

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Easter Sunday
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PRELUDE

Piano & Organ Duets

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

It was dawn. The sun was warming the earth. The birds were singing.
The beauty of the day was lost on the grieving women.
It may as well have been midnight as they approached the tomb.

It was dawn. The earth was rejoicing.
The breeze whispered alleluias across the land.
It made no sense. The stone had moved. The body was gone.
Confusion and fear shoved grief to the side.

It was dawn. The trees swayed in the rhythm of songs from the heavens.
Dazzling clothes, strange voices, familiar words:
On the third day the Son of Man will rise again.

It was dawn. The women were running. The words were forming.
Christ is risen! Come and see!

Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW #365

- 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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Alleluia Sing to Jesus"
Zach & Sandra Anderson

Hal Hopson

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

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

1 This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.

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

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
 therefore our heart with rapture sings:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Now still he comes to give us life
 and by his presence stills all strife.
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
 set heart and will on things above
 that we conquer through your triumph;
 grant grace sufficient for life's day
 that by our lives we truly say:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
 and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father, and our Lord,
 to Spirit blest, most holy God,
 all the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this congregation possible. We encourage everyone to give. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at 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 HYMN

Christ is Alive
Vs. 1, 2, 5

ELW #389

- 1
- Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2
- Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev’ry place and time.
- 5
- Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:
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.

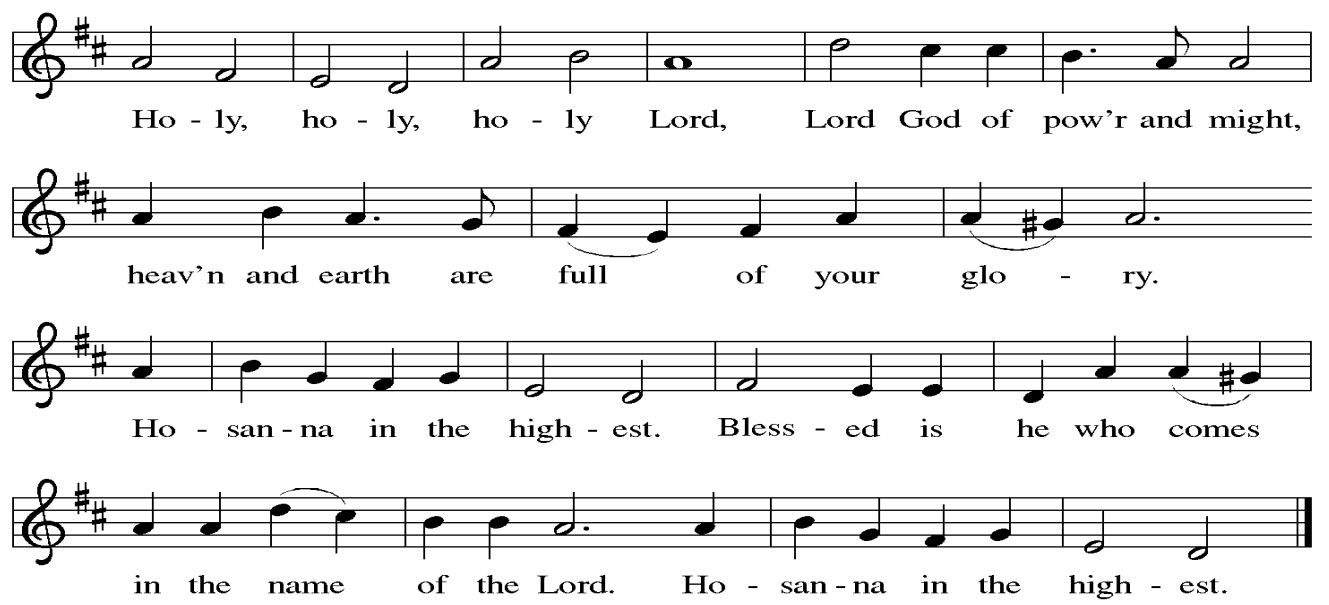
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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!

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION	"This Joyful Eastertide" Vs. 2 & 3	ELW #391
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- Refrain*
Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.
- 2 My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*
- 3 Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward as directed by the ushers. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.

COMMUNION HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" 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!

BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
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 Almighty God, who raised our Lord from death, lift you up and restore your life in the victory of his Son. **Amen.**

May Jesus Christ, the Son of God, give you his Word of new life, that you might be strengthened by the power of his resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who creates, calls, and gathers the Church in faith, keep you in God's baptismal promise this day and always. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! ELW #369

- 1 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!

- 2 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!
- 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 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!

SENDING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace as witnesses of the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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