

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30 AM, MAY 25, 2025

Prelude

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Welcome & Announcements

The Box

(Sunday Education will resume next week)

Processional Hymn

“Come, We that Love the Lord”

Hymnal 625

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re-fuse to sing who nev-er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi-on yields a thou-sand sa-cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev-'ry tear be dry;
join in a song with sweet ac-cord, join in a song with
but chil-dren of the heav'n-ly King, but chil-dren of the
be-fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, be-fore we reach the
we're march-ing through Im-man-uel's ground, we're march-ing through Im-
sweet ac-cord and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a-broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold-en streets, or walk the gold-en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair-er worlds on high, to fair-er worlds on high.
Refrain
We're march-ing to Zi-on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi-on:
we're march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our 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!

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

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord" 2x

Hymn 875

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first two systems are identical and end with a double bar line. The third and fourth systems are also identical and end with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!"

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Prayer of the Day

Assistant: Bountiful God, **you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalms 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make God's face to shine upon us
- ² **that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere God.

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

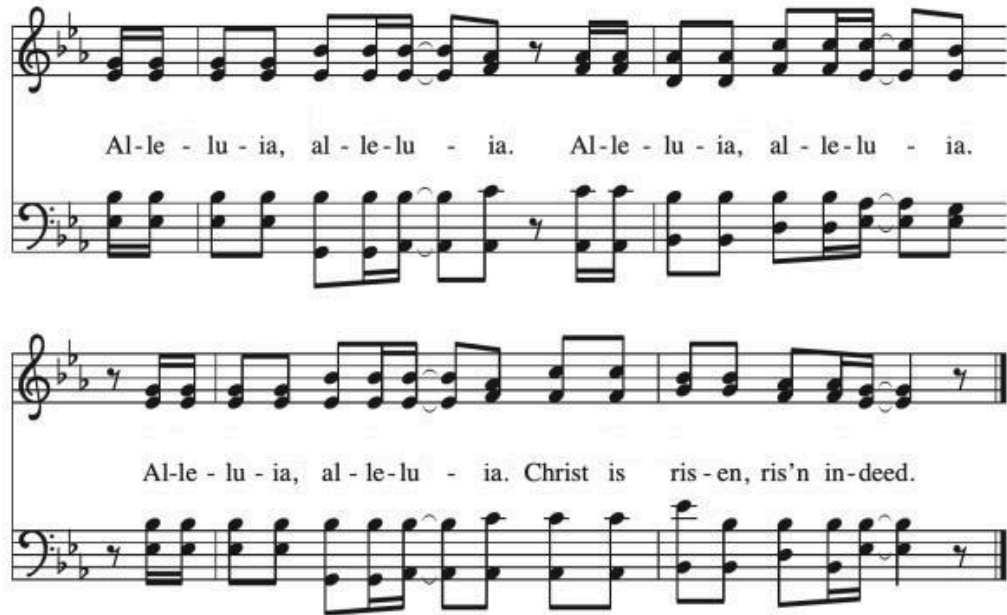
¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing

its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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Gospel Acclamation

(ACS pg 14)



John 14:23-29

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

²³ Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

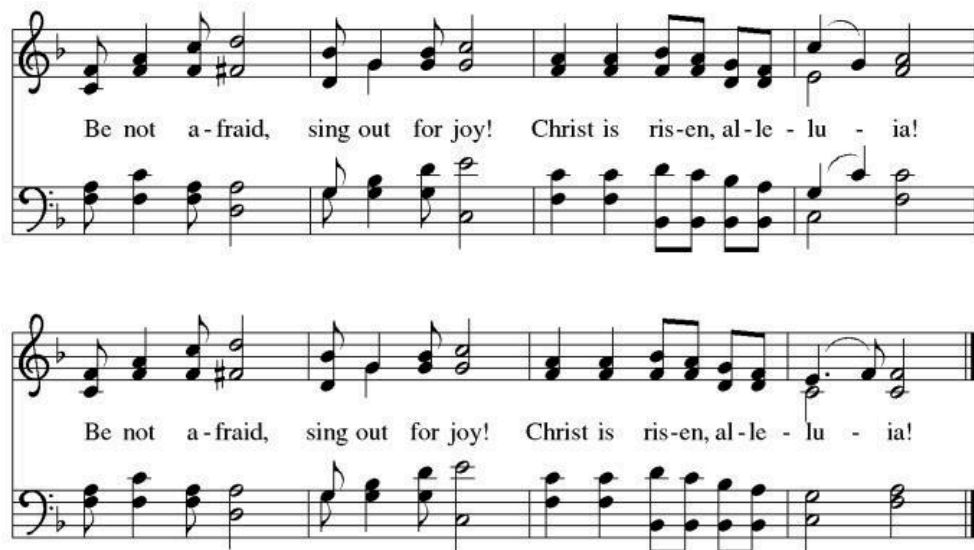
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Be Not Afraid

(Hymn 388)



Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Be Not Afraid

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling, especially those we bring to you now... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Be Not Afraid

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Guide communities coming together to live in memory this weekend. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Be Not Afraid

Pastor: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of 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: God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 in the rhythm of God's holy creation and with great joy in the resurrection, that we celebrate the unity of God and God's people singing.....

(ACS page 36)

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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Savior 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Savior's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **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.**

Pastor: 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.*

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Hymn 834). The score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a voice part. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the right and left hands. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love,
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee,
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

"Drawn to the Light"

Hymn 593



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the

heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -

lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the

light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a

sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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.**



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are singing ...

Benediction

Pastor: Almighty God, Creator, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the living God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Scott Schroeder

Today's Worship Leaders:

Assistant Minister: Tom VanDeGrift

Lector: Nathalie Demers

Cantor: Grace Ward

Cross Bearer: Jude Belasco

Juniors Teacher: n/a

Staff:

The Rev. Matthew Bode, Pastor

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Organist: Scott Schroeder

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