



This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you are a member in good standing of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC), we invite you to join us in receiving the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given and shed for the forgiveness of your sins. If you are a member of another Christian denomination, we invite you as brothers and sisters in Christ to receive a personal blessing during the communion distribution. Please place your hand over your heart to indicate that you desire to receive a blessing. Although you may not fully understand or agree with our practice regarding Communion fellowship, we ask that you respect it nevertheless.

We offer two wines for our communion celebrations. The lighter one, in the center ring of the communion tray, is for those who need the non-alcoholic wine for medical reasons. The wine in the remaining cups in the trays and the wine in the chalice is the regular communion wine.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER SUNRISE

"Who's Wounded Now?"

April 20, 2025

AS WE GATHER What is it that has changed your life more than any other single event? We might think back to certain moments in life that have made a marked impression upon us. Today, in God's Word, we discover that the resurrection of Jesus is the single most significant event in all our lives. The resurrection of Jesus validates the crucifixion as a life-changing, sin-forgiving event, and paves the way for a life that will never end in heaven for the believer.

[The service begins in silence.]

+ PREPARATION +

(We gather in the gloom!)

EASTER GREETING

Pastor [*Whispered*]: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

(We see some light!)

EASTER GREETING

Pastor [*Softly stated*]: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

(We see the rising light!)

EASTER GREETING

Pastor [*Firmly stated*]: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

(We stand in the full light of Christ's resurrection!)

(Please stand)

HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father:

People: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this, Your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

INTROIT *Exodus 15: 2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Exodus 15:1b*

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.
The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and He has become my sal- | vation;
Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,*
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.
You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You | have
redeemed;*
You have guided them by Your strength to Your ho- | ly abode.
You will bring them in and plant them on Your own | mountain,*
the place, O LORD, which You have made for | Your abode,
the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have es- | tablished.*
The LORD will reign forever and | ever.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.

HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast" LSB 155

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus
Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before
You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Job 19:23-27 Pew Bible Page 811
(*Job predicts the resurrection.*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and | honor,
He has given Him dominion over the works | of His hands;*

He has put all things un- | der His feet.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Pew Bible Page 1791
(*St. Paul explains the resurrection.*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King" v 1 **LSB 470**

O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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HOLY GOSPEL John 20: 1-10 Pew Bible Page 1685
(*The Resurrection*)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord according to St. John, the twentieth
chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King" v 2-3 **LSB 470**

That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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John 20:11-18 Pew Bible Page 1686
(Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King" v 8-9 **LSB 470**

**How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and

apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN " Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"
LSB 475

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +
Divine Service I pg. 160

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "This Joyful Eastertide" **LSB 482**

PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" **LSB 465**

PARTICIPATING:

Worship Leader/Preacher
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Join us today in the Hillmer Center for Fellowship at 8:00 – 8:45 am and at 10:15 – 10:45 am.

Sunday Mornings

Worship is at 9 am

Fellowship is at 10:15 am

Bible Class/Sunday School is at 10:30 am