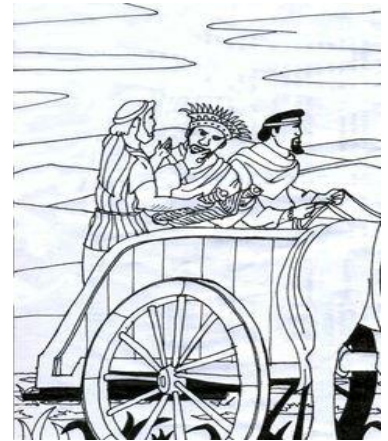


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Fourth Sunday in Easter
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Lord, we come and sing to God a new song
for God has done marvelous things.

Because of God's steadfast love to Israel,
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Break forth into joyous song and praises,
for God will rule the earth with righteousness. Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

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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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! The chasm between death and life has been closed by Christ.
Here is the living water of life for us! Alleluia!

Look, here is bread and wine—Jesus' humility and hospitality given for us.
Here is the bread of wine and the cup of forgiveness for us! Alleluia!

Look, here is the empty cross, a sacrifice of love so love could abound.
Here is the promise of resurrection for us! Alleluia!

A moment of silence.

God of grace and glory,
you have by your own handiwork brought us through the dark shadows that threaten to keep us in bondage, and into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet, even on our best days, we struggle to see the light as we ought. Make us alive in Christ, O God, so we may see your glory, not looking to ourselves, but rather to Christ who is the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Make us new as you make all things new, to live with boldness into 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

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.

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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: Fulfillment of the prophecies, **with Scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SONG OF PREPARATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

FIRST READING

Luke 24:44-47

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT

Acts 8:26-39

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

SERMON

Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

Shout to the North

Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak.
In your brokenness complete.

Shout to the north and south, sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all. Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing power
Of your awesome King of love.

Shout to the north and south, sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all. Lord of heaven and earth.

We've been through fire, we've been through rain.
We've been refined by the pow'r of his name.
We've fallen deeper in love with you.
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Shout to the north and south, sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all. Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up church with broken wings. Fill this place with songs again.
Of our God who reigns on high
By his grace again we'll fly.

Shout to the north and south, sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all. Lord of heaven and earth.

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 PEOPLE

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: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.



OFFERING SONG

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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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 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

We come to the table of the Lord bringing our whole selves.

We come to the table honest about who we are.

We come to the table as a community.

We come to the table with our neighbors, both known and unknown.

We come to the table dwelling in resurrection joy.

We come to the table with Alleluias for what Christ has done.

We come to the table for healing.

We come to the table receiving the promise of forgiveness through the covenant of Christ for us.

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 SONG

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound.
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found.
Was blind but now I see.

Tw'as Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow.
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me hear below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.

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.**

MINISTRY MOMENT

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always, being the rhythm in your step to guide you in the joyful melody of God's love. **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,
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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! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! We will sing praise to God.

POSTLUDE

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