FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE 10:30 AM, APRIL 28, 2024

<u>Prelude</u> Scott Schroeder

Welcome & Announcements

The Box

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

Processional Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Hymnal 634



Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of 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 unequaled 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

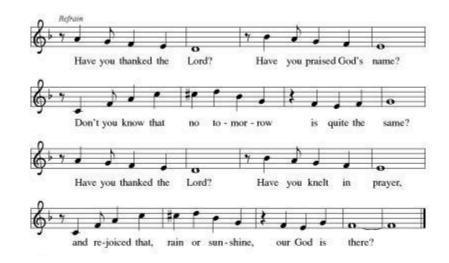
Let everything alive give praise to God! Let us all praise God.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Hymn of Praise

"Have You Thanked the Lord" (refrain only, 2 times)

Hymn 829



Prayer of the Day

Assistant: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken

away from the earth.' ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22:25-31

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear God.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall praise God. May your hearts live for ever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God; and all the families of the nations shall worship.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs to God, who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ To God indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before whom shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for God.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve God; future generations will be told about the One,
- ³¹ and proclaim deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that God has done it.

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Gospel Acclamation (ACS pg 14)



John 15:1-8
The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O God.

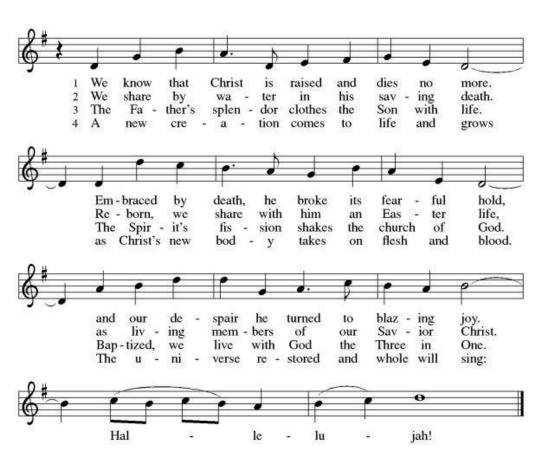
¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁶ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁶ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

<u>Special Music</u> "O Lord Most Holy" Grace Ward

<u>Sermon</u> Bishop Don Kreiss

Hymn "We Know that Christ is Raised" Hymn 449



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.

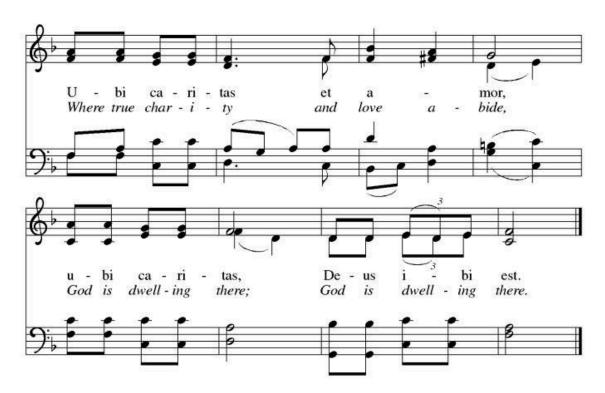
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

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

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.



We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ubi Caritas et Amor

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering, especially those on our hearts and minds today... God of grace, hear our prayer.

Ubi Caritas et Amor

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ubi Caritas et Amor

Pastor: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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: Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. With all the glorious universe of your creation we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(ACS pg 20)



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 Savior 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.

Pastor: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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.



"We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord"

Hymn 690

Pastor: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Savior. **Amen**.



Benediction

Pastor: The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and ⊕ grant you peace. **Amen**.

Assistant: Go in peace. Share the good news.

People: Thanks be to God!

<u>Postlude</u> Scott Schroeder