

# Easter Sunday Sunrise Service



Zion Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson  
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## Welcome

### The Easter Litany:

P: Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our rock, our light, and our salvation. C: Amen.

P: Let us pray together.

C: 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, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Opening Hymn: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #365

V1: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

V2: Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

V3: But the pain which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

V4: Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Living in Jesus' promise of new life we pray,

C: Heavenly Father, the light of Easter morning shines after the darkness of Good Friday. Forgive us when we hide our darkness from your light. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Shine your light on us & make us new. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

P: Christ has risen! You are free from sin and death. Live as people set free.

**The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58** <sup>51</sup> Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8** <sup>1</sup> When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But 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. <sup>7</sup> But 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." <sup>8</sup> So 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.

**Homily**      *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**Hymn of the Day:** *"Beautiful Savior"* #838

**Verse 1: Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!**

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

**Verse 2: Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;**

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

**Verse 3: Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;**

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

**Verse 4: Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!**

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

**The Prayers: (call and response)**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *A brief silence.* Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve; Gabriel Ryan, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Karl Thomforde & the family of Jim Howard. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**The Meal:**

L. We remember....

**Lord's Prayer:**

**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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, & the glory, forever & ever. Amen.**

**Blessing:**

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy and turn our hearts toward our neighbors in love. May almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: "Thine Is the Glory" #376**

**Vs 1: Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay. [Refrain]**

**Refrain: Thine is the glory risen conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!**

**Vs 2: Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]**

**Dismissal:**

**L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace and share the Good News**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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