

**First English Lutheran Church  
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion  
First Sunday after Pentecost  
June 15, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*The congregation may stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God, Father Son ✝ Holy Spirit, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The congregation may kneel or adopt another posture meaningful for confession.*

Have mercy, O God,  
against you, you alone, we have sinned.  
In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt.  
Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.  
Do not cast us away,  
but fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and restore your joy within us.  
**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Red Book #413

**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**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### FIRST READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

- <sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
<sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.
- <sup>22</sup> The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 8 *read responsively*

- <sup>1</sup> O | Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**  
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**  
<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**  
**human beings that you should | care for them?**  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less | than divine;

with glory and hon- | or you crown them.  
**6 You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**  
**you have put all things un- | der their feet:**  
**7 all | flocks and cattle,**  
**even the wild beasts | of the field,**  
**8 the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**  
**and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**  
**9 O | Lord our Lord,**  
**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**

## SECOND READING      Romans 8:14-17

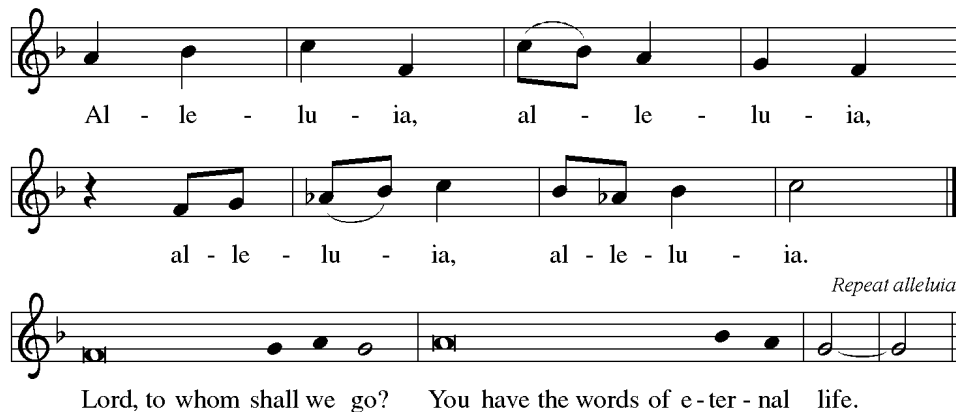
*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**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 16:12-15

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the fourteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*The congregation may sit.*

## SERMON

*The congregation may stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Father Most Holy”

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## 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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

*The congregation may kneel or sit.*

*After each portion of the prayers, the assisting minister bids:*

God of grace,

*The congregation responds:*

**Hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, 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.**

*After sharing the peace, the congregation may sit.*

#### **ORGAN OFFERTORY**

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

#### **OFFERING HYMN**

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

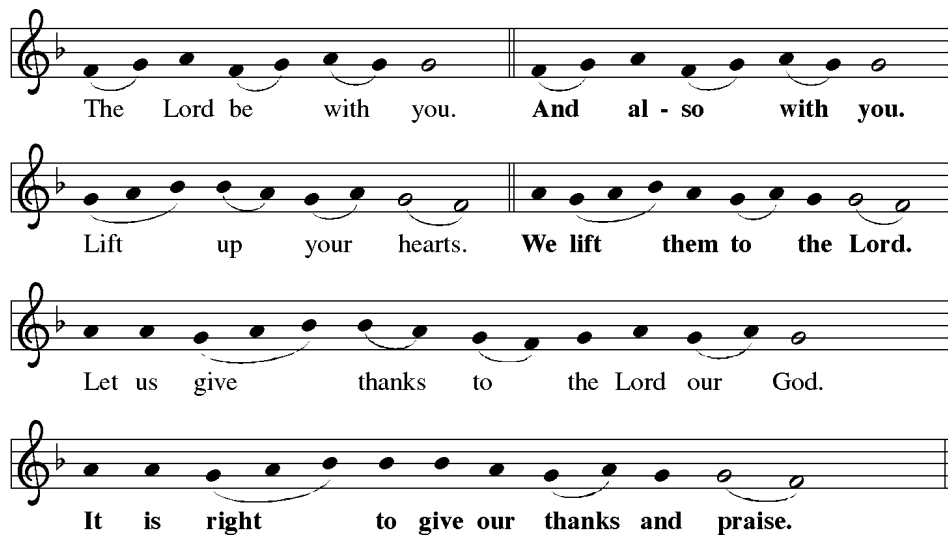
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*The congregation may stand.*

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*led by the assisting minister*

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



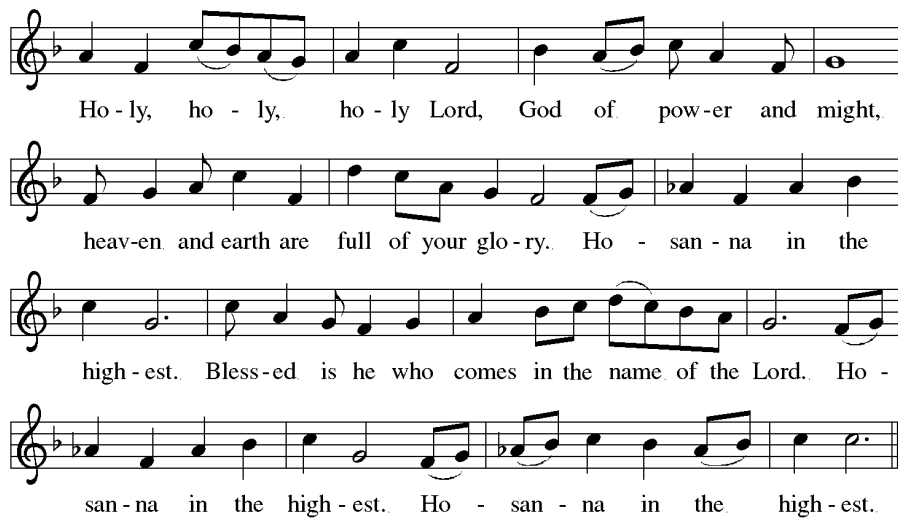
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory...  
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.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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**

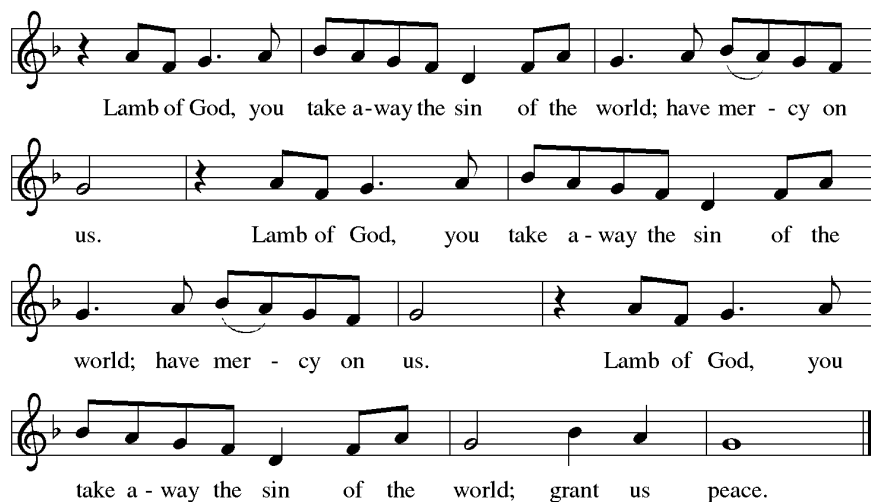
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready!

## 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

“Our Father, By Whose Name”

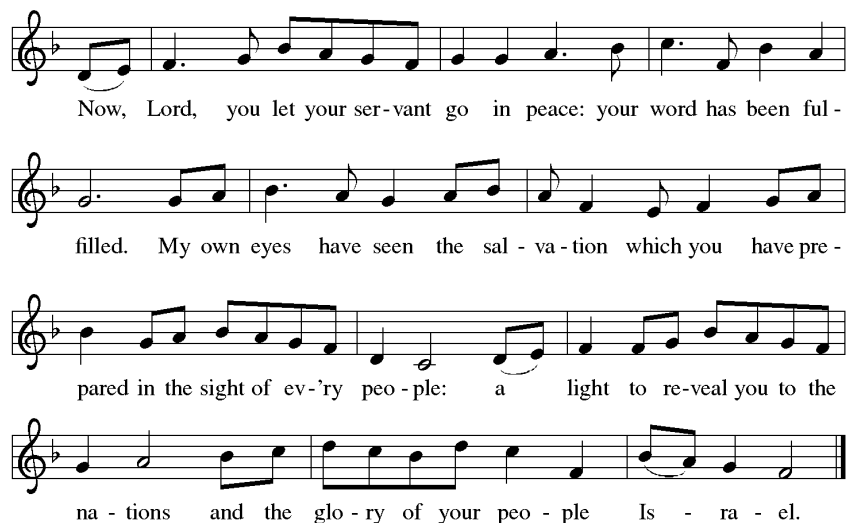
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## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen**

### **SENDING HYMN**

"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Jim Cunningham	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Sandy Lefebvre	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
Larry Hamil	<b>Reader</b>
Sandy Lefebvre	<b>Crucifer</b>
Tucker Sequite	<b>Acolyte</b>
Bryan Helsel	<b>Organist</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Joan Giese	<b>PowerPoint Minister</b>
Bill and Judy Vilcheck, Jake Stevens	<b>Ushers</b>
Jack & Amy Beiler	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Pastor Kimberly in thanksgiving for 10 years of ministry with First English.*

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

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH**

Mon., 6/16	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 6/18	8:00 AM	Health Clinic EC
Thurs., 6/19	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 6/21	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 6/22	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Kimberly will be with the Confirmation Camp at Lutheran this week.** She can be reached by cell phone at 412-316-5028.

**There will be no Bible Study, Thursday June 19.**

**The Rodfathers 2025 Cruise-a-palooza classic car cruise will take place next Sunday, June 22.** While worship will take



place at First English as normal, please expect road closures and the closure of the municipal parking lot. There will be plenty of street parking a few blocks away, so please allow extra time for walking.

**Submission for July's newsletter** is due to the office by Wednesday, June 18.

**Heather will be on vacation** June 23-27.

**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](mailto: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).

### **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; Azlin and her unborn baby; Chris and his family.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

*Wisdom rejoices in the creation*

**Psalms 8**

Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

**Romans 5:1-5**

*God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit*

**John 16:12-15**

*The Spirit will guide you into the truth*

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