

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
 Midweek Worship  
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## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME

## CONFESSING OUR SIN AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

Let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

We have sinned deeply and need your forgiveness. We have hurt you, those we love, our neighbors, and creation with things that we have done and things that we have left undone. We have lacked faith and have treated your promises as if they are nothing, putting our faith, instead, in other people and things. Create in us a new heart, forgive our sins, and return us to you with your deep well of life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

People of God, hear the good news that is for you:

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and in his ☩ name, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. It is a gift that is for you no matter what. Almighty God strengthen you through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## JESUS LOVES ME

## STORY & HYMN

- 1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
 for the Bible tells me so;  
 little ones to him belong,  
 they are weak, but he is strong.

### *Refrain*

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
 yes, Jesus loves me,  
 yes, Jesus loves me,  
 the Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! he who died  
 heaven's gates to open wide;  
 he will wash away my sin,  
 let his little child come in. *Refrain*

- 3 Jesus loves me! he will stay  
 close beside me all the way;  
 when at last I come to die,  
 he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together:

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

STORY & HYMN

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. Refrain

SCRIPTURE SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## AMAZING GRACE

## STORY & HYMN

- 1      Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
         that saved a wretch like me!  
         I once was lost, but now am found;  
         was blind, but now I see.
- 2      'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
         and grace my fears relieved;  
         how precious did that grace appear  
         the hour I first believed!
- 3      Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
         I have already come;  
         'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
         and grace will lead me home.
- 4      The Lord has promised good to me;  
         his word my hope secures;  
         he will my shield and portion be  
         as long as life endures.
- 5      When we've been there ten thousand years,  
         bright shining as the sun,  
         we've no less days to sing God's praise  
         than when we'd first begun.

## 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.*



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words Jesus gave us:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

## HOW GREAT THOU ART

## STORY & HYMN

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

### *Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

## SENDING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## SENDING MUSIC

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