

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Following children's message, the children and their leaders are blessed to go downstairs with their leaders for the children's church. The children's church returns to the sanctuary at the sharing of the peace.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 65:17-25**

Through the prophet, God promises a new heaven and a new earth. Weeping will pass away, life will be abundant for God's people, and the world—including the wild animals—will be at peace.

¹⁷I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—

and their descendants as well.

²⁴Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

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.

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

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

¹⁵**Shouts 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!"

¹⁷**I 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's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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.

HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" st. 1 Red Book #367

GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" st. 4 Red Book #367

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" Red Book #366

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

Gathered around Christ, crucified and risen, let us pray for the whole
people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

Holy God, this is the day that you have made. On this day, help us to
remember well your Son's faithfulness and his promise of life. With our

memory renewed, help us live into the future with him in hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you renew the face of the earth. Help us care for the earth as your creation, teach us to see our waste and destruction of what you have made, and give us grace to repair it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you desire that all people live in peace. Resurrect the possibility of peace even in places of deep despair. We pray for the people of Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia, Myanmar, and Haiti. ac. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Console those who are afraid, protect those who are persecuted, bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who mourn, especially those whom we now name before you aloud or in the silence of our hearts...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, in Christ you choose us to be witnesses to your love. Keep us silent when the words we have to offer are those of judgment, exclusion, or harm, but give us the power of speech to defend justice, offer comfort, and show welcome. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Make us confident that we will feast at your heavenly banquet with those who have died and are now at rest. Today, we especially remember Don. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands O Lord we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may share a sign of peace.

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “With High Delight Let Us Unite” - Ernst Pepping

CHOIR ANTHEM “Anthem of Joy” - Henry Purcell
- Patrick M. Liebergen, *arr.*

Jim Cunningham, *trumpeter*
Ryan Fitch, *trumpeter*

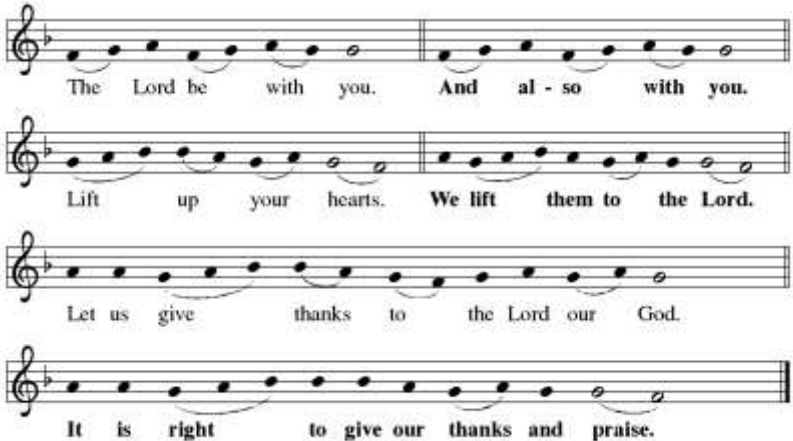
The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, In whose name we pray.

Amen.

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 that we should at all times and in all places...*(The presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: *(the presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding)*... 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.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup, we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, invites you to share in this banquet of forgiveness and new life. Come to his table!

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; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of communicants. 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Red Book #362

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *led by the assisting minister*

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

Red Book #377

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news of the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Piece for Easter”

- Jan Bender

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| The Rev. Kimberly van Driel | Presiding Minister |
| Linda Mathias | Assisting Minister |
| Amy Beiler | Reader |
| Evan Stein; Emily Stein | Torchbearers |
| Christiaan van Driel | Crucifer |
| Signe Mitchell | Organist |
| Jim Cunningham The Rev. Ryan Fitch | Trumpeters |

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| Harry Cunningham | Choir Director |
| Marlene Stein | Children's Church |
| Josh Kamerer | AV Assisting Minister |
| Melody Kamerer | PowerPoint Minister |
| Bob and Karen Domanski; Susan Farrell | Ushers |
| Jim and Jeanette Cunningham | Counters |
| Roxanne Glagola | Altar Guild |

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Women's Bible Study group, in honor of Pastor Kimberly's birthday.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

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| Mon., 4/18 | 5:00 PM | Community Dinner |
| | 8:00 PM | NA Meeting (Social Hall) |
| Tues., 4/19 | | Office Closed |
| Wed., 4/20 | 7:00 PM | AA Meeting (Social Hall) |
| Thurs., 4/21 | 10:30 AM | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:30 PM | NA Meeting (Downstairs) |
| Fri., 4/22 | | Pastor Kimberly's Day Off |
| Sat., 4/23 | 12:00 PM | NA Meeting (Downstairs) |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We mourn with the family of Jim Petsinger, who died in resurrection hope on April 9th. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Easter flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Signe Mitchell

Susan Farrell

Pr. Kimberly van Driel

Larry Hamil

Myrna Hamil

Brandi Stein

Bob and Karen Domanski

Marilyn Shoup

Sharon Heist Miller, in memory of Glen

Sandy Lefebvre, in memory of Lucy & John Barry

Sue Morrow, in memory of Wil and Darrell

Ted & Joan Giese, in memory of loved ones

Victor and Jan Nieto, in memory of Edgard Nieto

Jeff & Deb Gallagher, in memory of loved ones

George & Zema Schaney, in memory of Jared

Josh & Jessie Kamerer, in memory of Jared Schaney and Leon Hudson

**Join us for a celebratory Easter coffee hour in the Social Hall after
worship today!**

**If you ordered Easter flowers, you may pick them up after the worship
service.**

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, April 19th.

PRAYERS

Family of Don Hapeman (Jeanette Cunningham's stepfather); family of Jim Petsinger; Ellen Dodge; family of Jean Morrow; Jamie McPoyle & family; Andrea Dubler; Keith Morgan; Jan Nieto; family of Marlyn Dempsey; Michelle; baby Mac & family; family of Megan Gibson; Chrissy; family of Charlie Stitt; Jennifer Hartle Fink; family of Rob Huey; the people of Ukraine & others affected by the conflict; Tracy Steadman & family; Cassidy; continued healing for John Negley; Tom Walker; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Tad Sellers; Anne Ferguson; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 5:27-32

The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus

Psalm 118:14-29

You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Ps. 118:28)

Revelation 1:4-8

Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, is coming

John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

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