

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Third Sunday in Easter  
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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

### *Revelation Song*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, Holy is He.  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings,  
You are my everything and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power  
To You the only wise king.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings,  
You are my everything and I will adore you.

Filled with love, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.  
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water,  
Such a marvelous mystery.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings,  
You are my everything and I will adore you.

## CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

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

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 God's active presence, 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**

*Jesus, What a Beautiful Name*

Jesus, what a beautiful name.  
Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb that was slain.  
Joy and peace, strength and hope,  
Grace that blows all fear away,  
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

Jesus, what a beautiful name,  
Truth revealed, my future sealed, healed my pain.  
Love and freedom, life and warmth,  
Grace that blows all fear away.  
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

Jesus, what a beautiful name,  
Rescued my soul, my stronghold lifts me from shame.  
Forgiveness, security, power and love,  
Grace that blows all fear away.  
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:  
Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**KID'S TIME**

Pastor Mark

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]**

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

## SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14

Word of God. Word of life.      **Thanks be to God.**

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

The holy gospel according to John, the twenty-first chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the

boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

SERMON

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SONG OF THE DAY

*God So Loved*

God so loved the world that He gave.  
God so loved the world that He gave  
His only Son

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His only Son

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.  
He's risen from the dead. He is risen.  
He's high and lifted up. Heaven and earth adore.

God so loved the world that He gave.  
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His only Son.

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His only Son.

## 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](https://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**

*Be Unto Your Name*

We are the moment, You are forever.  
Lord of all ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor. You are eternal.  
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises honor and glory,  
Be unto Your name,  
Be unto Your name.

We are the broken, you are the healer.  
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever.  
Bowling before You, blessing your name.

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises honor and glory,  
Be unto Your name,  
Be unto Your name.

**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.

**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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

*Worthy is the Lamb*

Thank you for the cross, Lord.  
Thank you for the price You paid.  
Bearing all my sin and shame,  
In love You came and gave amazing grace.  
Thank you for this love, Lord.  
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.  
Wash me in Your cleansing flow;  
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb  
Seated on the throne.  
Crown You now with many crowns;  
You reign victorious high and lifted up.  
Jesus, Son of God, the darling of heaven crucified.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

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#### **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:

**We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. 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**

*Alive, Forever, Amen*

Let the children sing a song of liberation.  
The God of our Salvation set us free.  
Death where is thy sting? The curse of sin is broken  
The empty tomb stands open come and see.

He's alive, alive, alive hallelujah,  
Alive praise and glory to the Lamb.  
Alive, alive, alive hallelujah,  
Alive forever Amen.

Let my heart sing out, for Christ the One and only.  
So powerful and holy, rescued me.  
Death won't hurt me now because He has redeemed  
No grave will ever keep me from my King.

He's alive, alive, alive hallelujah,  
Alive praise and glory to the Lamb.

Alive, alive, alive hallelujah,  
Alive forever Amen.

He's alive, alive, alive hallelujah,  
Alive praise and glory to the Lamb.  
Alive, alive, alive hallelujah,  
Alive forever Amen.

**SENDING WORDS**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**POSTLUDE**