

**First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

**Service of Holy Communion
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”
“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

- Jean Titelouze
- Wilbur Held, arr.

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

“Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”

Red Book #651

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.

GLORY TO GOD

page 121 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The congregation may sit.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.
² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
⁶ See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the Lord;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
⁸ Thus says the Lord:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:19-28

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

²² **I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴ **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hid- | den from them;**

but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs | to the Lord,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

SECOND READING Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Hallelujah" Red Book #171

GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

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

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he

gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise the One Who Breaks The Darkness”

Red Book #843

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 into the love of God, let us offer our prayers for the peace of the church, the world, and all of creation.

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.

The prayers conclude:

Gather all our prayers into 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

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” - setting by Kevin Hildebrand

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

OFFERING HYMN

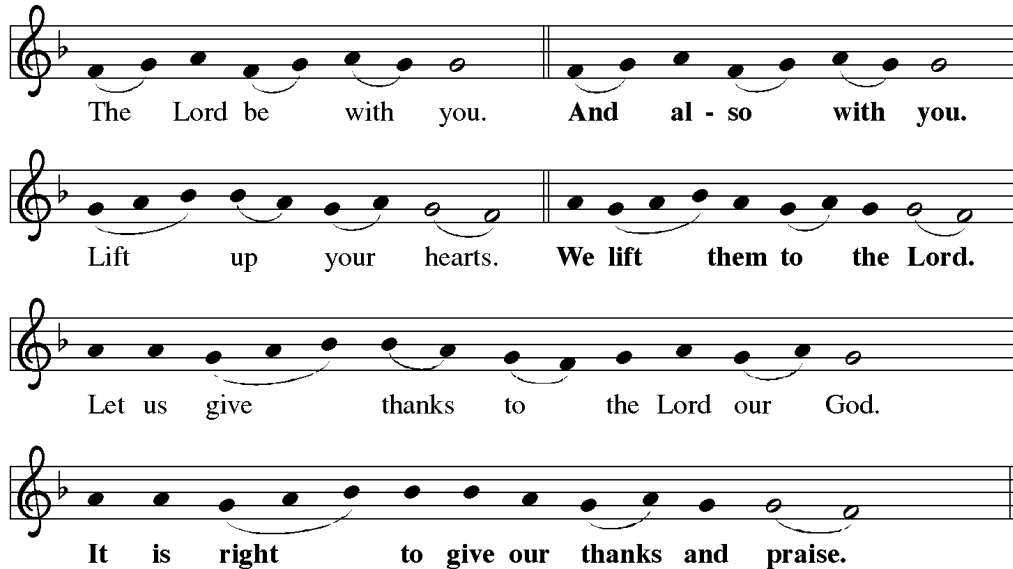
“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

Red Book #479

OFFERING PRAYER

led by the assisting minister

GREAT THANKSGIVING



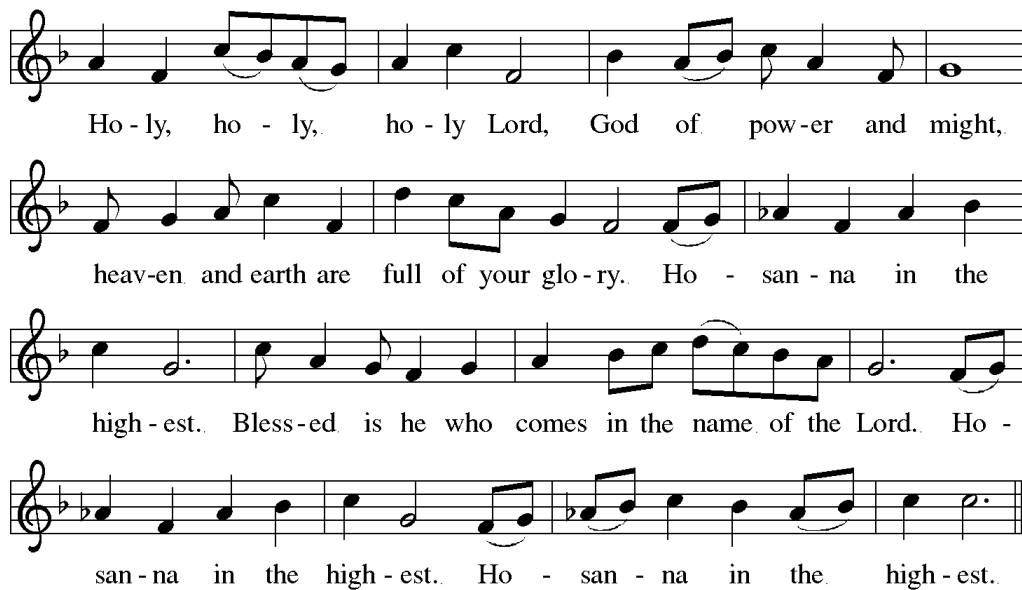
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:

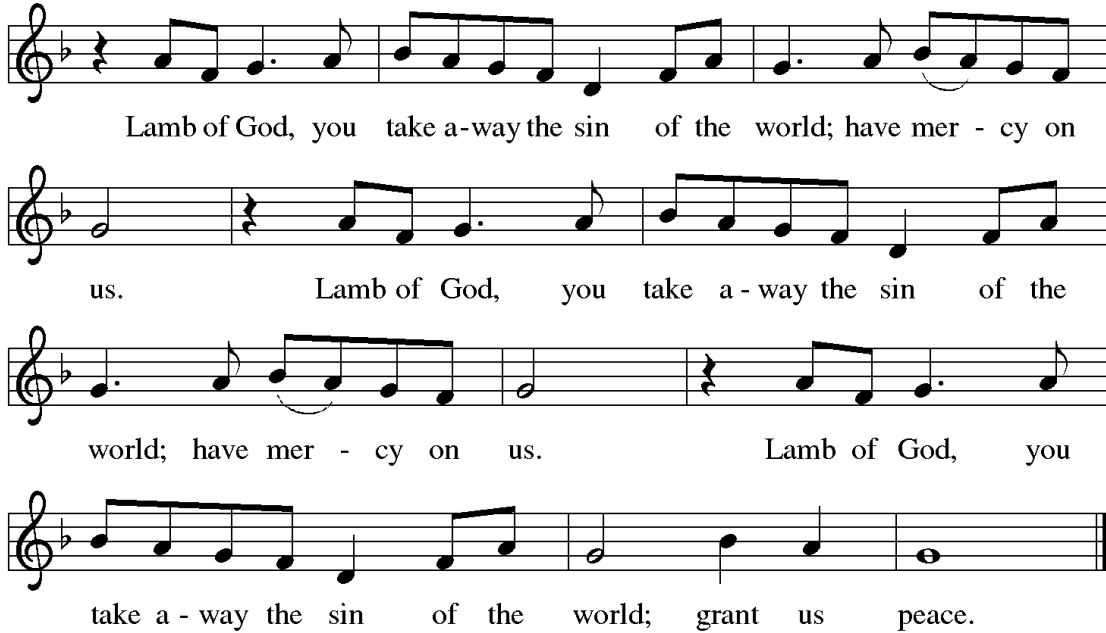
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine 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

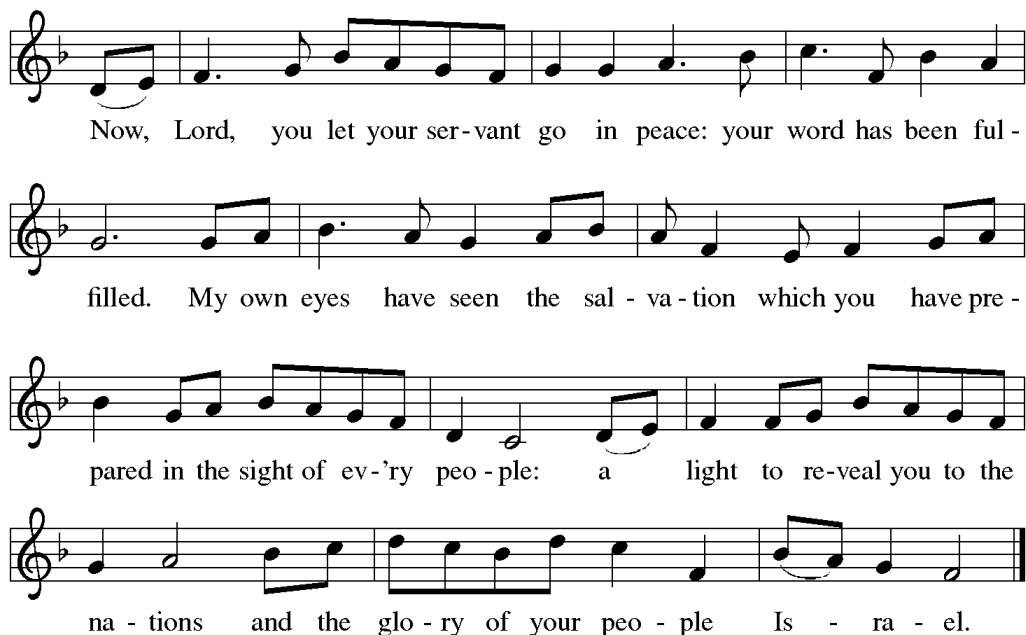
“One Bread, One Body”

Red Book #496

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



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

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

Red Book #848

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"All Glory Be to God on High"

- Nikolaus Decius

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sue Morrow	Assisting Minister
Sandy Lefebvre	Communion Assistant
Amy Beiler	Reader
Sandy Lefebvre	Crucifer
Shane Kameron	Acolyte
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Gracie Love	PowerPoint Minister
Susan Farrell, Christiaan van Driel	Ushers
Jim & Jeanette Cunningham	Counters

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Breanda Ihlenfeld in memory of William.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 6/23	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 6/24	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Thurs., 6/26	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 6/28	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 6/29	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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; Charlie and Ellen VanArsdale; Raylene and David; The Family of Bill Fillgrove; Chris and his family; Taye.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 12:1-11

Psalm 87: 1-3; 5-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

John 21:15-19

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