

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

April 20, 2025

10:30 am

**Zion Lutheran Church
1400 S Duluth Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105**

INVOCATION (From the back of Sanctuary)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Easter Angel Song”

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

People: He gives us new life and hope through His resurrection! Alleluia!

Pastor: God has claimed us as His own.

People: God has called us from our darkness into the light of His day.

PROCESSIONAL OPENING HYMN: LSB 457

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

- 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 ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: In repentant faith, we come before our risen Lord to confess our sin. O God of Grace, like the first witnesses of the resurrection, we too, come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often the evidence for this is difficult to detect in our lives.

People: Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words and actions in our lives.

Pastor: As we come to the empty tomb seeking forgiveness for all our

faults and shortcomings, help us to re-order our priorities so that we put the risen Christ first in our lives at all times.

People: Forgive us when we forget that the tomb is forever empty because Jesus is here and is wherever Christians live and worship.

Pastor: Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ which led to victory over sin and death, an act which gives us the gift of a new beginning.

People: Forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: The last enemy to be destroyed is death and Jesus has won the victory over sin, death and the devil and through Him your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Yours is the glory, risen Lord Jesus, and we rejoice that endless is the victory that You have won over death. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAISE SONG: “Christ is Risen” © Matt Maher

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain Inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross And run to Him Who showed great love
And bled for us Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign Forever let Your church proclaim

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Bridge

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light The glory of God has defeated the night
O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light Our God is not dead, He's alive!
He's alive!

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
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TIME IN THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 35:1-8

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice

greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.” Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a

violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So, the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Reader: Here ends the reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds

from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX | PRAYER CARDS

OFFERING PRAISE SONG “Is He Worthy?” Jacob Shoup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Lord and Savior, you laid down your life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. You were raised to life in triumph over sin, death and Satan, and your victory is our victory.

Crucified and risen Lord,

People: Lead us to walk in newness of life.

Pastor: Lord and Savior, in Baptism we are buried with you, united to you in your death and raised up to walk in newness of life. We live now as children of light, created anew to walk in your ways. Crucified and risen Lord,

People: Lead us to walk in newness of life.

Pastor: Lord and Savior, by God’s grace through faith, we have been raised to new life in the power of your resurrection. Lead us to follow closely in your footsteps. Help us to walk in love as you did, and to live with

kindness and compassion toward others. Give us opportunities to share the good news of salvation so that others will come to rejoice in your resurrection. Crucified and risen Lord,

People: Lead us to walk in newness of life.

Pastor: Lord and Savior, we pray for those who are struggling with pain, illness, grief or anxiety, those we name before you now *[mention known names of the sick, injured, grieving and anxious]* and those we name in our hearts. Comfort them with healing and hope and the promise of eternal life in your presence. As we walk in newness of life, lead us to help and serve them in love. Crucified and risen Lord,

People: Lead us to walk in newness of life.

Pastor: Lord and Savior, you have conquered death, and you have promised, “Because I live, you also will live” (John 14:19). In you we have new life now and the hope of eternal life. When you return on the Last Day, we will be raised bodily from death as you were raised, to live in your presence forever. Crucified and risen Lord,

People: Lead us to walk in newness of life.

Pastor: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: “King of Kings” B Ligertwood | J Ingram | S Ligertwood

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in One
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus, for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in One
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in One
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Ending

Praise forever to the King of Kings

CCLI Song # 712764

COMMUNION SONG: “Living Hope” Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could
not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness Tore through the
shadows of my soul

The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy What heart could fathom such
boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my
shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip
on me

You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to
breathe

Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip
on me

You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip
on me

You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

COMMUNION SONG: O Praise the Name

Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson

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Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus

Chorus

Ending

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS PRAYER

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting Sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Assured of the victory Jesus has won for us, by the power of His resurrection, we leave the presence of our God with His benediction.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING SONG: “God So Loved”

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Verse 1

Come all you weary Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Bridge

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Ending

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

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SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,
strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!