

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
BRISTOL, CT**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
April 20, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**

“The last enemy to be
writes. Today Christ is
together with
Christ is risen, and we
the bonds of death.
are forgiven. Christ is
women at the tomb and
Let us rejoice: Christ is



destroyed is death,” Paul
risen, and we gather
astonishment and joy.
have been set free from
Christ is risen, and we
risen, and with the
Peter, we are amazed.
risen indeed! Alleluia!

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collected at the entryways**

+GATHERING+

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE **That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright** arr. S.Eithun
Handbell choir

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as
the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized
life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism that strengthen believers and give them new life; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism that open the hearts of believers; give a voice in the night to those in captivity and set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY ELW 365

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

ACS pg. 31

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.**

+WORD+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading

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.

A reading from Acts, chapter 10.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how 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. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not 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. ⁴² He 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. ⁴³ All 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.**

Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading

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.

A reading from 1st Corinthians, chapter 15.

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, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in its 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.

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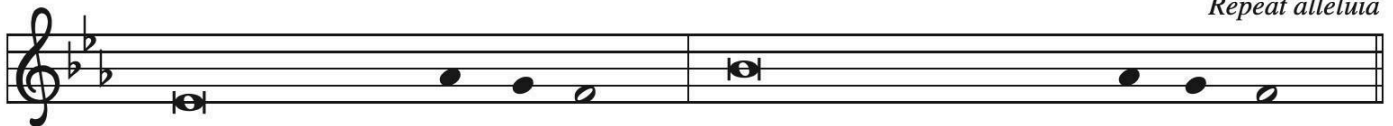
1st Corinthians 15:19-26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(all sing)*



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

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.

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The 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. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again."

⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But 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**
(REPEAT ACCLAMATION)

Luke 24: 1-12

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please have an adult accompany children 3 yrs. old and younger.

CHOIR ANTHEM Life Is Given, Hallelujah! Joel and Russel Nagy

Hail most holy day Christ was raised,
 Free from the hold of death, triumphed over the grave.

Refrain: He is risen, Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

All the women came at the break of day wondering how would they roll the stone away?

They were struck with fear when a man appeared saying,
 "He whom you seek is not here." *Refrain.*

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, He is risen! *Refrain.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing**
ELW 389 (vs. 1 & 2)

L: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our healer, we continue to pray for those on our prayer list. In addition we lift up to your care these loved ones and concerns that we name aloud or in our hearts before you now...*(time is allowed for additions)*. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

SHARE THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

+MEAL+

God feeds us in the presence of Jesus Christ.

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OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

L: OFFERING PRAYER

For all that we have received from God let us pray for what we return.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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.

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us as we pray:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*At Faith **all** are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (or gluten-free wafers upon request) and wine (or white grape juice). Empty glasses can be placed in baskets provided as you return by the side aisles to your seat for silent meditation. If you need communion brought to you, please notify the usher.*

(if you are giving a reminder at the end of the service, please move to the lectern as the altar is cleared after communion distribution)

L: POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

+SENDING+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

REMINDERS

(If you are giving a reminder, come to the lectern as the altar is cleared).

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now
and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

All are welcome to refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following the service.

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, April 20, 2025

Presiding Minister: Pastor Chris Dion

Minister of Music: Deacon Gwynne Hopko

Assisting Minister: Keith Clark

Lector: Arlene Creswell

Tech Team: Abigail Griffin, Ken Griffin, Connor Pratt

Ushers: Tina Beaudoin, Gerry Beaudoin, Carol Emond

Altar Guild: Susan and Ashley Provenzano

Instrumentalists: Emily Girard, Alto Saxophone; Matthew Girard, Trumpet;
Britt Lynch, Violin

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Time

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 21, 2025

6:00 p.m. Council Meeting (Youth Room)

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Thursday, April 24, 2025

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Al Anon (YOUTH Room)

Saturday, April 26, 2025

10:00 a.m. Foodshare Walk Against Hunger

Sunday, April 27, 2025

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

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Easter Gifts

Easter Lilies:

In memory of:

Family and Friends and in
Thanksgiving for Nick, Alyssa & Anthony

Loved Ones

Carol Davis and in Thanksgiving
for my family

Mark, Rick and Loved Ones

Anna Mae & Bill Semrow and
Norma and Nick Ferro, Sr.

Lillie Gorr

Kathleen Roth

Noah Maccio

Our Loved Ones

John T. Klopp

In Thanksgiving for Music

Lillian Milbrandt

In Thanksgiving for Grandchildren

Roy Modeen and Claire & Ernest Brandt

Joan Usala

Mom and Dad Murphy

Given By:

Steve and Joyce Chmura

Cheryl and Walter Ciano

Cheryl Davis

Carol Emond

The Ferro Family

Judi Ferro

A Friend

Matthew and Emily Girard

Kathy and Bill Golden

Linda L. Klopp

The Lynch Family

Don Milbrandt

Dick and Sandy Milke

Sharon Modeen

The Pratt Family

The Provenzano Family

Lillies (Continued):***In memory of:***

Richard, Betty, and Steven Rankin

Loved Ones

Our Moms

Donald Strecker

Loved Ones

Our Mothers - Hilda Bunn & Edna Tuttle

Valencis and Helm Families

Abbie Werner Patria

Given By:

The Ropp Family

Lois Serafino

Ken and Barbara Soden

Joan Strecker

Roy and Rosemarie Tessman

Jane Bodamer and Everett Tuttle

Edie and Gary Valencis

Meema and Beepa Werner

To the Capital Improvement Fund

(current project is the new sign for the front yard):

In memory of:

Nick Ferro

Barbara Venora, Bea & Lloyd Glidden

The Chamberlain & Messenger Families

Audrey VanBrocklin

To the Glory of God

Given By:

The Ferro Family

Nancy and Raymond Glidden & Family

Bruce and Sharon Messenger

Owen VanBrocklin

Robert J. Cumiskey

To The General Fund:***In memory of:***

Donald, Alma, and Rosie Rindfleisch

Shaun Corbett, Tony Pelow

Donald Strecker

Given By:

Raymond and Nancy Glidden & Family

Joan Strecker