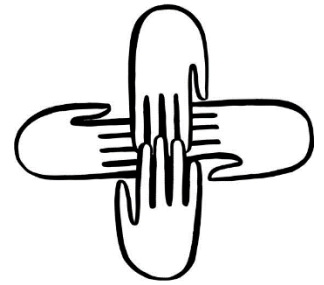


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Fifth Sunday in Easter
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Mark Galbraith, Interim Pastor



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
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The earth is filled with His glory.
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And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

And together we sing,
Everyone sing.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

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 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

Beautiful One

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love,
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know,
How glorious, how beautiful You are.

Beautiful one I love,
Beautiful one I adore,
Beautiful one my soul must sing.

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies,
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing.
How marvelous, how wonderful You are.

Beautiful one I love,
Beautiful one I adore,
Beautiful one my soul must sing.

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love,
Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.
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Beautiful one I love,
Beautiful one I adore,

Beautiful one my soul must sing.
Beautiful one I love,
Beautiful one I adore,
Beautiful one my soul must sing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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, the thirteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

SERMON Pastor Mark Galbraith

SONG OF THE DAY *The Power of Your Love*

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see
In me will be stripped away, by the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You.
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds
In my life, in living everyday in the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You.
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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 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

Beloved

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God,
And ev'ryone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love.
Beloved, let us love one another, First John four: seven and eight.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God,
And ev'ryone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love.
Beloved, let us love one another, First John four: seven and eight.

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.

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

We celebrate with RyLynn, Tatyn, and Zaidyn Berry as they receive their first Holy Communion. These children, their family, and baptismal sponsors will receive Communion first, followed by everyone else.

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

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.

COMMUNION SONG

Faithful Father

Father, I can't explain this kind of love,
This kind of grace.
I know, I still break Your heart
And yet, You run to welcome me.

This is my song of praise to You,
For who You are and all that You do.
From the moment my life began
You have been faithful.

Father, I love the way You hold me close
And say my name.
I know, when my life is through
My heart will find its home in You.

This is my song of praise to You,
For who You are and all that You do.
From the moment my life began

You have been faithful.
This is my song of praise to You,
For who You are and all that You do.
From the moment my life began
You have been faithful.

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

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three In One, Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing how great is our God.
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing how great is our God.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.
How great, how great is our God.

SENDING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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