

**Sion Lutheran Church**  
**The Feast of the Resurrection**  
**April 1, 2017**

**Prelude**

**Gathering**

*The followers of Jesus on that first Easter morning came to the tomb expecting nothing more than the final opportunity to prepare Jesus' body for the sleep of death. His burial on Good Friday had been done in haste; now they would take ample time for the proper preparation of their Lord's body. On this Easter morning we signal this same mood with the dimmed lights, and the solemn responses.*

*L: Christ is risen; he is not here:*

**C: why do you seek the living among the dead?**

*L: Remember how he spoke to you:*

**C: that the Son of Man must be crucified, and on the third day rise again.**

*(repeat 3 times) L: Christ is risen!*

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Hymn of the Resurrection** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today  
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**\*Prayer of the Day:** 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.

**Word**

**Easter Readings** Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

**The Easter Gospel**

**Mark 16:1-8**

*The Gospel of the Lord... Praise to you, O Christ!*

**Kid's Talk**

**Sermon**

**Hymn** The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done  
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**Confession of Sin:**

*Leader: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.*

**C: We confess that we have fallen short of the job you have given us. We have not fully and completely reached out to people in need of your word. There are still people lonely and cold and hungry. Forgive us so that we may do our deed to the fullest. Amen.**

*Leader: Almighty God, give us strength and lead us in the right direction. Give us eyes to recognize the people in need. I declare to you forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Confession of Faith Nicene Creed**

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**Prayers of the People**

**Sharing of the Peace**



**Offering: Special Music**

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**\*The Offertory Prayer:** Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Meal**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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*\*We welcome all believers in the presence of Jesus Christ to the Lord's Table.*

**Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymns:**

**Thine Is the Glory**

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**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

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**I know That My Redeemer Lives**

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**Now the Green Blade Rises**

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**\*Blessing and Post Communion Prayer**

**Sending**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn: Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!**

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