Louisburg Baptist Church
Easter Sunrise Service
April 5, 2026

Welcome and Opening Prayer — Rev. David Averette

Hymn — *Low in the Grave He Lay* — Congregation

Easter Litany of Gathering

Leader: Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and wonder; you gave birth to all that we know.

All: **We stand in awe of your creation and give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were with us and one of us....Emmanuel!

All: **We stand in awe of your incarnation and give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: Early in the morning, surrounded by a betrayer, religious leaders, anxious soldiers, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty they deserved, we deserve: you shouldered and suffered the cross.

All: **We stand in awe of your sacrifice and give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those, and for those who had forgotten, denied, and sought to destroy you.

All: **We stand in awe of your resurrection and give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: Early this morning, in the company of your Church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us and your love for us; so we pray...

All: **Lord, bring new life, where we are worn and weary; bring new love, where we have turned hard-hearted; bring forgiveness, where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and bring the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are prisoners of ourselves.**

Leader: Early this morning, the body of believers gather together, one in faith and hope, one in purpose: To believe in and worship you, the one Lord, Jesus Christ, to live forgiven and thankful lives, and to celebrate the victory over death and the promise of eternal life.

All: **Thanks be to God for He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

Chorus: *He Is Lord* — Congregation

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Resurrection Homily: *Early in the Morning* — Rev. Averette

Hymn: *Because He Lives* — Congregation

Prayer and Blessing — Rev. Averette

All are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for breakfast and time of fellowship around the table as we celebrate the goodness and wideness of His mercy.

Remember to join us this morning
Sunday School at 9:45
Resurrection Sunday Worship at 11:00