

**First English Lutheran Church  
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion  
Michael and All Angels  
September 29, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

Variations on “King’s Weston”

- Alfred Fedak

“Largo”

- Samuel Wesley

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

- Dale Wood

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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 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.

*The congregation may stand.*

## **GATHERING HYMN**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Red Book #858

## **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.**

## **KYRIE**

*page 98 in the front of the red book*

## **THIS IS THE FEAST**

*page 101 in the front of the red book*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## **THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING**

**Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

*Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.*

<sup>10</sup>A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>He said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to

gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

<sup>12:1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 103:1-5, 20-22**

*(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**<sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

**<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**<sup>20</sup>Bless the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who do God's  
bidding,**

**who obey the voice of God's word.**

<sup>21</sup>Bless the Lord, all you hosts of God,  
you servants who do God's will.

**<sup>22</sup>Bless the Lord, all you works of God, in all places where God  
rules;**

**bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**SECOND READING    Revelation 12:7-12**

*Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil and the devil's angels. The "blood of the Lamb," our crucified Lord Jesus, gives Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.*

<sup>7</sup>War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,  
“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

<sup>11</sup>But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice then, you heavens  
and those who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you  
with great wrath,  
because he knows that his time is short!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Hallelujah



Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Traditional  
Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

## GOSPEL Luke 10:17-20

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The missionary church (“the seventy-two”) is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.*

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## SERMON

*The congregation may stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“God, My Lord, My Strength”

Red Book #795

## **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**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*The congregation may kneel or sit.*

For the leaders of the church: council members and musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops, that they would be faithful messengers of your good news. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

For all the creatures of the earth: plants and animals, water and wind, climate and air, that they may share in Christ's victory over sin and destruction and experience the well-being of the angels. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

For the nations and peoples that now rage in war: Sudan, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, Hezbollah. Give them a glimpse of your heavenly peace, bring an end to all evil and let your kingdom come. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

For those whose work is to serve and protect those in law enforcement, the military, national security, and for guards of all kinds, that they would be

protected from sin and evil and do their jobs with justice and respect. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

For those for whom prayers have been requested:

For David Fisher and his family, as they grapple with his cancer diagnosis.

For Sinead, as she prepares for surgery.

For all others who are sick, anxious, worried.

We give you thanks for the birth of Aspen and ask your blessing upon her parents. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great**

For all your baptized people, that you would surround us in all things with the presence of your holy angels, and that the way we live and the way we die may testify to the victory of Christ. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

- William J. Ross

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

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

“See the Old Dragon...Sink...!”

(tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR)

- Philip Doddridge, *text author*, 1702-1751

See the old dragon from his throne

Sing with enormous ruin down!

Banished from Heav'n, and doomed to dwell  
Deep in the fiery gloom of hell!

Ye heav'ns with all your hosts, rejoice:  
Ye saints, in consort lend your voice;  
Approach your Lord's victorious seat,  
And tread the foe beneath your feet.

But whence a conquest so divine  
Gained by such feeble hands as mine?  
Or whence can sinful mortals boast  
O'er Satan and his rebel host?

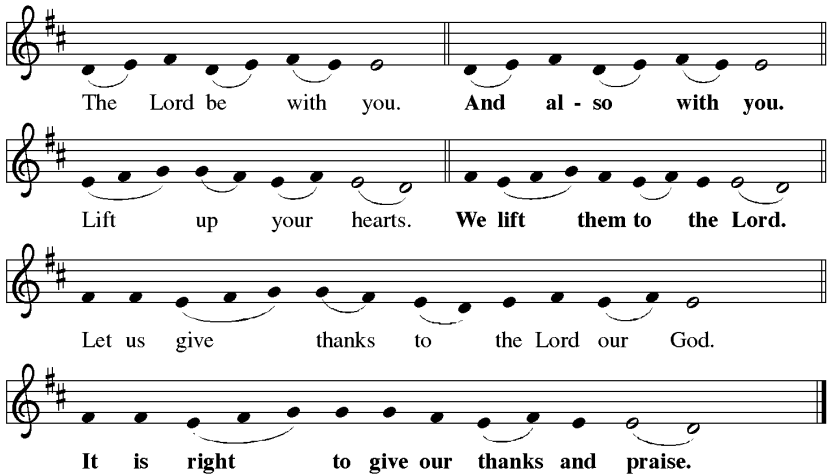
'Twas from Thy blood, Thou slaughtered lamb,  
That all our palms and triumphs came;  
The cross, thy spear inflicts the stroke,  
By which the monster's head is broke.

*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.

We praise you, all-holy God,  
 for you have made this whole creation,  
 Even the universe beyond our knowing....*(the prayers continue)*  
 And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...***(the prayers continue)*

We praise you, all-holy God,  
 the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,  
 today, tomorrow, 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.

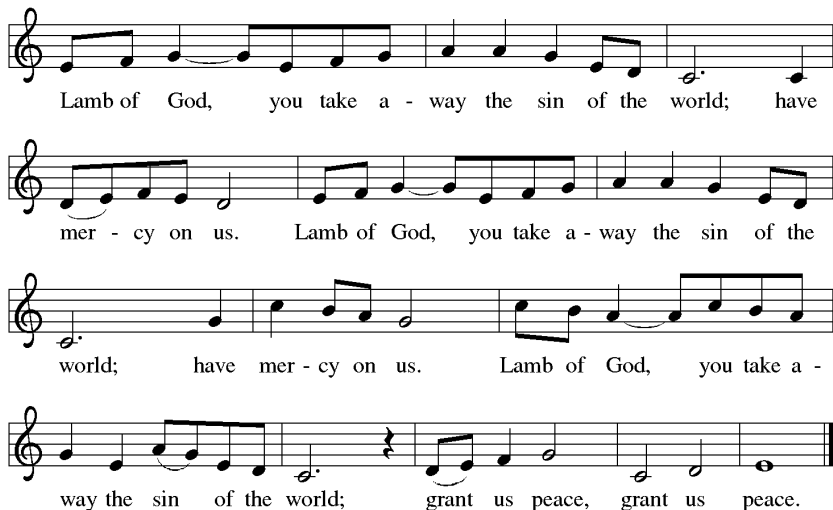
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
 and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever.

Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### 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

### The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe



1 The earth a - dorned in ver - dant robe sends prais - es  
2 From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its  
3 O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's



up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant  
song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -  
glo - ry beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your



flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine  
verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and  
word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is



bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -  
joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta -  
grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -



der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.  
tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion.  
er; God's word re - mains for - ev - er.

Text: Carl David af Wirsén, 1842–1912; tr. Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936, and Kenneth Jennings, 1925–2015

Music: SOMMARPSALM, Waldemar Åhlén, 1894–1982

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## 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

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Red Book #424

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

“Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan”

- Johann Pachelbel

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Sandy Lefebvre	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Lois Trimbur	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
Linda Mathias	<b>Reader</b>
Sandy Lefebvre	<b>Crucifer</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Sr. Choir Director</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Joan Giese	<b>PowerPoint Minister</b>
Susan Farrell and Christiaan van Driel	<b>Ushers</b>
Jim and Jeanette Cunningham	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ramona Schmidt.*

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

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 9/30	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 10/3	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 10/4	2:30 PM	ACA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 10/5	9 AM – 1 PM	DAR (Social Hall)
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 10/6	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dinner Church – Sunday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m.** Our theme for the evening is “You Can’t Take it with You when You Go.” This Dinner Church will prompt us to think about faithful relationship to money and stuff—and how we can be invited to offer those things for ministry. Skits, stories, and a guest presentation from Ryan Ebner, the representative from the ELCA Foundation will fill out our evening. Sign up in the social hall.

Hope to see you there!

**Companion Synod Visit:** The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of ELCA will welcome several presidents (bishops) of the Malagasy Lutheran Church. Congregations contributed over \$5,000 towards the effort with our synod's companion synod in Madagascar. Bishop Kurt Kusserow, third from left, joined President Modeste Razafimahaatratra, fourth from left, in a recent visit to Madagascar. We are delighted now to welcome them to the United States. The Malagasy bishops will be in Butler at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 5 at 5:30 PM for Trinity's evening worship service. Please join them!

### **PRAYERS**

Jamie Maluk & family; David Fisher & family; Tommy, Jenny, & Aspen Zarnick; Sinead; family of Richard Daller (brother of Betty Turner); Scott Tammaro; George Schaney; Stephen Wright; Steve; Jim Chapin; family of Beth Chambers; Don Eckels; Valerie Kurth; 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 Szczurek; Paul Eicholtz; Frank Miller; Tad Sellers

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Genesis 2:18-24**

*Created for relationship*

**Psalm 8**

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

**Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*God has spoken by a Son*

**Mark 10:2-16**

*Teaching on marriage*

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