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March 31, 2024 ✚ Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

Two Meditations for the Cross

Bell Choir

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*



BEHOLD,
CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The stone has been rolled away.

The tomb is empty.

The women have told the disciples.

The disciples have come to see.

The Lord lives,

never to die again.

The victory has been won.

Death has been defeated.

The stone has been rolled away.

Our faith is built on this foundation.

Though our faith is built on the rock-solid foundation of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, there are times when we hear his words but do not do them. It is then that our lives are built on the faulty foundation of our own weak and sinful nature.

For that, we must repent and confess our sin to our Savior who paid the price, hears our confession, and forgives.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that our very nature is sinful.

We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.

Far too often we trust in our own willpower and resolve

rather than the firm foundation
of a Savior crucified and risen again for us.
We fail to do what you command & do the things that you detest.
We deserve to have our spiritual houses destroyed
for lack of a firm foundation. Forgive us, most holy God.

The stone was rolled away from the tomb,
and the death and resurrection of Jesus
have become the sources of infinite forgiveness
from the God who loves and saves.

He hears our plea and responds by washing away our sin
in the flood of his mercy. Therefore, all our sins are forgiven
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

#365



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!

Hymn continues on the next page



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!

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alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4
Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708
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Call to Worship

O Living Lord, you rose on Easter to give new life to each one of us.

**Arise within us, risen Savior,
so we may celebrate the joy of each new day.**

O Living Lord, you rose on Easter to assure us of your presence.

**Arise within us, risen Savior,
so we may know that you are always with us.**

O Living Lord, you rose on Easter to declare victory over death.

Arise within us, risen Savior, so we may not be afraid of the future.

O Living Lord, you rose on Easter to stand triumphant over sin.

**Arise within us, risen Savior,
so we may know the power of your forgiveness.**

O Living Lord, you rose on Easter to announce salvation to all.

**Arise within us, risen Savior,
so we may be gladdened by this good news.**

O Living Lord, you rose on Easter
to bless your people both now and forever.

**Arise within us, risen Savior,
so we may find blessing in the promise of life everlasting. Amen.**

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Heavenly Father,

you have laid the perfect foundation for us

in the death and resurrection of your beloved Son, Jesus our Savior.

Grant that our faith would ever be founded on this firm foundation

and that we would hear your words and do them.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem***The Trumpets Shall Sound on Easter Morn****Lantz*

The trumpets shall sound on Easter morn;

The dawn shall break with the sound of horns.

Proclaim the risen King. Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

The trumpets shall sound on Easter morn.

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

To the empty tomb, the disciples came,

to see the place where Christ had lain.

They wondered where their Lord might be,

then he appeared in glory.

The trumpets shall sound on Easter morn;

The dawn shall break with the sound of horns.

Proclaim the risen King. Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

The trumpets shall sound on Easter morn.

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

“We have seen the Lord,” the disciples said,

“His nail-pierced hands, His thorn-crowned head.”

He lives again and so shall we with God on high, for all eternity.

The trumpets shall sound on Easter morn!

The dawn shall break with the sound of horns.

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:1-8

This reading is known as "Hannah's Prayer." In this prayer, she speaks of God as her strength and foundation, but not just her foundation – the foundation of the world. The pillars of the earth, upon which the world has been set, belong to God.

A Reading from First Samuel.

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory."

²"There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God."

³Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed."

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength."

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn."

⁶The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low,
he also exalts."

⁸He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:10-22

Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God's temple because God's Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ's benefits.

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me,
like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation,
and someone else is building on it.

Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

¹¹For no one can lay any foundation
other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation
with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw —
¹³the work of each builder will become visible,
for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire,
and the fire will test what sort of work each has done.

¹⁴If what has been built on the foundation survives,
the builder will receive a reward.

¹⁵If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss;
the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person.
For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age,
you should become fools so that you may become wise.

¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.
For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰and again,
"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

²¹So let no one boast about human leaders.

For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas
or the world or life or death or the present or the future —
all belong to you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse

(Tune: #858)



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! The earth has been shak - en!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! The tomb is for - sak - en!



Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun!



We from our graves shall a - wa - ken!

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Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb,

for terror and amazement had seized them;
 and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Response

(Tune: #858)



Christ is a - ris - en, the pow - ers of dark - ness con - found - ing.



In ev' - ry place hear the won - der - ful tid - ings re - sound - ing:



Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun!



Bles - sings e - ter - nal a - bound - ing!

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Children's Time

Sermon

Receive Eternal Life

Hymn of the Day

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Hymn continues on the next page.



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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Nicene Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A God, who lays the firm foundation for our faith, we give you thanks
for the glorious resurrection of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.
He gave his life, laid in the tomb, and rose from the dead
so that our salvation is secure, and our faith is firm.
When the rains fall and the floods come, O Lord,
we build our house on you, our Rock.

P God, who lays the firm foundation of our faith,
use your people to make a firm foundation for this nation,
so that we live in peace and serve others to the glory of your name.
Be with our elected leaders that they would see in you
the source of all hope, courage, and strength.
When the rains fall and the floods come, O Lord,
we build our house on you, our Rock.

A God, who lays the firm foundation of our faith,
be the bedrock of your church wherever your Word is preached and
your Sacraments are given to the faithful as gifts from your hand.

Use this church to be a foundation of renewal in this community,
so that many will know of your eternal love
and your overwhelming forgiveness.

When the rains fall and the floods come, O Lord,
we build our house on you, our Rock.

P God, who lays the firm foundation of our faith, for those
who are facing storms in their life due to illness or disease,
especially...
be their source of healing and hope. Provide caregivers, medicine,
and medical personnel to be your instruments of help.
When the rains fall and the floods come, O Lord,
we build our house on you, our Rock.

A God, who lays the firm foundation of our faith, you claimed that
you would rise from the dead and you kept your promise.
May we forever trust in all of your promises to us
and all those you love.
When the rains fall and the floods come, O Lord,
we build our house on you, our Rock.

P Here other intercessions may be offered.
When the rains fall and the floods come, O Lord,
we build our house on you, our Rock.

A God, who lays the firm foundation of our faith,
today we look forward to the resurrection of the dead
when we will rejoin all those who have gone before us in the faith.
We especially ask that our faith would be firm, as was theirs,
so that we would be lasting witnesses of your resurrection story.
When the rains fall and the floods come, O Lord,
we build our house on you, our Rock.

P God, who lays the firm foundation of our faith,
by the death and resurrection of your Son,
you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation.
Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you always.
And also with you.

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

ELW setting 4

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

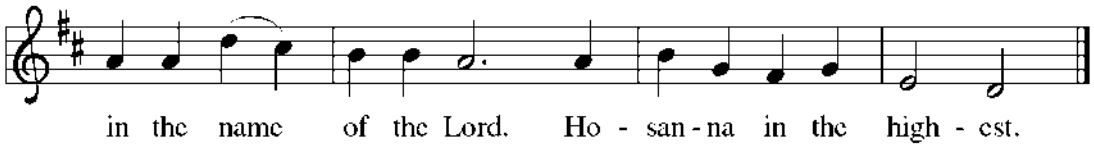
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
 and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW setting 4

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



Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

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;

he 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, Jesus 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.**

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW setting 4



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

Come, Let Us Eat

#491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

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Distribution Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* #494



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Life-giving God,

we give you thanks for nourishing us

with the bread of heaven and the wine of love,

Jesus our risen Savior.

As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil,

keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit

move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

May you go as God's people who are blessed to be a blessing.
May you go in the name of Jesus to touch and heal the hurt around us.
May you go with a strong presence of God's Holy Spirit
to be light and love to all the world.
May you go in the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

#382



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious 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-forth 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-tur-ns to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious 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.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



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

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our risen Lord, Jesus.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!



"He has risen! He is not here."
 Mark 16:6

DRAK
 1

TIRSF
 2 3

KEWE
 4

WMOAN
 5

1 2 3 4 5



Answer Key: DARK, WEEK, WOMAN, RISEN

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