

**First English Lutheran Church  
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 20, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

- Jan Bender

“Just As I Am”

- Anthony Giamanco

“Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ”

- Johann Pachelbel

**WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  $\text{✝}$  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**

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

Red Book #676

## **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. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## **THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 53:4-12**

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 91:9-16***(read responsively)*

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

**SECOND READING    Hebrews 5:1-10**

*Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey

him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 10:35-45

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and

John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

*The congregation may sit.*

## **SERMON**

*The congregation may stand.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”

Red Book #431

## **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.

Gracious God, we, your people, like James and John, often do not know what it means to have Jesus as our ruler. Help us embrace his way of service and surrender the ways of lording it over others. Make us witnesses to life and help us say “no” to the world’s machinery of death. Hear us, O God:  
**Your mercy is great.**

Look with love on all those who are crushed with oppression and suffering. Today we especially pray for all civilians who suffer violence and hunger in war in Gaza, in Ukraine, and in Sudan and for all those whose only option for safety is to flee their homes. Give them light in their anguish and justice for their struggle. Hear us, O God:  
**Your mercy is great.**

Support all those who are recovering from storms in southern Appalachia and in Florida, and guard those who are working to assist them from threats that diminish their work and increase human suffering. Protect relief workers, first responders, search and rescue teams, road and electricity workers, and FEMA personnel. Hear us, O God:  
**Your mercy is great.**

We lift up to you those most on our minds today:  
Those who are sick and in need of healing...  
Those who are grieving and in need of consolation...  
Those who are isolated or lonely and in need of companionship...  
Those who are vulnerable and in need of advocacy...  
Hear us, O God:  
**Your mercy is great.**

Give us consolation that in life and death we are in your hands, holy God, trusting that your will for us is made known in the resurrection of Jesus. Help us hold on to your promise in all circumstances. 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 Jesus our great high priest.  
**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

“Our Father”

- Arthur Foote

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

### CHOIR ANTHEM

“Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs”  
(*Isaiah 53:4, 5*)

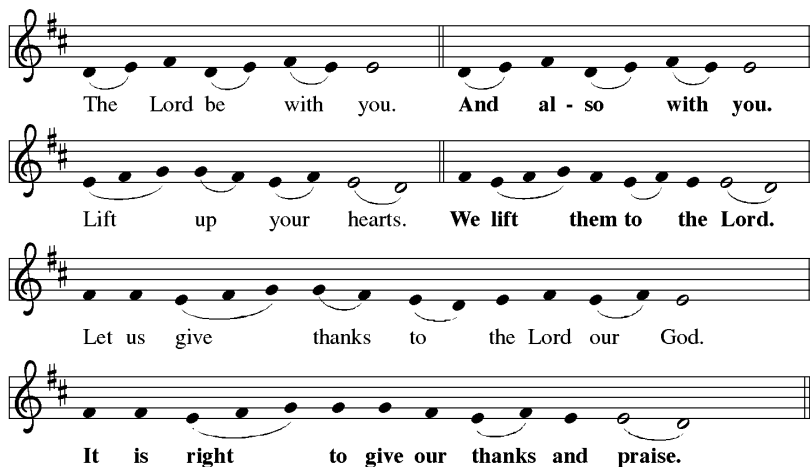
- John Carter

*The congregation may stand.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

*led by the assisting minister*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And also 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.

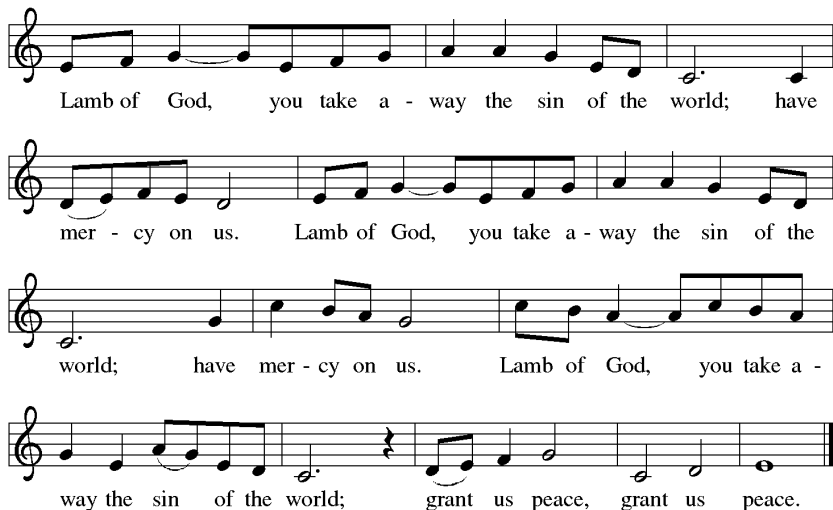
**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.

**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**

“You Servants of God”

Red Book #825

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

“Postlude”

- Wilbur Held

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Jim Cunningham	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Mollie Hibbs	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
Jeanne Graff	<b>Reader</b>
Amelia O'Rourke	<b>Crucifer</b>
Alex Kamerer	<b>Acolyte</b>
Kevin Mathias	<b>Organist</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Sr. Choir Director</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Joan Giese	<b>PowerPoint Minister</b>
Stan Graff, Dan Morrow, and Andrew O'Rourke	<b>Ushers</b>
Jack and Amy Beiler	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Joan and Ted Giese,  
in memory of Matthias Johnson.*

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

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 10/21	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 10/24	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 10/26	10:30 AM	ACA Meeting (Downstairs)
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 10/27	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please join us after worship** for our October Intergenerational Event: Comfort Food for the Spirit. 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!

**Submissions for the November Newsletter** are due in the church office by **Tuesday, October 22**. Please email electronic submissions to Caitlyn at

[officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net).

**Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday**, the day on which we honor the reality that the church must always be reformed to live out the love of Christ. Everyone is invited to wear red, the color of the day, to celebrate.

**November 3 is All Saints Sunday.** We will remember those who have died in Christ over the last year. If there is a name you would like to include in the prayers, please notify the office by Thursday, Oct. 31.

#### 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.

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.*

### **PRAYERS**

Dorothy Croupe; 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**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*I will write my law in their hearts, says the Lord*

**Psalm 46**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (*Ps. 46:7*)

**Romans 3:19-28**

*Justified by God's grace as a gift*

**John 8:31-36**

*Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth*

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