

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

*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## GATHERING HYMN

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia*

ELW #382

- 1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him  
as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before him,  
rising up from griefs and tears.

### *Refrain*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness  
of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
through the open gates of gladness  
he returns to life once more;  
death and hell before him bending  
see him rise, the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending,  
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow  
that last evening round him lay  
now has found a glorious morrow  
in the rising of today.  
See the grave its firstfruits giving,  
springing up from holy ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is living;  
he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*

4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever  
we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection!  
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*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, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light,  
the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,  
you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.  
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.  
Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.  
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,  
renew us in grace,  
and restore us to living in your holiness,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ  
puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen,  
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you  
and ✠ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!  
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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

### *Psalm 150*



- Choir or Cantor*
- 1 Praise God in the holy temple,  
praise God in the firmament.  
praise God for exceeding greatness;  
praise for God's almighty acts. *Refrain*
  - 2 Praise God with the trumpet sounding,  
praise God with the lyre and harp.  
praise God with the drum and dancing,  
praise to God with string and pipe. *Refrain*
  - 3 Praise God with resounding cymbals,  
praise God with loud clanging cymbals,  
oh, let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord, hallelujah! *Refrain (2 times)*

## 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.

## FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

## GOSPEL

### John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Early 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. <sup>2</sup>So 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." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary 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.

## SERMON

Pastor Jim Holthus

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

ELW #367

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!

#### APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. 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 CHURCH

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayer response:* Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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 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!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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.

## LITANY

Each of us is broken by sin and less than God has created us to be, but this does not disqualify us from being touched by God and serving God in any capacity, large or small, broken as we are.

God uses broken things. It takes broken clouds to give rain, broken ground to give grain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength.

## 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.



## 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 HYMN

*O Bread of Life*

ELW #480

- 1 O bread of life from heaven,  
O food to pilgrims given,  
O manna from above:  
feed with the blessed sweetness  
of your divine completeness  
the souls that want and need your love.
- 2 O fount of grace redeeming,  
O river ever streaming  
from Jesus' wounded side:  
come now, your love bestowing  
on thirsting souls, and flowing  
till all are fully satisfied.
- 3 We love you, Jesus, tender,  
in all your hidden splendor  
within these means of grace.  
Oh, let the veil be riven,  
and our clear eye in heaven  
behold your glory face to face.

## BLESSING

And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which you have received, strengthen you and keep you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

## SENDING 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!

#### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God!**