

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Easter Sunday
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
Amen.

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.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on Earth. Welcome to the feat of God's love for all people.

SONG OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW #167

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.
Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever.
Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
To make all things new.

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

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: Loving God, **with unending praise, we raise our voices to you. You wipe away our tears and bring joy to our spirit. The promise of resurrection is for all, through faith in the one who died and was raised.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

KIDS' TIME

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:17, 21-29

(read responsively)

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord, I thank you.

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

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

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

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

**²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.'" ¹⁸Mary 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 Nicole Martin

HYMN OF THE DAY

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*

NICENE CREED

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Prayer response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW #523

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

1 I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

2 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

3 May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Risen One, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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

It is our duty and our joy to offer thanks and praise to almighty and merciful God
celebrating the work of God to bring forth the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is he, Jesus, the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

Alleluia!

With Mary Magdelene, Peter, and all witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth, sea and stars, and all their creatures, angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim.

Let us give great thanks and praise singing...

**What feast of love is offered here,
What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
The bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**

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. 146

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

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW #384

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

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: Holy One, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever. **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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