

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

*In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

*All My Days (Beautiful Savior)*

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness.  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never ending;  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
Where countless worshipers will share one song,  
And cries of worthy will honor the Lamb.

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Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
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## CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.*

Gracious God,  
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*Great is the Lord*

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:  
O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SINGING & KIDS' TIME**

*This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Jeremy Schutter, trombone

**PSALM**

**Psalms 118:14-29**

*(read responsively)*

- <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
- <sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
- <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- <sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.
- <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.
- <sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**SECOND READING**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

- <sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven  
spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the  
dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.  
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom,  
priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
- So it is to be. Amen.
- <sup>8</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the  
Almighty.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

*Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

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

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."  
<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."  
<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."  
<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

SONG OF THE DAY

*All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises*

You lived, You died.  
You said in three days you would rise.  
You did, You're alive.  
You rule, You reign  
You said You're coming back again.  
I know that You will  
And all the earth will sing Your praises.

You took, You take our sins away, O God.  
You give, You gave Your life away for us.  
You came down, You saved us through the cross.  
Our hearts are changed because of your great love.

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### **APOSTLES' CREED**

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Jesus the Messiah. Living together in trust and hope, we 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 PEOPLE**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

#### *Prayers of Intercession*

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who  
sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. 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](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.*



#### OFFERING SONG

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
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#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

#### BLESSING

God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
Amen.

## SENDING SONG

## *My Redeemer Lives*

I know He rescued my soul,  
His blood has covered my sin,  
I believe, I believe.

My shame He's taken away,  
My pain is healed in His name.  
I believe, I believe.  
I'll raise a banner,  
My Lord has conquered the grave.

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives,  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.

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My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.

You lift my burden, I'll rise with You:  
I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see Your Kingdom come.

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives,  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives,  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.

## SENDING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE