

Redeemer Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas

April 5, 2026

The Festival of the Resurrection

NOTES: ¹ Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. ² There is no specified seating. ³ We offer large print copies of the liturgy. ⁴ Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. ⁵ Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

For Holy Communion we offer gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic white grape juice.

Prelude

The Gathering Hymn Solo: “Were You There”
(solo of resurrection verse by Ron Ottinger)

The Easter Celebration Hymn:

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" – LSB #457

(Please rise for the Words of God)

Pastor: The Chronological Readings for the Festival of the Resurrection

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

Isaiah 25:8

“He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 26:19

“But your dead will live, Lord; their bodies will rise — let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy —

your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.”

Psalm 16:10-11

“Because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

Matthew 28:1-10

“After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

“So, the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

1 Corinthians 15:2-5

“By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.”

1 Corinthians 15:13-25

“If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits 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 turn: Christ, the firstfruits; 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.”

Pastor: These are the Words of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Message Hymn:

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" – LSB #474

The Message: What's Next?

Matthew 24:14

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Ephesians 4:11-16

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

The Invitation for Confession and Forgiveness of Sins:

Hosea 14:1-2

“Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take words with you and return to the Lord; say to him, ‘Take away all guilt; accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips.

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.”

Congregation: I am a sinner. I have a sin nature. I sin by evil thoughts, evil words, and evil actions. I am weak, helpless. I need the Savior, who loves me in this condition, but loves me too much to leave me there. Have mercy on me Jesus. Forgive me and strengthen me every moment of every day. Hear me as I call out to You in prayer and mercy throughout the day.

(We present ourselves in humbleness and pause to bring our most private sins of thoughts, words, and deeds to God in the silence of this moment.)

Pastor: Now, in Christ, by Christ, and through Christ, you are reminded that the resurrected Jesus has paid the price for your sins. You are forgiven; by an empty cross, an empty tomb, and by a resurrected, living, abiding Christ; who is, with you, in you, and for you. In the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: “Jesus, Name Above All Names”
(join in a cappella singing)

Verse 1: Jesus, name above all names: Beautiful Savior,
glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed
Redeemer, Living Word.

Verse 2: Jesus, Lord God Almighty, Wonderful Counselor,
Light of the wo-oo-oo-rld, The Prince of Peace,
Hope of glory, Man of Salvation, Lamb of God.

Joining together in prayer we call out to God:

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.

Words of Institution of the New Covenant

During the final Passover meal, after blessing the bread and
wine, Jesus said to His disciples:

“Take this bread, I give it to you, and as I do remember me.
This bread is my body, broken just for you. Take it, eat it,
and as you do remember me.”

“Take this cup, I give it to you, and as I do remember me.
This cup is the new covenant, my blood — shed just for
you. Take it, drink it, and as you do remember me.”

The Pre-Communion Hymn:

"This Joyful Eastertide" – LSB #482

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.”

(Please come up single file, socially distanced, in the center aisle. Pastor will distribute both the bread and wine, prompting you for each element. We have gluten-free wafers available, and we have non-alcoholic white grape juice in the center of the tray. After you are dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).)

The Post-Communion Hymn:

"Thank the Lord" – LSB #164

The Benediction:

Pastor: “But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.” “Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” (**Jude 1:20-21, 24-25**)

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn:

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” – LSB #477

Announcements:

Postlude

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