

Service of the Word for the Home and for Zoom

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE	"Christ lag in Todesbanden"	- J.S. Bach
	"Partita on 'Christ Is Arisen' "	- Hans Buchner /
	[Chorale; Dialogue]	Joel Martinson
	"This Joyful Eastertide"	- Alec Wyton
	"Prelude on 'O Filii et Filiae' "	- Healey Willan

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of baptism:

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Eternal God,

For you nourish and sustain all living things with the gift of water.

In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos,

Calling forth order and life.

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood,

Giving righteousness a new beginning.

You led Israel out of slavery, through the waters of the sea,

Into the freedom of the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,

Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism.

In it we were buried with Christ in his death.

From it we were raised to share in his resurrection.

Through it we were reborn in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship with him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism

may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior,

through whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

be glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Worshippers in the building are invited to turn and follow the cross as it makes its way through the worship space.

Our hymn for the procession, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," was prepared by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians as a gift to the whole people of God during the pandemic. 1,784 musicians from around the country, including Jim Cunningham and Signe Mitchell, participated in bringing us this recording. Worshipers are invited to ring bells on the alleluias.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 26:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *read responsively*

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung by choir*

GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM “Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!” *Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY*
- John Paige, *arr.*

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

On this day of rejoicing, let us offer our praise for all that God has done for us and our prayers for the church, the world, and all of those in need.

We praise you, O God, for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from death, and we pray that you would send the spirit of the risen Christ into this and every congregation throughout the world. Give us joy in one another and hope in the face of sorrow. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for times of peace and freedom you have granted us, and we pray that every human being experience these gifts. Set your children free from violence, oppression, poverty, and prejudice. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for feeding us at your table and promising a rich feast in the age to come. We pray for all those who are hungry—for those in our own neighborhoods who cannot afford or access food, for those in refugee and migrant camps, and for all caught in political conflict. Help us share that all may eat. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for the ways that you have accompanied us through this pandemic. We pray for those who are ill with Covid-19, for healthcare workers, and for all of those who have lost livelihoods and businesses. Give to all who struggle what you see that they need and guard us from complacency and apathy. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We praise you for each day of health and well-being. And we pray for everyone who suffers from illness of any kind, for those who today will die, and for those we name in the silence of our hearts before you: Grant hope, wholeness, and healing. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the kindness you show to us in Christ. And we pray for those who are trapped by irritability, anger, hatred, or fear. Pour compassion into our hearts in all our dealings. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the hope of eternal life and for all those who, by their faith, bore witness to his resurrection. At the end, raise us with them to enjoy his presence forever. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,

we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,

and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,

the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory, 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 THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD *sung by choir*

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you have given the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God, who has made from the dust of the earth, and who has redeemed you from the power of the evil one, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN/RECESSION "Thine Is the Glory" Red Book #376

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" - Jean-Joseph Mouret

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Linda Mathias	Assisting Minister
Judy Wadding	Reader
Judy Wadding	Crucifer
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director

Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Brandon Stein	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski, Dan Morrow, and Ed Wadding	Ushers
Sue Morrow and Susan Farrell	Counters

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 4/5	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 4/6	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
Wednesday, 4/7	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 4/8	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
Saturday, 4/10	9:00 AM	AA Meeting
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kimberly will be out of the office Monday, April 5th through Monday, April 12th.

The church office will be closed Wednesday, April 7th.

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:

Victor and Jan Nieto, in memory of Ed Nieto

Rose Cooper
Tracy Gullickson
Larry Hamil
Myrna Hamil

Signe Mitchell, in memory of loved ones

Sandy Lefebvre
Sue Morrow
Brandi Stein
Judy Vilcheck

PRAYERS

The family of Fridda Schoch, Jim Cunningham, Pastor John Cochran, Hunter, Graham Cannon, Rita Marzullo Wagner, Emma, Scott Hainley, the family of Edna Hartman, the family of Gina Ambrosio, Marc and family, Hazel Warheit, Eleanor Roth, the family of Gene Fozard, David and Michele, the Jones family, Jamie Goehring, Jason Beckwith, and Devin, Codi, Savannah, Alyssa & Ethan, Rachel Faulkner, the family of Pastor Christine and Mark Rotella, , Debbie Damiano, Frida Nelson, Pam and children, the family and friends of Jake, the family of Marian Boltz, the family of Zack, Sue Morrow, Joan, Joey Lash, Andrea Dubler, Janice Critchlow, Pastor Karl Schoch, Anne Ferguson, the family of Dan Hanczar, Jeanette Cunningham, Marsh Miller, Ida Miller, Helen Wagner, the Lawson family, the Bodnar family, Tyler Jacob Huey, Meredith, Mary and Eleanor, Larry, Frederick Miller, Jim Buehler, Justin Buehler, Cyndy Halin, Cindy Regis & her daughter Angie, Josh, Aryl Bashline, Dave and Diana Braun, David and Gina & family, Tad & Shirley Sellers, Crystal, Gayle Wynn, Mary Maloney, the family of Ryan Warheit, the family of Scot Taylor, Claude, Audrey & Jonah Clark, Ed Beck, the family of Jim Templet, the family of Edgard Nieto, the family of Marjorie Ellis, Anita, Jamie and Kaitlin Sprague, Becky Wyckoff, Larry Hamil, Jan Nieto, David and Emma Lee Hartle, the family of Hailey Matheson, Ryan, Forest and Marietta White, Christine Pflugh, Asyiah, the family of Nancy, Joyce Hall, Bruni Bilowich, Karen Vavro, Doug Horner, Sandy, Lisa, Wendy, Rhonda, Judy M., Mary Ellen, Claudia, Karen, Kitty Walker, Elizabeth, Jena Wright, Ralph D'Antonio.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35

The believers' common life

Psalms 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

1 John 1:1--2:2

Walking in the light

John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ