

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Tiento XII”

- Juan Bautista José Cabanilles

“O God of Love, O King of Peace”

- Jim Konkel

“Shall We Gather at the River”

- Charles Callahan, *arr.*

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

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Red Book #553

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 God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God’s revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

¹“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. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those 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 16 (read responsively)

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**² All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**⁸ I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to

us, for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 13:1-8

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

Red Book #327

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

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

The congregation may kneel or sit.

Loving God, in a time of constant change and crisis it is hard always to feel faith and hope. Console your people by the presence of your Holy Spirit, who prays in us when we cannot pray for ourselves. Give us counsel in sleepless nights and wisdom that will lead others to doing what is right
Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

In a world of constant war it is hard to believe in peace. Still, we pray for all who suffer war and disaster, especially the people of Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Yemen, Sudan, and others not known to us, but well known to you. Make a way for food and medical care to reach those who are starving, sick, and injured. Let there be outbreaks of calm that may lead to wholeness for all.
Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

In this season of growing night it is hard for some of us to sustain energy and joy. Bring healing, we pray, for those for whom waning daylight brings emotional burdens, especially those who suffer from anxiety, depression, and other psychiatric disorders. Give them signs of grace sufficient to each day's need. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

At all times we carry concerns for those who are most in need, and today, we name those for whom we have been asked to pray today:

For those who feel that their own worlds are falling apart,
For those who fear being on the receiving end of hateful behavior,
discrimination, and persecution,
For those who are suffering from cancer,
For all those who are sick
For....

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

In life and death we commend our lives to you, God of life, and we
remember before you our beloved dead, especially Alice and others we
name before you in our hearts...Bring us with them to the joy of
resurrection. Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes:

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, *arr.*

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

- William H. Doane, 1875

(*Hebrews 10:22*)

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled 'GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: '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.

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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

“When Peace Like a River”

Red Book #785

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



A - ho - ra, Se - ñor, se - gún tu pro - me - sa, pue - des de -
At last, Lord, your word of prom - ise ful - fill - ing, you let your



jar a tu sier - vo ir - se en paz. Por - que mis
ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace. With my own



o - jos han vis - to a tu Sal - va - dor, a quien has
eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion you have pre -



pre - sen - ta - do an - te to - dos los pue - blos: . . .
pared . . in the sight of all of the peo - ples: a



luz pa - ra a - lum - brar a las na - cio - nes, y
light that will re - veal you to the na - tions, and the



glo - ria de tu pue - blo Is - ra - el.
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

“Soon and Very Soon”

Red Book #490

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be” - Richard Hillert, *arr.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Linda Mathias	Assisting Minister
Sandy Lefebvre	Communion Assistant
Larry Hamil	Reader
Sandy Lefebvre	Crucifer
Tucker Sequite	Acolyte
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Minister
Larry Christy and Jack Rudzki	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry and Mollie Hibbs
in memory of loved ones.*

All are welcome to join us for our Intergenerational Event following the worship service.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 11/18	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)

Thurs., 11/21	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 11/23	10:30 AM	ACA Meeting (Downstairs)
	11 AM – 5 PM	Social Hall Reserved
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 11/24	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Fall Intergenerational Event Series “Comfort Food for the Soul” continues today after the worship service. Join us for pumpkin pie and the opportunity to dwell in God’s word. Hope to see you there!

Meals on Wheels Baking Sunday is today! Please bring your items, labeled and packed ready for the freezer in non-returnable containers, to First English by noon today. 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!

Reminder: Submissions for the December Newsletter are due to Caitlyn in the church office by Wednesday, November 20.

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.

The Advent luncheon will take place on Sunday, December 15. Main dish will be provided; please bring a side dish! Sign up in the social hall on the easel. Thank you!

PRAYERS

Family of Alice Miller; Mackenzie Hunt; Tatum Scilia; Fred Miller; Kathy and Tom Frank; Karen Boltz’s sister & her family; Jaime Rickert; family of Dorothy Croupe; family of Amy; 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 Tamarro; George Schaney; Stephen Wright; Steve; 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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The one coming with the clouds rules over all

Psalm 93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

Revelation 1:4b-8

Glory to the one who made us a kingdom

John 18:33-37

The kingdom of Christ

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