

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MOTHERS' DAY
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30 AM, MAY 10, 2026

Prelude

“On Eagles Wings”

Bell Choir

Welcome & Announcements

The Box

Juniors Explore leave following
(children ages 4-5 through middle school)

Processional Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Hymnal 408

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend,
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Easter Dialogue

Assistant: Alleluia! Yes, Praise God!

Praise God in God's Temple, and in the heavens God made with mighty power.

Praise God for God's mighty works. Praise God's unequalled greatness.

Praise God with the trumpet and with the flute and the harp.

Praise God with the drum and with dancing.

Praise God with stringed instruments and horns.

Praise God with the cymbals, yes, loud clanging cymbals

Let everything alive give praise to God! Let us all praise God.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Pastor: Today we gather under the victory of God and an empty tomb. Grave, where is your sting and death, where is your victory? New possibilities are real. Hope lives. Evil is vanquished. The power of the Spirit is alive with us as it was with the women and the rest of the first disciples. We proclaim as they did that Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of God be with you all. **And also with you!**

At Zion we share the ASL/universal sign for peace, or other non-physical contact to greet one another.

Hymn of Praise

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

Hymn 860

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,

sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Prayer of the Day

Vicar: Almighty and ever-living God, **you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among

them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' ²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹ **who has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;**

¹² you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;

yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

¹³ **I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows,**

¹⁴ those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;**

I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what God has done for me.

¹⁷ **I cried aloud to God,
and God was extolled with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
God would not have listened.

¹⁹ **But truly God has listened;
and has heard the words of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or removed steadfast love from me.

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(ACS pg 14)

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O God.**

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Living One. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Prayers for Palestine

Vicar: We gather in the Spirit of the Holy Land, the physical space of Jesus. We acknowledge the pain of injustice and violence, the broken harmony that resides in a land of hope. For our tired land, for the uprooted trees, for the forcibly abandoned hills

We pledge to work for justice

For the cross-generational trauma among Palestinians and the oppressed

We pledge to work for justice

For the refugees dream to return home

We pledge to work for justice

For all people who are longing for stability, peace, love and justice, to live in their homes without interruption, for the children who want to dream, for safe paths and life with dignity.

Called by a God of equity, we pray and advocate for justice for us all

*source: <https://www.fosna.org/preach-palestine-blog/litanies-of-intercession-for-palestine>, edited by PMB

Prayers of Intercession

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

Come and Fill Our Hearts

(Hymn 523)

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come and Fill Our Hearts'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system of music has the lyrics: 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.' The second system of music has the lyrics: 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia! Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill, especially those on our hearts today... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Pastor: 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.**

Offertory:

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
praise I-Am, Son and Holy Ghost

Service note: In this version of the doxology the first person in the trinity is referred to as “I Am”, in deference to one of the Hebrew names for God.

Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: Almighty God, **by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen savior who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

Ways to give -

- Venmo @ZionFerndale (confirmation code 7498)
- Vanco mobile app (code VHLXGH)
- www.zionlutheranmi.org
- Offering plate located in the middle of the center aisle
- Mail to church mailing address



Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(ELW pg. 144)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Holy One, remember us in your reign and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
 are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Distribution

Zion welcomes and encourages those of all faith backgrounds to communion. We believe that the death and resurrection of Christ makes us all worthy and needing of the sacrament regardless of background, age or any other factor.

Communion Hymns

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Hymn 781

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

“Come, Holy Spirit, Descend”

(ACS 980)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: *Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de - . The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: scend on us, We gath - er here in Je - sus'. The third system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment with a fermata over the final notes. The lyrics are: name. (hm)

**Additional verses ad lib:*

Come, Breath of heaven, . . .
Come, Word of mercy, . . .
Come, Fire of judgment, . . .
Come, great Creator, . . .
Come to unite us, . . .
Come to disturb us, . . .
Come to inspire us, . . .

Pastor: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Charge & Benediction

Pastor: Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead. Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us. Live the good news: we are free to love as he loved us. May God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with him in glory. **Amen!**

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the living God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Scott Schroeder

Today's Worship Leaders:

Assistant Minister: Judy Arthofer

Lector: Russ Ayers

Cantor: Joyce Stearnes Thompson

Cross Bearer: Kieran Jamison

Juniors Teacher: Cecelia Mac-Smith/Eric Podolsky

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