

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Arnsberg”
“Matines”

- Joachim Neunter
- Louis Vierne

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

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

Red Book #669

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. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor

and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:12-17 (*read responsively*)

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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**Mark 10:17-31**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Red Book #678

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.

We pray for all followers of Jesus, that they may put all their possessions, money, talents, and abilities to serve him and their neighbors. Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in extreme need, especially all those who suffer in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Protect those who are most vulnerable: those who live in poverty, those who are ill or infirm, and those who are very young or very old; strengthen all who serve in rescue and recovery efforts; and listen as we name our friends and family who are most on our minds... Hear us, O God:

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the wholeness of this nation and for the peace of the world.
Give those who wish to lead a heart for the common good and an ambition
for truth and respect. Hear us, O God:

Your mercy is great.

We pray for Pr. Brian Bennett, for the Lutheran University Center, for the
students with and to whom they minister, and for all campus ministries in
the ELCA. Hear us, O God:

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those things that are most on our minds and hearts...

For Joie Pryde and for all who grieve...

For Corey and all who are receiving treatment for cancer...

For...

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We thank you for those people whom we loved who now rest in your
eternal presence. This week, we remember Pat Lunsford (and)... Hold us
together in one communion of saints through the body of your Son, Jesus
Christ. Hear us, O God:

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes:

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

“Allegretto”

- William Boyce

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Turn Thee, Again, O Lord”
(Psalm 90:13)

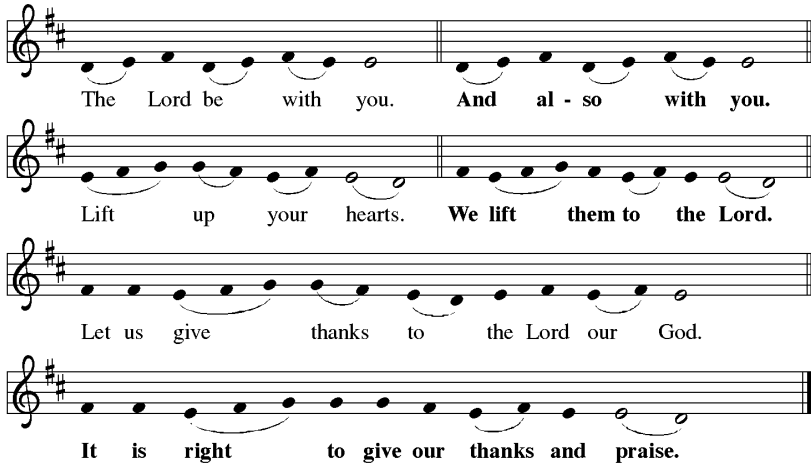
- Thomas Attwood
1765-1838

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

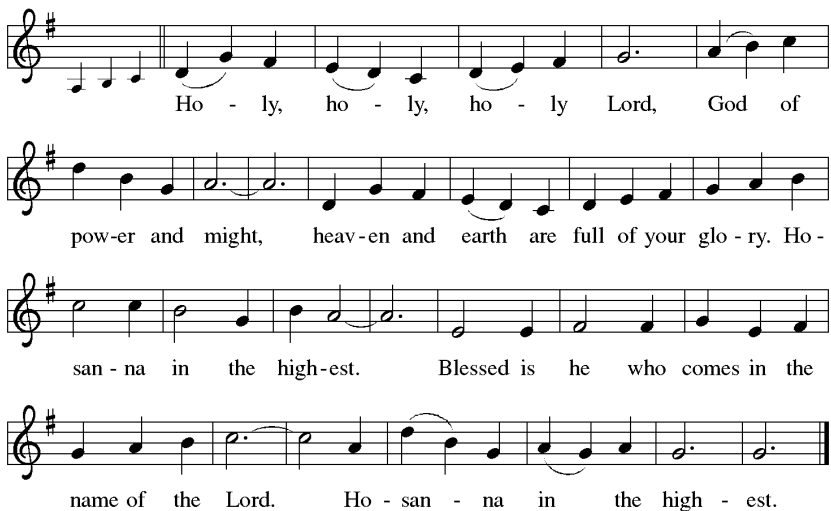
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GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

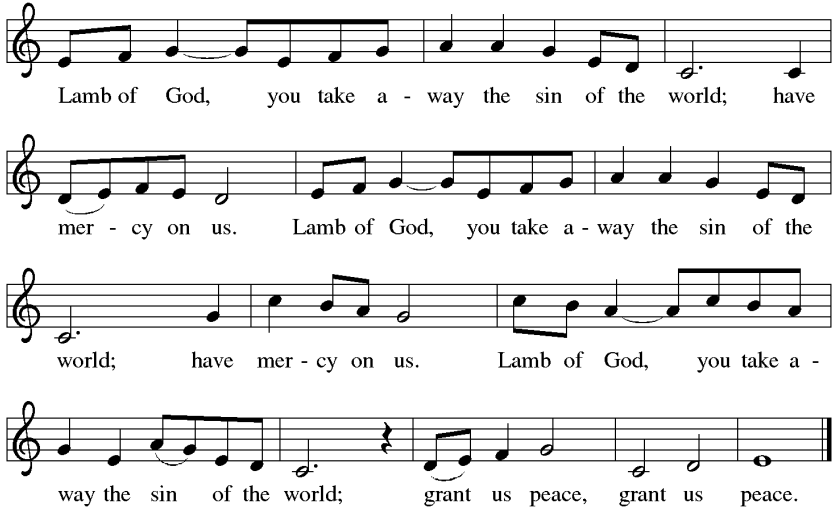
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

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

“That Priceless Grace”

Red Book #591

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

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

Red Book #589

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

- Johann Pachelbel

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
The Rev. Brian Bennett	Preacher
Sharon Heist Miller	Assisting Minister
Linda Mathias	Communion Assistant
Melody Kamerer	Reader
Sharon Heist Miller	Crucifer
Tucker Sequite	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Minister
Larry Christy and Jack Rudzki	Ushers
Dan and Sue Morrow	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Cooper and Glagola family,
in loving memory of Gary Cooper.*

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 10/14	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 10/17	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 10/19	10:30 AM	ACA Meeting (Downstairs)
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 10/20	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Intergenerational Event
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our guest preacher, Pr. Brian Bennett, pastor of the Lutheran University Center of Greater Pittsburgh. Founded in 1946, the Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh has served students, faculty and staff at Pitt, Carnegie Mellon, Chatham and Carlow universities. Housed in the Lutheran University Center in the heart of Oakland, the campus ministry provides opportunities for fellowship, service, worship and

education. All of these opportunities seek to deepen relationships with God and neighbor. The campus ministry welcomes all students to participate.

Pastor Bennett will preach in worship and then share more about his ministry at coffee hour.

Intergenerational Even: Comfort Food for the Spirit returns next Sunday, October 20th. Through a series of prayer stations, we'll discover different ways to pray. There will also be delicious fall food to nourish us in body too!

Lutheran Disaster Response

Hurricane Relief: 3 in 3 Challenge

The Council has committed \$2,000 of church funds to the Lutheran Disaster Response hurricane relief efforts and challenges the congregation to give an additional \$3,000 over the next three weeks to reach a total gift of \$5,000.

Gifts to LDR "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

There are two ways to give:

- **through your regular offering check**
- **directly to Lutheran Disaster Response via the QR code below**

If you choose to give directly to LDR, please send Caitlyn a confidential email so that your gift can be included in the total.

Scan to
give online



Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA
22116-8009** and write "Where needed most" or
"Hurricane Response" on your check's memo line.

PRAYERS

The family of Pat Lunsford (aunt of Caitlyn Morgan); Cindy Regis, Hunter & Sean, Shelly & Clayton, Erin & Jeff, and 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 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; 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

Isaiah 53:4-12

The suffering servant

Psalm 91:9-16

You have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. *(Ps. 91:9)*

Hebrews 5:1-10

Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

Mark 10:35-45

Warnings to ambitious disciples

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