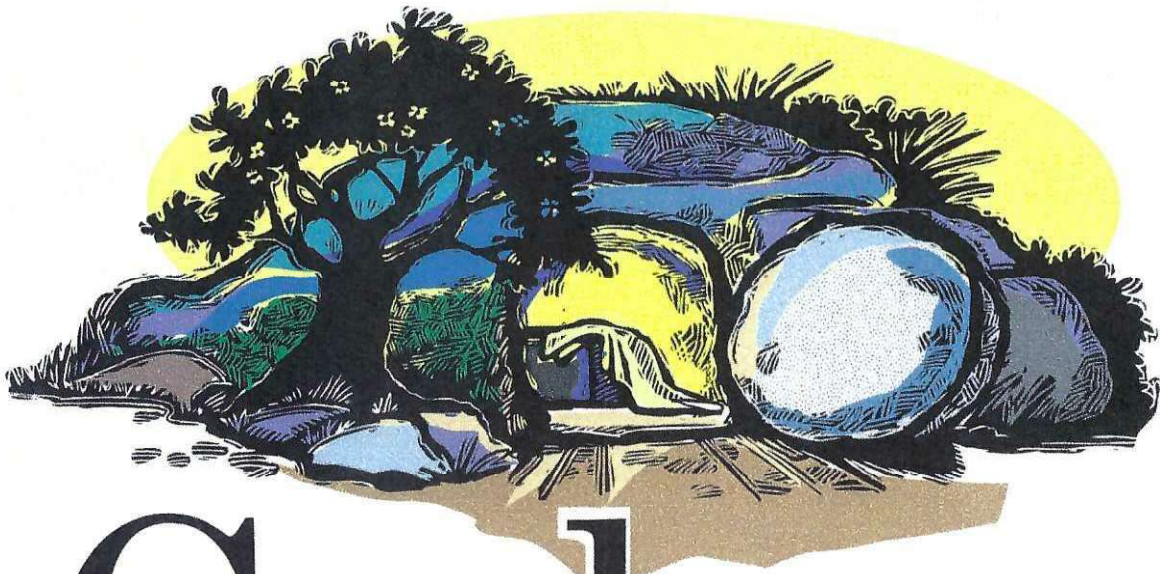


# Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
Hillsboro, Texas



**God**  
*raised him*  
**on the**  
*third day ...*

Easter SONrise Service  
THE DAY OF RESURRECTION  
April 5, 2026

## ✝ ORDER OF SERVICE ✝

Scripture Reading [NIV]

Luke 24:1-8

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with 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; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words.

### Opening Verses

P: [Jesus said:] This is what is written:

"The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations." *Luke 24:45*

P: Christ has risen as He said.

C: **He has risen from the dead. Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

LSB 467 (v.1-3, 6)

**Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done.  
Now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid, where our bed must be made,  
When to the realms of light, our spirit wings its flight.**

**The foe in triumph shouted, when Christ lay in the tomb.  
But lo, he now is routed, his boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free, in glorious victory.  
He who is strong to save, has triumphed o'er the grave.**

**This is a sight that gladdens. What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens, the joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take,  
The hope which God's own Son, in love for me has won.**

**Now I will cling forever, to Christ, my Savior true.  
My Lord will leave me never, whate'er He passes through.  
He rends death's iron chain. He breaks through sin and pain.  
He shatters hell's grim thrall. I follow Him through all.**

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* A - - - men

Confession of Sins

*1 John 1:8-9 and John 20:19-23*

P: Standing in the presence of our holy God, we begin to comprehend the depth of our sin. We have failed to be what He has called us to be in His Son, Jesus Christ. Our sin separates us from God and leaves us deserving of His judgment and eternal punishment. Only by the grace and love of God shown to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are we saved from death and eternal condemnation. Before God and before one another we now make confession of our sin, seeking the forgiveness that Christ has won for us by His death and His victorious resurrection.

**ALL: Father, we confess before you and before one another that we are unworthy to stand before you. We have sinned against you and against one another. We deserve only your wrath and punishment, but we earnestly seek your forgiveness in the name of Jesus. We place our faith and trust in Him and the blood Christ shed for us on Calvary's cross. Forgive us our sins and empower us by your Spirit to live the life you have called us to, in the name of your risen Son.**

P: Rejoice, celebrate, children of God! The Father has promised to hear and answer your pleas for forgiveness. God in Christ Jesus has opened the tomb, destroyed death, and silenced the grave. God is faithful and willingly grants forgiveness to those who confess their sin. Thanks be to God, that our salvation is secure in the resurrection of Christ. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and His Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you and by His command, I forgive you of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* A - - - men.

Entrance Psalm [NIV]

Psalm 30

P: I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

C: **O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.**

P: Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

C: **For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

P: When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

C: **O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.**

P: To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

C: **"What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help."**

P: You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

C: **O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

**ALL: 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.**

Hymn of Praise

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia"

LSB 463

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way. Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete. Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled. Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high. Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Hail, the victim undefiled. Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled. Alleluia!  
When contending death and life. Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**Christians, on this holy day. Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high. Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: Heavenly Father, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross to save us from our sins, and by his glorious resurrection you have delivered us from the power of death. Give us your Holy Spirit that we may die to sin and rise to live with Jesus today, tomorrow and forever in the joy of his resurrection. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading [NIV]

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to our RISEN Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

Epistle Reading [NIV]

1 Corinthians 15:19-26, 51-57

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to our RISEN Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel Reading [NIV]

John 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I do not know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**I know that my Redeemer lives. What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead. He lives, my ever living Head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave. He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all glorious in the sky. He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to silence all my fears. He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart. He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives my kind, wise, heavenly friend. He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives and while He lives, I'll sing: He lives my Prophet, Priest and King.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath. He lives and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare. He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives all glory to His name! He lives my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives. "I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

## Sermon

## THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

## Sermon Hymn

## "The Day of Resurrection"

LSB 478

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad.  
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free.  
Our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright,  
The Lord in rays eternal, of resurrection light.  
And list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful. Let earth its song begin.  
Let all the world keep triumph, and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!**

**All praise to God the Father. All praise to God the Son.  
All praise to God the Spirit. Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number, fall down before the throne,  
And honor, pow'r and glory, ascribe to God alone!**

Confession of Faith

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 of Praise

“He is Arisen! Glorious Word”

LSB 488

**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord. The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die, and Satan's arrows broken lie, destroyed hell's fiercest weapon. O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, rising glorious, life is giving. He was dead but now is living!**

Offering (*Greet one another saying, “The Lord is risen!” and “He is risen indeed!”*)

*[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]*

## Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

## Prayers

P: Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace, let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

P: Risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Risen Savior, make us to burn with the fire of Your love, that we may love You above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves. Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts, that we may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we received in the waters of our baptism. Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Risen Savior, anoint the words of those who preach to us Your Gospel, and open our ears to hear with faith all that He has done to save us. Raise up many who will serve You in the various callings of Your Church and who will serve us in Your name with Your Word and Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Risen Savior, hear us on behalf of our president, our governor, the Congress of the United States, and all state and local elected officials. Guide them according to Your Word, that their labors for our nation's health and welfare may not be in vain, nor forgetful of the vulnerable, aging and unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Risen Savior, across our nation so many are imprisoned. Bless all prison workers, that they may be humane and serve with integrity. Bless those incarcerated with hope for the future and amendment of life, help them to serve their sentences with patience and trust in You, and bless their families who love them. Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth. We pray especially for . . . Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions until that day when their sufferings will be exchanged for glory in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: All praise to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have opened up to us the way to eternal life in the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us in that same faith, and embolden us by Your resurrection to be fearless in the face of disease, chaos, loneliness and every sorrow of this world. Give us, with Job, the solemn expectation to cheer us: our Redeemer lives, and we, too, shall be resurrected and glorified to live with Him in His eternal Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our resurrected Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**ALL: 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.**

### Scripture Reading [NIV]

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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

C: *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

**He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord!  
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary,  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**But short was their triumph, the Savior arose!  
And death, hell and Satan, He vanquished His foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high.  
He lives, yes He lives, and will nevermore die.**

**O where is your sting, death? We fear you no more.  
Christ rose and now open is fair Eden’s door.  
For all our transgressions, His blood does atone.  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice!  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all my rejoice.  
Laud, honor and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit, He ever shall reign!**

**✝ Christ is RISEN! He is RISEN Indeed! Alleluia! ✝**

**EASTER BREAKFAST!!!**

TODAY from 8am until 9am in the fellowship hall. Freewill Offering for “Kitchen Project”.

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