

## EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

April 05, 2026

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 “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

### 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**

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Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again  
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### **Chorus**

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### **TIME IN THE WORD**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: Here ends the reading.

**EPISTLE READING:** Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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**

**DRAMA**

**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 “Gone”

Paul Duncan, Kip Fox, Adam Lamb, Nyssa Lytikainen

CCLI # 7246222

#### Verse 1

Why are you looking among the dead  
for something to build your life on?

The tears are still falling  
the linens still red

but the Savior who wore them is gone

#### Verse 2

His friends all around Him somehow didn't get

The story He'd told all along

We've all seen it written

We've all heard it said

You don't know what you got till it's gone

#### Chorus

And the women came running out  
changed forever by what they found

Love's beating heart had burst through the dark  
and left with the dawn

And the angels could finally sing

all praise to our Risen King

Hope has arrived! He is alive!

Jesus is Gone

Gone

#### Verse 3

We are forgiven, we have been saved  
no longer condemned by our wrongs

Because of the One who was not in that grave  
the last time He'd ever be gone

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

My shame is all gone

My sins are all gone

All the shadows are gone

My shame is all gone

My sins are all gone

All the shadows are gone

Jesus is gone

#### 2nd Chorus

And the women came running out  
changed forever by what they found

Love's beating heart had burst through the dark  
and left with the dawn

And the angels could finally sing

all praise to our Risen King

Hope has arrived! He is alive!

Jesus is Gone, Gone

Gone, Gone

#### Ending

Why are you looking among the dead  
for something to build your life on?

Look to the One who was not in that grave  
the last time He'd ever be gone

## 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

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**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:** Crown Him with Many Crowns Shane Barnard  
and Shane Everett

## **Verse 1**

Crown Him the Lord of love Behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends His wondering eye At mysteries oh so bright

## **Verse 2**

Crown Him the Lord of life Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die

## **Verse 3**

Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity

## **Ending**

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord  
And crown Him Lord And crown Him Lord of all

## **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"

A Bergthold | E Cash | F Cash | M Cash | S Cash

## **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!**