

# Easter Sunrise 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 Sunrise Service at Mt. Olive Lutheran. New beginnings start at the empty tomb, and there's no better way to begin our Easter celebration than outside at the break of day, 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**

*The congregation will process into the sanctuary singing together*

## 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 - shiped 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*

<sup>1</sup>Then 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.

<sup>2</sup>The 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.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war;  
the LORD is his name.

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

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

<sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

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

<sup>8</sup>At 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.

<sup>9</sup>The 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.’

<sup>10</sup>You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

<sup>11</sup>“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.



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**

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:19–26*

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*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.



<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And 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? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now 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, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

### **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**

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

*LSB 177*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God.

And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** *(sung to the tune of LSB 469 Christ the Lord is Risen Today)*

**☒ Holy, holy, holy Lord / God of Sabaoth adored  
Heaven and earth with full acclaim / shout the glory of Your Name  
Sing hosanna, loudly sing / sing hosannas to the King  
Truly blest and thus adored / He who comes in the Name of the Lord.**


### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Pastor:** We give You thanks, Holy Trinity for the victory over death secured by our Lord Jesus Christ through His crucifixion and resurrection. On this day, we rejoice and celebrate that our ancient foe has been destroyed. Christ is alive; He is living! And He comes among us now in His body and blood to join we who live in the midst of death with the reality of His resurrection life. For this and all His victory, we give You thanks and praise; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**☐** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to 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.

## Agnus Dei LSB 550 Lamb of God

Sit

Distribution Instrumental

Lana Sullivan and Mel Fong

Distribution Song **We Remember** *Aubrey DeCoux, Ariadne Vang & Krista Hess*

Distribution Hymn **Alleluia Hearts to Heaven LSB 477**

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
jice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is -  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You



would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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*

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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](http://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](mailto: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 Dyrell 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.