

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.*

PRELUDE *Piano/Organ duets*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. **Amen.**

Beloved, God’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the mercy and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Rest in the promise of Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand* ACS #1024  
*Refrain:*

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.  
He's the solid rock of my life.  
He's the solid rock of my life.  
He's the solid rock of my life.

1 There's no other place I can hide  
till the storm that rages subsides.  
My voice cries to God from the flood,  
and I'm saved because of his blood. *Refrain*

2 It is not the work of my hands  
that has washed away all my sins.  
I'm redeemed, and all of my days,  
Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. *Refrain*

3 When my days on this earth are done,  
and I stand at God's holy throne,  
my heart will not have any fear;  
in Christ's righteousness I am here. *Refrain*

GREETING

The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from our sin, be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

**A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among all of the changes of the world, our hearts will be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

## PSALM

**Psalms 119:9-16**

*(read responsively)*

<sup>9</sup>How shall the young keep their way clean?

By keeping to your word.

<sup>10</sup>**With my whole heart I seek you;**

**let me not stray from your commandments.**

<sup>11</sup>I treasure your promise in my heart,

that I may not sin against you.

<sup>12</sup>**Blessed are you, O LORD;**

**instruct me in your statutes.**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I recite

all the judgments of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup>**I take greater delight in the way of your decrees**

**than in all manner of riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your commandments

and give attention to your ways.

<sup>16</sup>**My delight is in your statutes;**

**I will not forget your word.**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,

today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

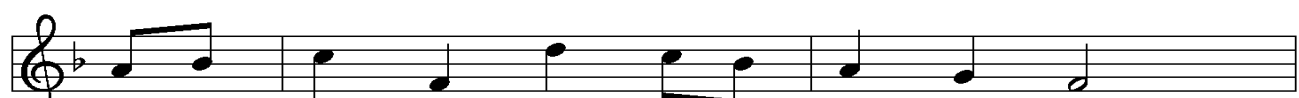
“You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.”


<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your   stead - fast   love   come to   us,   O   Lord.



Save us   as you   prom - ised;                   we will trust   your   word.



Save us   as you   prom - ised;                   we will trust   your   word.

The holy gospel according to John.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Tim Sersen

HYMN OF THE DAY *Give Me Jesus* ELW #770

1     In the morning when I rise,  
      in the morning when I rise,  
      in the morning when I rise,  
      give me Jesus.

*Refrain:*  
      Give me Jesus,  
      give me Jesus.  
      You may have all the rest,  
      give me Jesus.

2     Dark midnight was my cry,  
      dark midnight was my cry,  
      dark midnight was my cry,  
      give me Jesus. *Refrain*

4 Oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

5 And when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 THE PEOPLE

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayer response:* Hear us, O Lord,  
**we will not forget your word.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

## OFFERING

*Offering will not be taken during worship; a basket is available in the back of the sanctuary to drop off today's offering. As we continue to worship through the gift of radio and internet, we encourage you to consider giving a gift online at [zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving) or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.*



## OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with your Word of grace and new life. Bless us and these gifts, that what you provide might spread the good news of your saving death for all the world. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

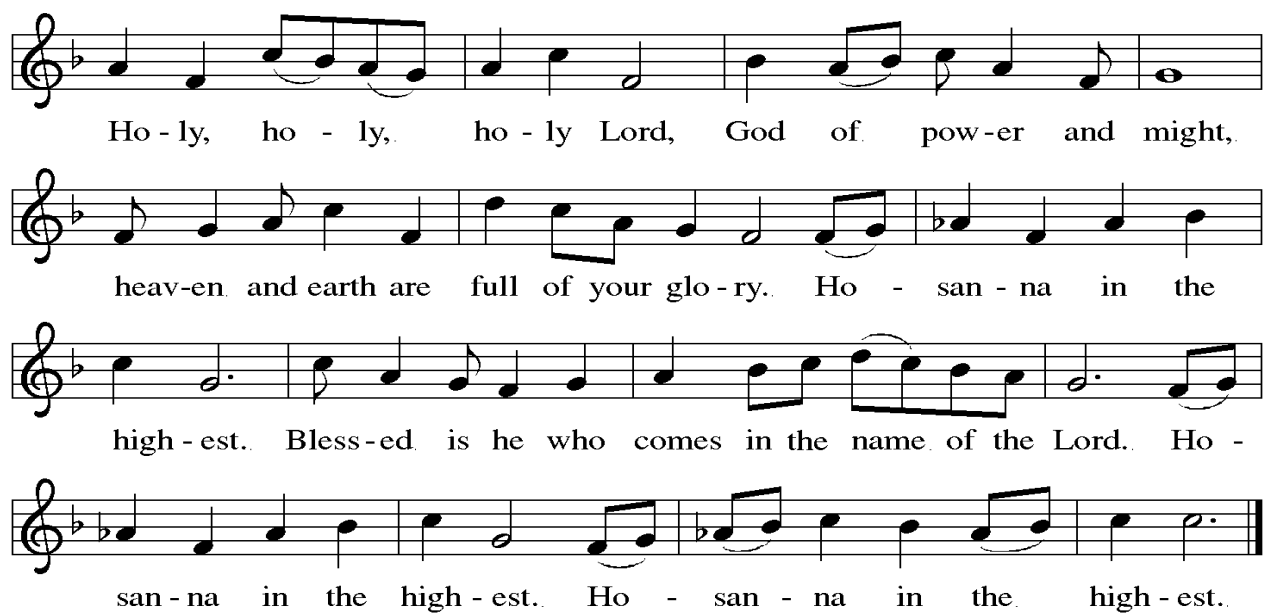
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.  
Let us receive the bread of life and cup of salvation.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

May God, who has called us forth from the dust of the earth and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you with His Word of life. The Lord bless you and look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *In the Midst of Earthly Life* **ACS #1026**

- 1

In the midst of earthly life  
fear and death beset us;  
who attends and hears our cry,  
who does not forget us?  
You only, God, you only.  
In you our forebears put their trust,  
hoped in you and were not crushed.  
Holy and righteous God!  
Holy and mighty God!  
Holy and all-merciful Savior!  
Everlasting God!  
Though death would torment us,  
let us not sink in the dust.  
Lord, have mercy.
- 2

In the midst of death's dark vale  
shade and still affright us;  
who will light us through the pale,  
comfort us and guide us?  
You only, God you only.  
To you our forebears cried in need;  
you, God, were their light indeed.  
Holy and righteous God!  
Holy and mighty God!  
Holy and all-merciful Savior!  
Everlasting God!  
Though despair would smite us,  
let us not its shadow heed.  
Lord, have mercy.
- 3

In the midst of deep despair,  
bane and battle taunt us;  
is there not a refuge, where  
terror cannot haunt us?  
In you, O Christ, you only,  
with glory from God's loving face,  
and the Spirit's peaceful ways.  
Holy and righteous God!  
Holy and mighty God!  
Holy and all-merciful Savior!  
Everlasting God!  
Though the grave would daunt us,  
safe we shelter in you gaze.  
Lord, have mercy.

**SENDING WORDS**

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Piano/Organ duets*

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