

First English Lutheran Church
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Service of Holy Communion
The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
March 31, 2024
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

- “Suite for Organ” - David Schack
(*Allegro maestoso, Andante*)
“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” - Benedetto Marcello
Jim Cunningham, *trumpeter*
“Christe Redemptor omnium” - Charles Callahan
“Allegro” - Tommaso Albinoni
Jim Cunningham, *trumpeter*

INTROIT

- “An Easter Canticle” - David H. Williams
(Jim Cunningham, *trumpeter*)

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed!

WELCOME

The congregation stand may turn and follow the cross in procession during the gathering hymn.

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Red Book #365

GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed!

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 193 in the front of the red book.

THIS IS THE FEAST

page 196 in the front of the red book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.

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.

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 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 PROCESSION

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

sts. 1-3

Red Book #373

GOSPEL John 20:1-18

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over

to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!!” sts. 4-6 Red Book #373

The congregation may sit.

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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

The congregation may kneel or sit.

After each petition, the assisting minister bids:

Hear us, O God:

The congregation responds:

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes:

Receive our prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

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

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” - Ernst Pepping

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

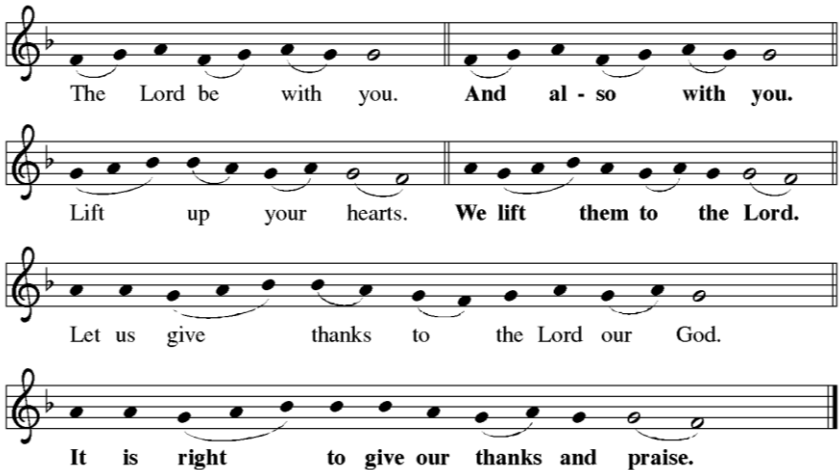
“The Heavens are Telling” - Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father ... 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.

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.

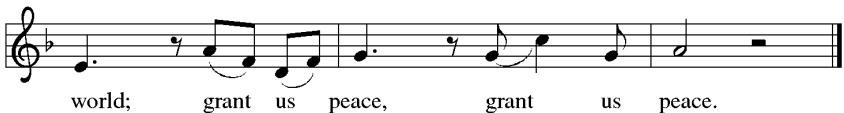
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Red Book #384

“Be Not Afraid”

Red Book #388

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*

THE SENDING

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

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Red Book #367

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

- Michael Costello

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Linda Mathias	Assisting Minister
Sharon Heist Miller	Communion Assistant
Tracy Gullickson	Reader
Lois Trimbur and Sandy Lefebvre	Torchbearers
Christiaan van Driel	Crucifer
Alex Kamerer	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Jim Cunningham	Trumpeter
Harry Cunningham	Choir Director
Sue Morrow	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Minister
Stan Graff, Dan Morrow, Andrew O'Rourke, Amelia O'Rourke	Ushers
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

Join us for an Easter coffee hour in the Social Hall after worship today!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 4/1	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 4/2		<i>Easter holiday for Caitlyn in church office</i>
Thurs., 4/4	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 4/6	9 AM – 1 PM	DAR (Social Hall)
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 4/7	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Myrna Hamil
Brandi Stein
Deb and Jeff Gallagher
Tracy Gullickson

Larry Hamil
Pr. Kimberly van Driel
Signe Mitchell
Jessie Kamerer

George Schaney

Joan Giese

Sandy Lefebvre, in memory of John and Lucy Barry

Judy Vilcheck

Marilyn Shoup

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

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, April 2.

Members of the congregation are reminded that they need to commune once a year to remain voting members. If you are communing today, please fill out a communion card located in this bulletin or in the pew racks.

Thank you!

Tickets for the 2024 Gala to benefit Butler Community Dinners on Saturday, April 13th are available for purchase from Tracy Gullickson and MaryAnn Swanson.

Raffle Basket Request: If you or a group would like to put a basket together to benefit the Community Meal Ministries Gala & Art Show that will be held the weekend of April 13 & 14 at St Michael's Hall, please have your basket to First English by Thursday, April 4. Please give your basket a title and add a list of contents & name of the donor. This basket raffle is an important part of our event! Questions? Please see Tracy Gullickson or MaryAnn Swanson.

PRAYERS

Karen Cranmer; Carol Sawford; family of Leanne Bushaw; Abbie; Evan; C. J. Williams; Kenneth Mathias; Lucas Barber; Cheryl Stirling; Charlie and Lori; Jan Nieto; Gavin; family of David Riggs; family of Mary Ann Rudzki; Jeff Boyd; Betty Thomas; Owen; family of Rose "Roe" Goda; family of Mairead Magee; Chris and Jodie; Kathy Rhodes, her husband Ken, and family; Tonnie van Driel; family of Frank Franzen; Jayden; Myrna Hamil; Linda; Kathy Schweikart Spingola and Charles Spingola; Marj Rogner; Pam Reeder; Greg Reeder; Carol Cunningham; family of Zema Schaney; Frank Miller; family of Tony Sequite; Mackenzie Perkins; Linda Mathias; Gus Keiser; Cory; Will; Carol Chamberlain; Carol Johnson; Mason Martin; family of Janet Warner; Eileen Herbeck; family of Linda Hibbeler; Thelma Hassler; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Aryl Bashline; Holly Schubert; Tad Sellers; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35

The believers' common life

Psalm 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

ZOOM INFO

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