

Easter Service Sunday: April 20, 2025



Connecting People to Jesus, Cultivating Meaningful Lives, and Contributing to God's Kingdom
Work, Together



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Welcome to Easter Service at Mt. Olive Lutheran. New beginnings start at the empty tomb, and there's no better way to celebrate Easter celebration than by joining together to sing the praises of Him who died yet was raised to life again.

Welcome and Opening Sentences

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The darkness of death is now overwhelmed by the light of Christ's resurrection victory.

People: Satan is defeated and death is destroyed.

Pastor: The enemy no longer has power over Christ Jesus

People: Nor does he have claim over our lives.

Pastor: We bow in faith before Jesus

People: And rise to worship and sing praises to our Risen King!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Opening Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

△ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P Christ is risen!
Men: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Christ is risen!
Women: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

Revelation 1:8

P He is risen indeed, even as He said to the apostle John on Patmos,
C “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

P Knowing that Jesus is the Head of the church, do you confess that you are a sinner?

C Yes, I confess that I am a sinner with no hope of heaven on my own.

P What then is your hope?

C My hope is that Christ suffered for my sins on the cross and died, and was raised back to life, and He now offers the forgiveness to me, not because of what I have done, but by faith in believing what He did forgives my every sin.

P Jesus called people to a holy life, telling them, “Go and sin no more.” Do you promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that you will amend your sinful life?

- C** Yes, I promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life, turning away from sin as I am strengthened by the Holy Spirit to lead a life that glorifies God.
- P** Then hear the great news on the anniversary of that great third day: as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen! He is risen indeed!

Sharing of the Peace

Following the absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

SERVICE OF THE WORD

In the service of the Word, God grants us His grace through the reading and preaching of His Word. Wherever His Word is, there He promises to be (Matt 18:20). The words of Holy Scripture are to "make [us] wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15)." They do this but not by simply talking about Jesus but giving Jesus to us who crucified for our sins and raised for our justification. The Word of God is the Word of Life.

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b



- P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed | gloriously;* the horse and his rider He has thrown in | -to the sea.
- C** The LORD is my strength | and my song*, and He has become my sal | -vation.
- P** Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in | power*, Your right hand, O Lord, shatters | the enemy.
- C** You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You | have redeemed;* You have guided them by Your strength to Your | holy abode.
- P** 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.

- C** 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 | beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed | gloriously;*
- C** the horse and his rider He has thrown in | -to the sea.

Kyrie *LSB 204*



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 15:1-11

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

⁴“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.

I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’
¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
 they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
¹¹“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
 Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
 awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.



For I know that my Redeemer lives
 and at the last he will stand upon the earth
 And after my skin has been thus destroyed / yet in my flesh I shall see God,
 whom I shall see / for myself / and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
 My heart faints / within me! **Job 19:25–27**

Kids Message

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day:

In Christ Alone In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe

This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Sermon Exodus: From Death to Eden

Stand

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.**

Job 19:25–27

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Prayer of the Church

- [P]** On this great celebration of the third day, when Jesus was raised from death to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** We know that if we ask anything in Your name and according to Your will, You will not only hear our prayer but You promise to answer it.
- P** Our risen Savior, before we ask anything of You, we lay before Your feet all our worship, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving.
- C** You not only sacrificed Your life for our sins on the cross, but You defeated death itself on the third day. For this, we bow before You, offering our thanks, praise, and service to You.
- P** We pause to remember the events of the third day:
- C** The women at the tomb, Peter and John, the Emmaus road, the Upper Room.
- P** In each case, You brought joy to those circumstances.
- C** Wherever we find ourselves today, Lord, remind us of what You did in the resurrection and fill our hearts with Your joy. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P** We remember before Your throne those whose joys are being stolen by the circumstances of life. We remember those sick and in need of Your care, [*especially...*].
- C** We lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ before Your throne, trusting in our great heavenly physician to use doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles, according to Your will, to bring healing and health to them. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P** For those who struggle every day, Lord Jesus, show compassion on them;
- C** Look with compassion on those struggling paycheck to paycheck; for the homeless, the ones living in poverty; and so many we have not named but are known to You, almighty God. Care for them as only You can. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P** We pray for those who govern, both in our land and in others.
- C** We pray for world leaders and all in authority, that they would be guided by Your Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
- P** We pray for those who are imprisoned, and we remember those imprisoned for nothing more than their faith in Jesus.

C As You showed grace to the thief on the cross, show Your grace to those imprisoned who do not know You. We ask protection for the ones persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all our requests.

C We pray these and all the prayers of our heart in the name of Jesus, risen on the third day, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Offering / Offertory LSB 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Pastor: Thank You, God, for bringing us through the season of Lent and into the bright day of our Lord's resurrection. Strengthen our faith in the reality of His ongoing life that we may not slink back into the bondage of unbelief and shadow. Bring us at last to the wedding feast of the Lamb who has taken away our sins and betrothed us to Himself; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and in whose name we now boldly pray.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Pax Domini

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Mission Statement

- P: Our Lord is returning soon and He has given to us His Word... so that we might ...
- C: Connect to Jesus, Cultivate a meaningful life, and Contribute to God’s Kingdom work, together.**

Benediction

LSB 183

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 461

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Serving Him this Week

Worship Leader	Rev. Daniel Vang
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Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
Altar Guild	Ann Leu

CONNECT

Sunday Service with Communion

Please join us for Sunday service at 10am. If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at www.mountolivefolsom.com.

Sunday School

We have an Elementary School class and a Jr High/High School class that meets in the Annex from 9:00am-9:45am. Teachers and subs still needed.

Contact Elisse at council.educ.molc@gmail.com

Sunday Bible Study

Come and gather with us at 9am.

Lenten/Easter Services

April 20, Easter Sunday 6:20am, 10am with a pancake breakfast from 8-9:30am

Christian Fellowship Lunch

The next fellowship lunch will be at noon on May 15. Please plan to join us! All ages are welcome!

CULTIVATE

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies, we would like to invite you to our Tuesday Bible Study at 10am at 110 Dyrrell Way in Folsom. We are beginning to study the 2nd part of the Gospel of Matthew. For more information, please call Inge at 916-983-0351.

LWML

WML cookies sale "Bites for Mites" to be held right after church on Sunday the 4th of May in the annex. Come and buy your favorite cookies, gingerbread hearts, and other assorted goodies and support the 2024-2026 LWML mission grants and the Mt. Olive Youth headed to the 2025 LCMS youth gathering July 19-23 in New Orleans, LA. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to these two groups. Plan on checking out the assortment of goodies for the upcoming "Mother's Day" and purchase a sweet treat for yourself or your loved ones. Mt. Olive's Women in Mission greatly appreciate everyone's support of this event. Mites support mission grants that share the gospel locally and around the world. For questions, please talk to Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine Benedict, thank you.

CONTRIBUTE

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the office to add it to the prayer chain as well as the Prayer Request/Praise section of the weekly announcements.

Online Giving

There are two convenient ways to give online. Either by using the "Joyful Response Giving" on the website or via Paypal. Simply log on to your Paypal Account, select "SEND" and type in Mount Olive Lutheran Church of Folsom California. We always accept checks, but we do have a limit as to how many we can deposit monthly, so if online giving is an option for you, rest assured, it is easy, safe and secure.

SOW and Grow

Week of April 20, 2025 (Row 31)

Romans 6:8–9

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The bible color coding color of orange stands for prophecy, history, times, places, Kings, genealogy, people, numbers, covenants, vows, visions, oaths, future, and end times.

One underrated thing about death is that you only have to experience it one time. No dress rehearsals. No practice runs. No do overs. In verse 7 Paul tells us another good thing about death, “One who has died has been set free from sin.” Paul has been making the argument in chapter 6 that since we were united with Christ in baptism we have died to sin. He is stating a declarative fact. It doesn’t always feel that way to us, but we can claim that fact daily as we remember God’s work in our baptism. We live our lives as simultaneously sinners and saints. Paul is exhorting the Romans to lean into their sainthood while daily drowning the sinner through repentance and remembrance of your baptism (v.11).

But wait there’s more! Paul also lets us know that since we have died with Christ in our baptism we will also be resurrected eternally as he is so we ought not fear death. I’m not afraid of death, you may say, but the anticipation is killing me! We do tend to suffer more from the anticipation and worry about death than the actual event. Our SOW verse this week lets us know that we are free from fear with regards to death for we will share in Christ’s resurrection. Like Christ, Death no longer has dominion over us. Luther cites Romans 6 in the Small Catechism explanation of baptism. “What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.”

Pray: Lord, we thank you that in our baptism we are free to live our lives fully. Free from sin, free from death, and free from the worry of death. Amen.