

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN	<i>Blessing and Honor</i>	ELW #854
1	wisdom and riches and strength evermore, be to the Lamb who our battle has won, whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne; whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!	
2	Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name; let all the earth sing his glory and fame. Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r echo his praises and tell of his pow'r; echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.	
3	Ever ascending the song and the joy, ever descending the love from on high; blessing and honor and glory and praise-- this is the theme of the hymns that we raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.	
4	Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb! Take we the robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain, dying in weakness and rising to reign; dying in weakness and rising to reign!	

INVOCATION

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But when we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Let us confess our sin to God our Father. Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of  
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may  
delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your  
sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore  
declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**GREETING**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PSALM Psalm 22:25-32 *(read responsively)*

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.  
<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**  
**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
 all the families of nations shall bow before God.  
<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**  
**who rules over the nations.**  
<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.  
<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**  
**whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**  
<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
 saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.  
<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, word of life.                      Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The holy gospel according to John.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Erin

HYMN OF THE DAY Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! ELW #377

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

- Refrain  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*Prayer response:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

## OFFERING

*Offering will not be taken during worship; a basket is available in the back of the sanctuary to drop off today's offering. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at [zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving) or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.*



*The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, grant us your Holy Spirit that we might hear and share your promise of new life with all in need. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

Our risen Lord comes to us in the breaking of the bread with his body and blood, promising forgiveness and new life. Let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.

This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	ELW #490
1	Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand.	
2	King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.	
3	Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way; as the Light of light, descending from the realms of endless day, comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.	
4	At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"	

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven, the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, keep us steadfast in the promise and life-giving hope of your resurrection, that by the Holy Spirit we might testify to the power and grace of your work for us and all people. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May God who has brought us from death to life grant you faith to trust in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!</i>	ELW #385
1	Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	

- 2      The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3      Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4      Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### **SENDING WORDS**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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