

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

“Land of Rest”

“We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend”

- George Th. Miles

- Charles Callahan

- Nikolaus Herman and
J.G. Walther

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

WELCOME

The congregation may stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GATHERING HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

Red Book #393

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 120 in the front of the red book

THIS IS THE FEAST

page 122 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he

and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97 *read responsively*

¹ The Lord reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness sur- | round the Lord,
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**

³ Fire goes be- | fore the Lord,
burning up enemies on | every side.

⁴ **Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**

⁵ The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.

⁶ **The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O Lord,
and all the peoples | see your glory.**

⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!

Bow down before the Lord, | all you gods.

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O Lord.**

⁹ For you are the Lord, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

¹⁰ **You who love the | Lord, hate evil!**

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the
hand | of the wicked.**

¹¹ Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the | Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

SECOND READING **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray,
"Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

¹² “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

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

GOSPEL John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God’s mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

Red Book #657

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. The congregation may kneel or adopt another appropriate posture for prayer.

After each petition, the assisting minister bids:

God of grace,

The congregation responds:

Hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

The congregation may stand.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After sharing the peace, the congregation may sit.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Interlude-Elevation”

- Jean Huré

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Alleluia! Jesus Lives!”

-Robert J. Hughes

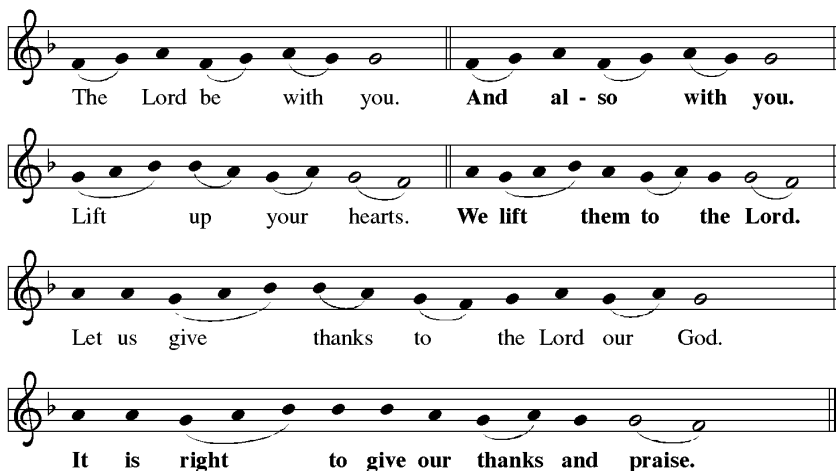
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The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

led by the assisting minister

GREAT THANKSGIVING



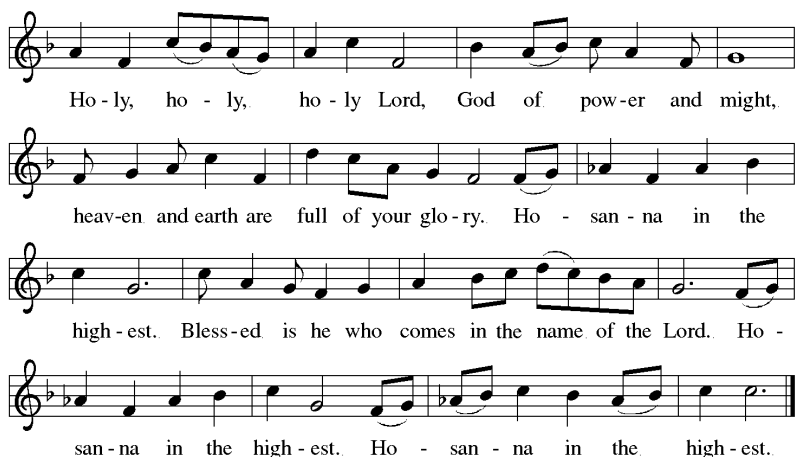
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands!...(the prayers continue)

Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

God of love, we commemorate the love of Jesus whom death could not bind, but who rose from the grave, and sits exalted in glory on the throne of creation...(the prayers continue)

Then, at last, will all creation be one and all divisions healed;

And we shall sing your praise, united forever in the name of Jesus Christ through whom, with whom, in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

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,

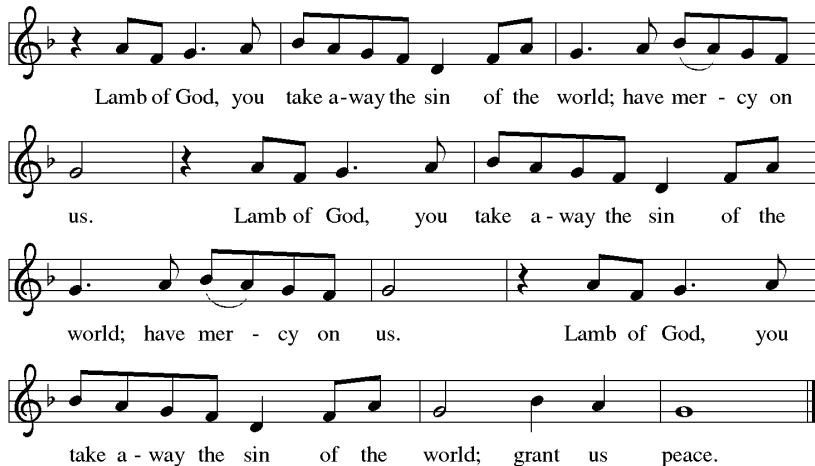
and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God given for the people of God. Come to this banquet of resurrection and new life.

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.

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

“What Feast of Love”

Red Book #487

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *led by the assisting minister*

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill us with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing” Red Book #389

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

- Johann G. Naegeli

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sharon Heist Miller	Assisting Minister
Lois Trimbур	Communion Assistant
Susan Farrell	Reader

Sharon Heist Miller	Crucifer
Shane Kameron	Acolyte
Kevin Mathis	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Choir Director
Josh Kameron	AV Assisting Minister
Gracie Love	PowerPoint Minister
Larry Christy and Jack Rudzki	Ushers
Bob and Kaen Domanski	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Schaney Family in loving memory of Jared Schaney.

All are welcome to join us for coffee hour social hall after worship today.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 6/2	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 6/5	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 6/7	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 6/8	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please add them to the list on the bulletin board in the social hall or contact the church office officefelc@zoominternet.net.

Summer office hours will begin in June.

Monday: 8am to 11am (remote). Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9:30am to 2pm (in office). Friday: 8am to 1pm (in office).

Tender Loving Care Ministry has helped members of this congregation care for one another by sharing meals or other tasks in times of temporary need. Anyone willing and able to help, please fill out the purple volunteer form in this bulletin and place it in the designated box on the front office desk.

BRING A POTTED RED FLOWER

As we celebrate Pentecost, we invite you to bring a potted red flower for the chance to add a touch of beauty to our service. Let's make it a floral celebration together!

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

PRAYERS

Family of John Beatty; Janie Wetzel; Joan Giese; DJ Sampson; Nicole Waltrip; Justine Brown; Darrell Mueller; Bruce Solomon & family; Keith Graff; Signe Mitchell; Cindy Regis; Marsh Miller; Hannah Love; Gerry and John O'Rourke; Karen Boltz's sister & her family; Shirley Mould; Nelson Ng; Valerie Kurth; Sue Henry; Tad Sellers; Aryl Bashline, Keeler Family; Kate Slauik; Katie Frank; Dick McCandless

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Romans 8:14-17

The Spirit makes us children of God

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth

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