

**EASTER SUNDAY
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30 AM, APRIL 05, 2026**

Prelude

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

Bell Choir

Welcome & Announcements

Special Fanfare

Scott Schroeder

Affirmation of Baptism

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

Pastor: Today, on this very day, we begin this celebration by remembering our baptism, our death and birth into God’s amazing grace.

To those who are receiving individual recognition of affirmation: Who, gathered individually in your life’s circumstance, desires to make public affirmation of their baptism? **I do.**

To the whole congregation gathered: Do you as a gathered people desire to make public affirmation of your baptism? **We do.**

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Assistant: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.**

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: To live among God's faithful people, To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, To serve all people, following the example of Jesus, And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Anointing of those making individual professions of faith. Child of God, I anoint you with this oil in remembrance and in the claim of holy baptism. We die to Christ and arise again in the promise of eternal life.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through the water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: 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.**

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!



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Prayer of the Day

Assistant: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³ the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say,
God's steadfast love endures forever.'**

¹⁴ God is my strength and my might;
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
'The right hand of God does valiantly;**

¹⁶ the right hand of God is exalted;
the right hand of God does valiantly.'

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of God.**

¹⁸ God has punished me severely,
but did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to God.**

²⁰ This is the gate of God;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is God's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

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.

Matthew 28:1-10

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

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

Gospel Acclamation

Special Music

“You Are!”

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Bode

1 Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-ri-ous head!
 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-foth nev-er death or hell shall us-en-thrall.

Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!
 through the o-pen gates of glad-ness he re-turms to life once more;
 now has found a glo-ri-ous mor-row in the ris-ing of to-day.
 We are Christ's, in him for-ev-er we have tri-umphed o-ver all.

Grate-ful-ly our hearts a-dore him as his light once more ap-pears;
 death and hell be-fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic-tor now;
 See the grave its first-fruits giv-ing, spring-ing up from ho-ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de-jec-tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow-ing down in joy be-fore him, ris-ing up from griefs and tears.
 an-gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo-ry round his wound-ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv-ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res-ur-rec-tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Repeat
 Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-ri-ous head!

Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!

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.

Be Not Afraid

(Hymn 388)

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. Each system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be Not Afraid

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain, especially those we lift to you now... Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be Not Afraid

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be Not Afraid

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.**

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- Offering plate located in the middle of the center aisle
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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, our Lord 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

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”


Hymn 362



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

Hymn 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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 Lord. **Amen.**



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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: Elon Jamison

Lector: Abby Jacobs

Cantor: Sarah Leineke

Cross Bearer: Ethan Schroeder

Juniors Teacher: n/a

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Flowers are provided for today's worship by the people of Zion.

Tracey Anderson

In memory of Tim, Alfred, and Marion Tavalire
In memory of Ken, Paul, and Julia Anderson
In memory of Frank and Helen Bonardi

Ryan Bowman

In memory of Brad Bowman and Donald Arnold

Eve Gateman

Alleluia, He is Risen

Jean and Brian Griffin

A gift for our family

Anita Hampton

A gift for Molly Eklund-Easley, from your secret pal

Hope and Alan Hughes

In memory of our parents and our daughter Sara

Katie Hughes

Elon and Stacey Jamison

A gift for our children, Kieran and Rowan

Dagmar Jones

In memory of Ruth Schoenek

Mark and Jessica Jones

A gift for Dagmar Jones
In memory of Oma

Kristin and Don Kreiss

In memory of Anne Marie Rebel
In memory of Frank Smith
In memory of Ron Evans
In memory of Anne Labadie
In memory of Dean May

Barbara Leach

A gift for Jean Griffin from your secret pal

Sarah Leineke

Jackie Oliver

A gift for Sandy Ayers, from your Secret Pal
In memory of Geraldine Oliver

Jean Pepper

A gift for Barb Leach, from your secret pal
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A gift for Judy Arthofer, from your secret pal

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In memory of Eileen Georg

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In Memory of George Ignasiak

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A gift for Eve Gateman, from your secret pal

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In memory of Harold and Maude Zaske
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In honor of Anna Weidner
In memory of James Weidner