

**First English Lutheran Church  
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion  
All Saints Sunday  
November 3, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

*Today is All Saints Day, a day on the church calendar in which we celebrate the victory over death won by Jesus Christ. We remember that this victory is shared with all the baptized people of God. In the Lutheran tradition, this gift of God in baptism makes us saints. On All Saints Day, we remember those who have died in the last year and we rejoice in those who have received the sacrament of baptism. We proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ holds us in life and death.*

**PRELUDE**

“Tiento XII”

- Juan Bautista Jose Cabanilles

“Jerusalem the Golden”

- Theodore Beck

“Medieval Melody”

- Martha Sobaje

**WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK**

**RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM**

**FOR ELI JAMES WULFF AND FINN JAMES GALLAGHER**

*page 227 in the front of the red book*

**GATHERING HYMN**

“For all the Saints”

Red Book #422

**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. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant

us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## **THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING      Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM 24      (*read responsively*)**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**<sup>2</sup> For the Lord has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,

and who may stand in God's holy place?

**4 Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is  
false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**6 Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**8 Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**10 Who is this King of glory?  
Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

## **SECOND READING    Revelation 21:1-6a**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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 **John 11:32-44**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that

you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

*The congregation may sit.*

## **SERMON**

*The congregation may stand.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

Red Book #426

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Unbind us from indifference and boredom, that we may with hope share your love with our neighbors and the world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have made all living things depend on the gift of water. Help us live in balance and harmony with rain and snow, with oceans and rivers. Shield us from drought and flood, and sustain those who suffer from disaster. We continue to pray for the people of North Carolina and all of southern Appalachia, for the people of Spain, and the people of Brazil as they all recover from flood.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire this nation with wisdom and discernment as it elects legislators and a president. Give us wisdom in the present moment and peaceful vision for the long-term future. Save us from selfishness and violence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Stand with those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering (*especially*). Abide with your faithful ones in love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. We especially thank you for Patrick, Sharon, Tillie, Debbie, Jeff, and all who extend the ministry of our coffee hour each week.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you:

Dorothy Croupe,  
Patricia Lunsford,  
Kenneth Mathias,  
Thomas Zarnick, Sr.,  
David Mould,  
Linda Striganivicz,  
Sara Jane Vero,  
Adaline Watkins,  
Paula Baptiste Floyd,  
Eugene Mercurio,  
Lucille Larkin,  
Mary Ellen Shewalter.

With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

- Anthony Giamanco

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

### CHOIR ANTHEM

“Onward, Ye Saints”

- Robert Wetzler

(Jim Cunningham, *trumpeter*)

*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 God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:....For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
 we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
 And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
 we await his coming in power  
 to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
 that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
 may live to the praise of your glory  
 and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
 of every time and every place,  
 and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
 until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
 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

### LAMB OF GOD



*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

“Give Thanks for Saints”

Red Book #428

### 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**

“Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”

Purple Book #950

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**

“O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be”

- Richard Hillert

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Maggie Babinka-Repic	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
Susan Farrell	<b>Reader</b>
Amelia O'Rourke	<b>Crucifer</b>
Claudia van Driel	<b>Acolyte</b>
Kevin Mathias	<b>Organist</b>
Jim Cunningham	<b>Trumpeter</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Sr. Choir Director</b>
Marlin Boltz	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Karen Boltz	<b>PowerPoint Minister</b>
Susan Farrell and Christiaan van Driel	<b>Ushers</b>
Bob and Karen Domanski	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Schaney family,  
in loving memory of Zema.*

*Flowers on the organ are given to the glory of God by Jeff and Debbie Gallagher, in  
honor of those being baptized today.*

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

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH**

Mon., 11/4	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 11/5	Election Day	Office Operating Remotely
Thurs., 11/7	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 11/9	10:30 AM	ACA Meeting (Downstairs)
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

Sun., 11/10	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism** today are Finn James Gallagher and Eli James Wulff.

Finn is the son of Bill and Ashley Gallagher. His sponsors are Jeff and Debbie Gallagher.

Eli is the son of Aron and Danielle Wulff. His sponsors are Deanna Vensel and Logan Vensel. Welcome to God's family!

**Today is All Saints Sunday.** On this Sunday, we remember all those, both living and dead, who have been joined to Christ in baptism. In our prayers, we remember by name those who have died and those who have been baptized since last All Saints Sunday.

The candles around the paschal candle are in thanksgiving for those who have been baptized: Maximus Haley, Thomas Styen, Eli Wulff, and Finn Gallagher.

The candles around the altar are in thanksgiving for those who have died: Dorothy Croupe, Patricia Lunsford, Kenneth Mathias; Thomas Zarnick, Sr., David Mould, Linda Striganivicz, Sara Jane Vero, Adaline Watkins, Paula Baptiste Floyd, Eugene Mercurio, Lucille Larkin, and Mary Ellen Shewalter.

**The church office will be operating remotely on Tuesday, Nov. 5.**  
First English will serve as a polling place for the election.

**The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod is electing a bishop in 2025.** There will be an informational meeting on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2500 Brandt School Road, Wexford, PA, 15090. This time of prayer, questions and discussion focused on the bishop election is especially geared for Synod Assembly voting members, but all are invited to join. More news about the bishop election can be found at [swpasynod.org/bishop2025](http://swpasynod.org/bishop2025).

**Meals on Wheels Baking Sunday is Nov. 17.** Please bring your items, labeled and packed ready for the freezer in non-returnable containers, to

First English by noon on Nov. 17. Monetary donations can be made out to *Butler Meals on Wheels*. Please see the poster in the social hall for the list of accepted baked goods. Thank you for your goodness!

**If you would like to order Christmas flowers this year**, the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. The last day to order is Sunday, Dec. 1.

*A Time for*  
*peace*  
*Interfaith Prayer Service*

Thursday, November 7th  
7:00 p.m. at the YWCA  
120 W. Cunningham St.  
Butler, PA 16001

*Join us as we pray for peace following the 2024 election.*  
hosted by the Butler Clergy Network

### **PRAYERS**

Karen Boltz's sister & her family; Jaime Rickert; family of Dorothy Croupe; family of Amy; family of Pat Lunsford (aunt of Caitlyn Morgan); Cindy Regis & all those who are affected by the hurricanes; Laura Warmbrod's mother; Rob; Jamie Maluk & family; David Fisher & family; Tommy, Jenny, & Aspen Zarnick; family of Richard Daller (brother of Betty Turner); Scott Tamaro; 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; Julie, Greg & family; family of Kenneth Mathias; Pr. Jim Dollhopf & family; Bruce Solomon; family & friends of Walter Szczurek; Paul Eicholtz; Frank Miller; Tad Sellers

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**1 Kings 17:8-16**

*God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath*

**Psalm 146**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

**Hebrews 9:24-28**

*The once for all sacrifice of Christ*

**Mark 12:38-44**

*A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes*

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