

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING WORDS**

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!**

**GATHERING SONG**

***Blessed Be Your Name***

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where the streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be.  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering.  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.  
You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

### **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.**

### **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: Holy Lord, **may our love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that we may be pure and blameless in the sight of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

**ELW #172**

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

The holy gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 9:46-48**

<sup>46</sup>An argument arose among them concerning which one of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup>But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side <sup>48</sup>and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me, for the least among all of you is the greatest."

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

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

### FOCUS TEXT

### Philippians 1:1-18a

<sup>1</sup>Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God for every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy <sup>5</sup>for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, <sup>14</sup>and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

<sup>15</sup>Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup>These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; <sup>17</sup>the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup>What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 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.

#### **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 PEOPLE**

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](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 SONG**

### ***Great and Mighty is He***

Great and mighty is He,  
Great and mighty is He.  
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor,  
Great and mighty is He.

Great and mighty is He,  
Great and mighty is He.  
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor,  
Great and mighty is He.

Let us lift His name up high,  
Celebrate His grace.  
For He has redeemed our lives,

And He reigns on high.

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### **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 SONG**

### ***Worthy is the Lamb***

Thank you for the cross, Lord.  
Thank you for the price You paid.  
Bearing all my sin and shame,  
In love You came and gave amazing grace.  
Thank you for this love, Lord.  
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.  
Wash me in Your cleansing flow;  
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb  
Seated on the throne.  
Crown You now with many crowns;  
You reign victorious high and lifted up.  
Jesus, Son of God, the darling of heaven crucified.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

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## **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.**

## **MINISTRY MOMENT**

### **SENDING BLESSING**

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 SONG**

#### ***Rise Up and Praise Him***

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad.  
Let the people of God sing His praise all over the land.  
Everyone in the valley come and lift your voice.  
All those on the mountaintop, be glad and shout for joy.

Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love.  
Rise up and praise Him, worship the holy one.  
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might  
Rise up and praise Him.

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Go in peace. In Christ, you are made new. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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