

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Easter Sunday
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen."

Christ is Risen!

Christ 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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb and turns our tears to joy. For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes through our locked doors and turns our fear to courage. For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes to daily life and work and turns our failures to new vision. For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.

Christ breaks the bread and turns our despair to hope. For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.

A moment of silence.

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 dark places. Make us alive in Christ, O God.

God of restoration and renewal,
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.

KYRIE

ELW, pg. 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST

ELW, pg. 139

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ,
the lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches,
wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all
the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor,
glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: Risen Messiah, Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

Glory be to you, whom death could not defeat.

**Praise to the Savior of heaven and earth. Honor and glory are yours, now and forever,
Christ our savior and redeemer. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

(read responsively)

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²**Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷**I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Nicole Martin

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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Prayer response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Organ: Sonya Kempf

Blessed Redeemer

Piano: Rhonda Strouckel

Trombone: Jeremy Schutter

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Risen One, **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again. Breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence the words our Savior gave us:

**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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come to the table of grace.
Receive the gift of new life.

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

Lamb of God

ELW, pg. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Thine is the Glory

ELW #376

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*

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Living One, **in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, illuminate your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

ELW #373

- 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. In Christ, you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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