

**First English Lutheran Church  
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 19, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

“Rose Carol and Variations”  
“As with Gladness Men of Old”

- Janet Correll  
- Sue Mitchell-Wallace

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*The congregation may kneel or adopt another posture appropriate for confession. A moment of silence is kept.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our sin and release us from its grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways, for the sake 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 of 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.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may stand.*

## GATHERING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Red Book #310

## 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



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## **THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING      Isaiah 62:1-5**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
- <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM 36:5-10**

*read responsively*

- <sup>5</sup> Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;**

**you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**<sup>8</sup>They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

**<sup>10</sup>Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## **SECOND READING    1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL John 2:1-11

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## SERMON

*The congregation may stand.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Oh, Love, How Deep”

Red Book #322

## **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**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our only ruler, we ask for peace in this nation in preparation for inauguration day. Restrain any who are tempted to intemperate speech or

action. Give the president elect a taste of your wisdom, and set all our hearts on the common good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, as we this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations. We especially remember the people of First United Methodist during a time of upheaval. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (*especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala*). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**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**

“Improvisation”

- Wilbur Held

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

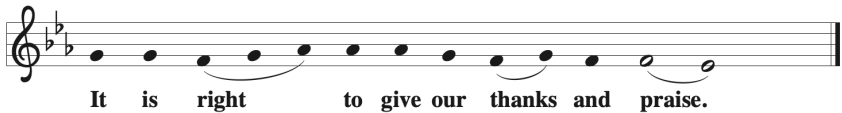
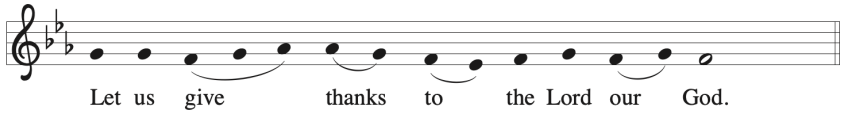
- Noble Cain, *arr.*

*The congregation may stand.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*led by the assisting minister*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy... *the presiding minister continues giving thanks*

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...**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be all honor and glory in your  
holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

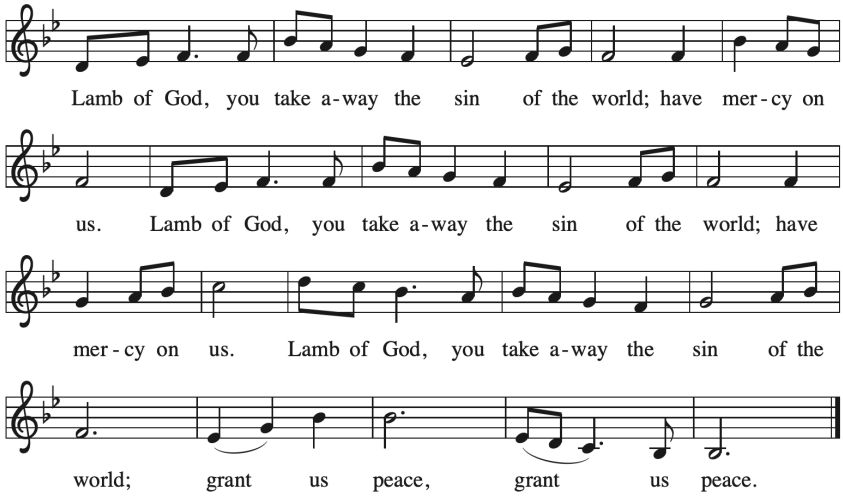
**For thine is the kingdom,**

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

“Now the Silence”

Red Book #460

“Come and See”

Purple Book #976

## 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

#### SENDING HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

Red Book #576

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

- Dietrich Buxtehude

## 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>
Jeanne Graff	<b>Reader</b>
Sharon Heist Miller	<b>Crucifer</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Sr. Choir Director</b>
Josh Kamerer	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Joan Giese	<b>PowerPoint Minister</b>
Jack Rudzki and Larry Christy	<b>Ushers</b>
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Mateo James Lavorini by his grandparents Tom and Amy Lavorini.*

*All are welcome to join us for an intergenerational event following the worship service.*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 1/20	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 1/23	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 1/25	10:30 AM	ACA Meeting (Downstairs)
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 1/26	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Annual Meeting
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The monthly intergenerational event** will take place today following worship. We continue our theme of comfort food for the spirit, and this week we focus on service. Come and join us for hot chocolate, salty treats, and the opportunity to engage in various short service projects for the sake of our neighbors.

**Annual reports** of the congregation for 2024 have been sent to all members with email addresses on file. Paper copies are available in the social hall.

**If Butler Area School District** is closed, delayed, or doing flexible instruction, the Thursday morning bible study will be canceled.

**The Annual Meeting** of the congregation will be held after the 10 a.m. worship service next Sunday, January 26.

**Save the date:** Bishop Kurt Kusserow will visit First English on Sunday, February 23. A meal and conversation will follow the worship service.



## Lutheran Disaster Response: LA Wildfires

Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life.

**Lutheran Disaster Response will be there for the rebuilding ahead. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to wildfires and other disasters, wherever and whenever they strike. Learn more at [ELCA.org/wildfires](https://ELCA.org/wildfires).**



**Scan the QR code to give today.**

By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as wildfires and to remain for as long as the recovery takes.



Checks can be mailed to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "U.S. Wildfires" on the memo line.

### **PRAYERS**

The family of Thomas Olson; Gerry O'Rourke; Karen Boltz's sister & her family; Randy & Gigi Kosier; Bruce Solomon; Tim Reamer; Shirley Mould; Tom Lasky; Nelson Ng; Jack Goetz; Debbie & family; family of Alice Miller; Mackenzie Hunt; Tatum Scilia; Fred Miller; Kathy and Tom Frank; 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 Tammaro; George Schaney; Stephen Wright; Steve;; 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; family & friends of Walter Szczurek; Paul Eicholtz; Frank Miller; Tad Sellers; Pam Patterson; Carol Johnson

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

**Psalm 19**

The teaching of the Lord revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*You are the body of Christ*

**Luke 4:14-21**

*Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

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