



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.*

## EASTER RESURRECTION

Christ Is Risen! So What?

April 20, 2025

**AS WE GATHER** Today is a day of celebration! Jesus is alive! He is risen indeed. This fact informs all of our lives---if God can raise Jesus from the dead, He can bring life to my situation; He can take away my fear of death. So this day, we rejoice. We celebrate Jesus, no longer dead, but alive.

### + PREPARATION +

**HYMN** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" **LSB 457**

### INVOCATION AND EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**Pastor:** You make known to me the path of life;

**People:** **in Your presence there is fullness of joy. Psalm 16:11**

**Pastor:** Christ has been raised from the dead,  
**People:** **the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**  
*1 Corinthians 15:20*

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

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**People:** **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. I Corinthians 15:21-22**

**Pastor:** In repentant faith, we come before our Lord to confess our sin.

**Pastor:** Almighty God,  
**People:** **we confess to You that we are sinful by nature. We have lived out our sinful nature by thinking selfish thoughts, saying hurtful words, and doing unloving actions. We pray, bring us from the death of our sin back to life. Forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Pastor:** The last enemy to be destroyed is death, and Jesus has won the victory over sin, death, and the devil, and through Him, your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is the Feast" **LSB 155**

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has given us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade, to an inexpressible and glorious joy in Him, to whom with You, O Father, and You, O Holy Spirit, one blessed Trinity, be ascribed all honor, might, majesty, and power forever.

People: **Amen.**

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## + WORD +

**OLD TESTAMENT**      Isaiah 65:17-25      pew Bible 1164  
*(God creates a new heaven and a new earth.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**      1 Corinthians 15:19-26      pew Bible 1790  
*(We have hope because Jesus has risen.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia

**HOLY GOSPEL**      Luke 24:1-12      pew Bible 1642  
*(The tomb is empty.)*

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

**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.**

**HYMN**      "Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living"      **LSB 479**

## SERMON

**OFFERTORY**      "The Day of Resurrection"      Chancel Choir  
Music purchased from memorial money of Arlin Schmidt

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

## BENEDICTION

This concludes the service for online viewing

## + SACRAMENT +

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"At the Lamb's High Feast"  
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"  
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

**LSB 633**  
**LSB 461**  
**LSB 469**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Pastor:** Gracious Father, through the body and blood of Your Son, our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come. By this Supper, keep us strong in faith, that on the day of His return, we may, together with all the saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. We pray through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us

what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

**People:** **Amen.**

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**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## HYMN

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!"

**LSB 466**

## PARTICIPATING:

Worship Leader/Preacher  
Organist  
Worship Elder

Lay Reader  
Greeters  
Door Greeter

Pastor Justin D. Kane  
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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**

