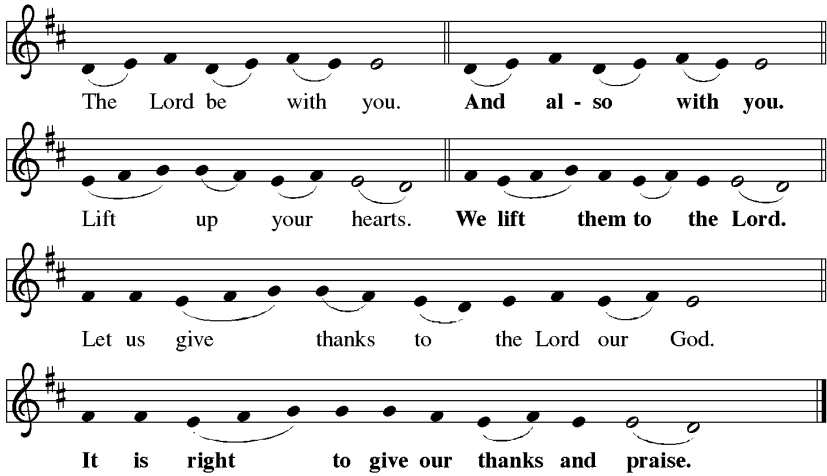
The ushers present the offerings and gifts of bread and wine for communion.

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

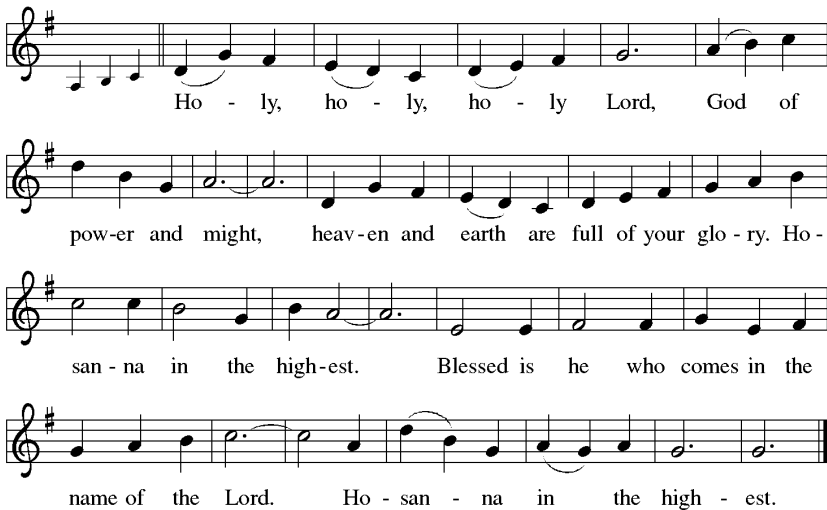
led by the assisting minister

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.

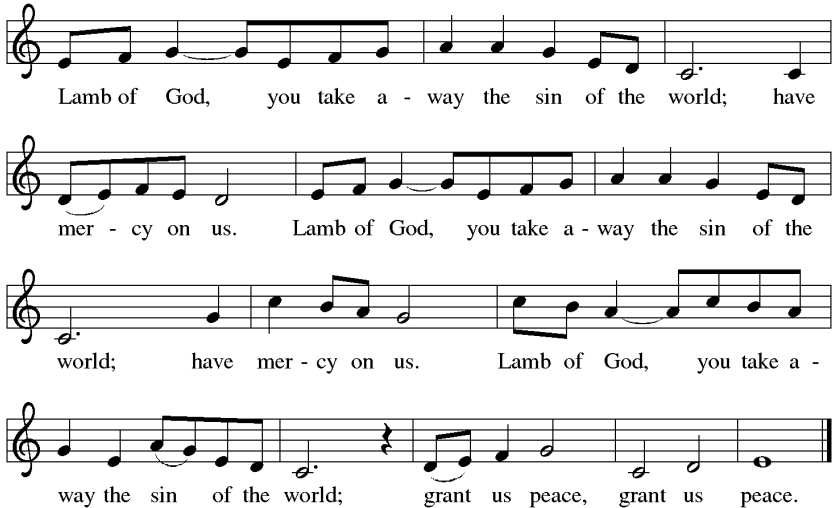
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

“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

“Voices Raised to You”

Red Book #845

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Hymn to Joy”

- Donald Busarow

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sandy Lefebvre	Assisting Minister
Sue Morrow	Communion Assistant
Melody Kamerer	Reader
Sandy Lefebvre	Crucifer
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Minister
Bill and Judy Vilcheck; Jake Stevens	Ushers
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.*

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 8/19	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 8/22	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 8/24	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 8/25	10:00 AM	Outdoor Worship at Alameda Park
	11:15 AM	Picnic at Pine Shelter (Alameda Park)
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submissions for the September Newsletter are due in the church office by **Tuesday, August 20**. Please email electronic submissions to Caitlyn at officefelc@zoominternet.net.



PRAYERS

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

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua calls all Israel to serve the Lord

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

Ephesians 6:10-20

Put on the armor of God

John 6:56-69

The bread of eternal life

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Emily Brittain Shopping Guide

Pants

No Jeans, Please! Elastic Waist Only!

Boys: Size XS (6) thru XL (18-20)

Sweatpants, Full-length Athletic pants, and
Knee-length Athletic shorts

Girls: Size XS (6) thru XL (14-16)

Yoga pants, Leggings, and Sweatpants

T-Shirts

Plain Colors, Please! No Graphics!

Boys: Size XS thru XL

Short-sleeve tees, Long-sleeve tees, and Hoodies

Girls: Size XS thru XL

Short-sleeve tees, Long-sleeve tees, Tank tops to
layer, and Hoodies

Sneakers

Children Sizes 11-13 and Youth Sizes 1-5

Unisex Black or White Sneakers

Socks

Boys and Girls Sizes Medium and Large

Unisex Black or White Socks