

First English Lutheran Church
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First English Lutheran Church is a welcoming, worshipping community rooted in Butler and making Christ known in word and deed.

Welcome to all in the name of Christ! Your presence blesses this congregation. If you would like to let us know about you, would you please either sign the guest books at the back of the sanctuary or fill out a communion card and place it in the offering plates located at the back of the sanctuary? We look forward to getting to know you!

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Prayer request cards can be found in the pews and placed in the offering plate. Names will be added to the prayer list and your concerns will be shared with First English's prayer team. "Pray without ceasing!"

Financial gifts to support First English's ministry can be placed in the offering plates during the offering. You can also give online by going to our website: www.firstenglishbutler.org/giving. If you give online and would like to participate in the offering, you may place the "I give online" cards available in the pew racks.

Service of Holy Communion
The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
April 5, 2026
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"	-Herman Schroeder
"Voluntary"	-Maurice Green
"The Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"	-Theodore Ripper
"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"	- Camil Van Hulse

INTROIT

"Christ's Holy Morn"	-GELOBT SIE GOTT
Jim Cunningham, <i>trumpeter</i>	-M. Vulpius, <i>adapter</i>
	Edith Lovell Thomas, <i>arr.</i>

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed!

WELCOME

The congregation stand may turn to face the cross in procession during the gathering hymn.

GATHERING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Red Book #365

GREETING

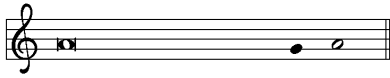
Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

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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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



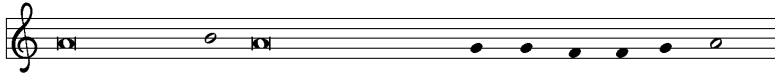
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³ the Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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

² **Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴ The 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!**

¹⁶ The 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.**

¹⁸ The 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.**

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

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

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

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand and turn to face the cross in procession.

HYMN

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” st. 1 Red Book #368

GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” st. 2-3 Red Book #368

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” Red Book #389

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 that nothing shall separate us from his love, 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:

Merciful God:

The congregation responds:

Hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes:

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

"Reflection"

-Alfred V. Fedak

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"

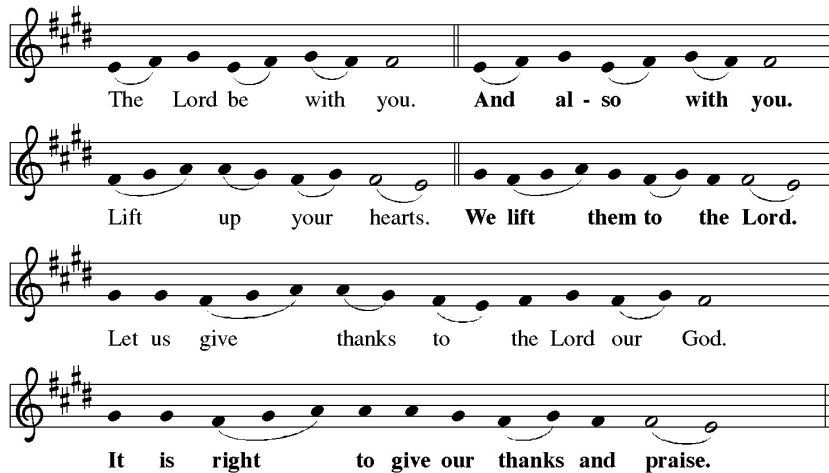
-Eric Thiman

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

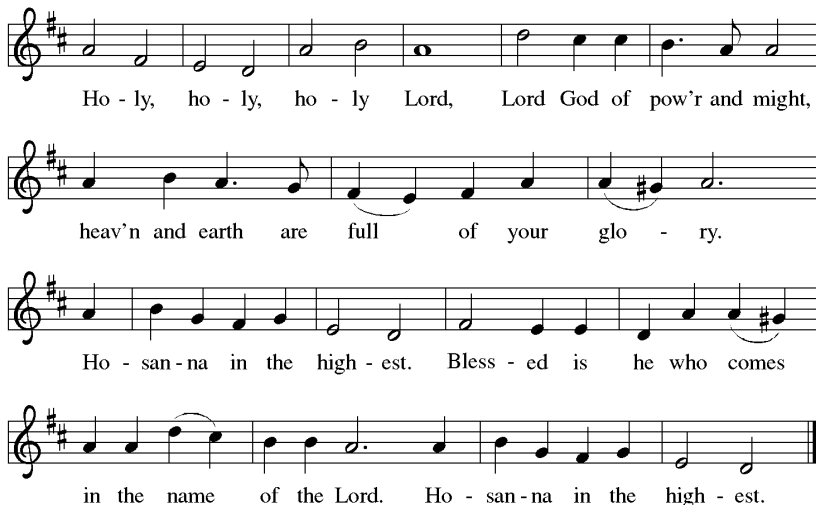
led by the assisting minister

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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 ... 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



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, 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. If you do not wish to receive the elements, but would like a blessing, please come forward and let the pastor know!

After all have received, the congregation may stand.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

Red Book #474

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens”

Red Book #823

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

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!!”

Red Book #382

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

-Lani Smith

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Li Stoehr	Assisting Minister
Jim Cunningham	Communion Assistant
Marlin Boltz	Reader
Amelia O'Rourke and Sue Morrow	Torchbearers
Christiaan van Driel	Crucifer
Alex Kamerer	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Jim Cunningham	Trumpeter
Harry Cunningham	Choir Director
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Minister
Dan Morrow, Stan Graff, Andrew O'Rourke	Ushers
Bob & Karen Domanski	Counters
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.
Join us for an Easter potluck coffee hour in the social hall after worship today!*

EASTER FLOWERS

are given in the glory of God by:

Susan Farrell
in memory of Gretchen

Jeff & Debbie Gallagher

Tracy Gullickson
in memory of Vonnie Baker

Larry Hamil
on memory of Mildred Hamil

Myrna Hamil
in memory of Martha I. Hamil

Jessie Kamerer
in memory of Jared & Zema Schaney

Sandy Lefebvre

Signe Mitchell

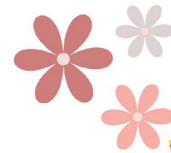
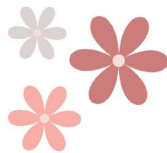
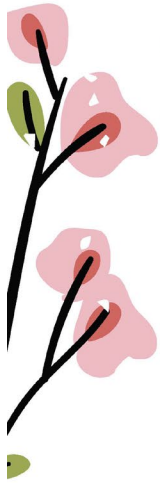
George Schaney
in memory of Jared & Zema Schaney

Kirsten Schaney
in memory of Zema & Jared Schaney

Brandi Stein

Trudi Stevens

Judy Vilcheck



THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 4/6	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 4/8	8:00 AM	Health Clinic
	9:30 AM	Hymn Pick
	7:00 PM	WVOAA
Thurs., 4/9	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sat., 4/11	9:30 AM	DAR
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 4/12	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Confirmation Class
	5:30 PM	AA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Start your spring with daily scripture and reflection! The April, May, and June booklets of Christ In Our Home are ready for you to take home. You can find them in the back of the church and in the vestibule.

Attention cookie bakers! The Community Meals Ministries will again host a Gala/Art Show, April 25 and 26, to benefit the five churches in the city of Butler that provide free meals for our neighbors in need. As in the past, we will have a cookie table. We are asking for only cookies and would like them delivered to St. Micheal's Hall on Friday, April 24th between 9AM and 11AM. If you would like to provide cookies for this event, or have questions, please contact MaryAnn Swanson, 724-822-3389, call or text.

The Community Dinner Ministries served 382 guests last Monday, March 30, 2026. Our team of volunteers worked together to ensure every guest was served efficiently and with a welcoming atmosphere.

Please sign up for the Holocaust Center Event. There is a sign up sheet in the social hall.

ON BEING

GOOD NEIGHBORS

WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

PRESENTATION & PANEL DISCUSSION
WITH **NOAH SCHOEN** OF THE
HOLOCAUST CENTER OF PITTSBURGH

 **SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

 **4:00-5:30 PM**

 **FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**
241 N. MAIN STREET | BUTLER, PA

Join us for a conversation about **understanding, solidarity,**
and **supporting our Jewish neighbors.**

A PROGRAM OF **THE BUTLER CLERGY NETWORK**

PRAYERS

DJ Sampson; Justine Brown; Darrell Mueller; Keith Graff; Cindy Regis; Hannah Love; Karen Boltz's sister & her family; Nelson Ng; Valerie Kurth; Sue Henry; Tad Sellers; Aryl Bashline, Keeler Family; Charlie and Ellen VanArsdale; Chris and his family; Linda Mae; Betsy Guimond; Joanne; Wynter; Michelle; Shawn Barry; Robert Gamble; Lisa and Jim; Gavin Graff; Bob Fleegeer; Mike Chapman; Kim Thompson Parkh; Jack Johnson; Jessica Steightner and family; Kim; Dave and Marianne Hill; the family of Jacob Ruth; Gerry O'Rourke; Amelia Cline; Evelyn Shaulis; Family & friends of Bruce Solomon; Family and friends of Gerry Wigton; Susan; the family and friends of Frank Miller; Elaine; Gilmore Hilliard; Frank Ian; Duane Cooper; Patrick Farley; The family & friends of Stephen Laine (Nancy Schneidmiller); Mackenzie Perkins; Janice Krause; Lucas Bray; Randy Kosior; The family & friends of Greg Whitely; Gigi and Randy Kosior; The family & friends of Chris Schnur; The French Family; Fred & Fifi Spangler; Verne Barlett; Mike Ragan; Joe Morici; Nick Shanor; The family & friends of Loraine Patron (Gigi Lyon Kosior's mother).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David

Psalm 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

1 Peter 1:3-9

New birth to a living hope through the resurrection

John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

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