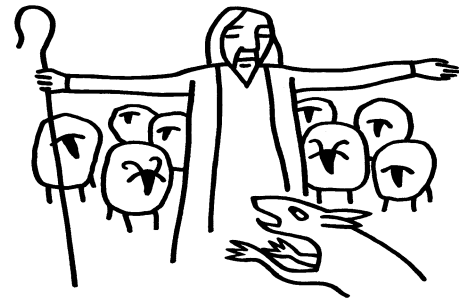


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
 Midweek Worship
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

GATHERING MUSIC

He Knows My Name

WELCOME

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

We 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.**

SONG

Spirit Song

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,
 Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
 Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
 Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together:
Loving God, we thank you that your Son Jesus is the good shepherd who cares for your people.
Open our hearts to hear his voice, to know him as he calls us by name, and to follow wherever he leads. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KIDS' TIME Pastoral Assistant Sandra

SCRIPTURE SONG *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.
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SCRIPTURE **John 10:11-18**

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

MESSAGE Pastor Erin

SONG *Draw Me Close*

Draw me close to You, never let me go.
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend.

You are my desire, no one else will do,
'Cause nothing else could take Your place;
To feel the warmth of Your embrace.
Help me find the way, bring me back to You.

You're all I want, You're all I ever needed.
You're all I want, help me know You are near.

You're all I want, You're all I ever needed.
You're all I want, help me know You are near.
Help me know you are near.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

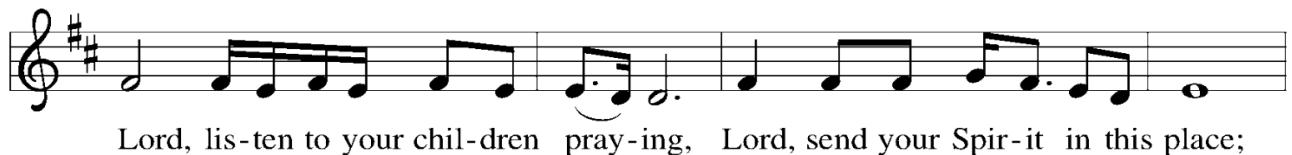
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

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

You are invited to sing with the Praise Band as they play Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying before the prayers begin and at the conclusion of the prayers.



OFFERING

Offering will not be taken during worship; a basket is available in the back of the sanctuary to drop off today's offering. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at 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 children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.

LORD'S PRAYER

We 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

May God who has brought us from death to life grant you faith to trust in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG *Your Love is Amazing*

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging.
Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me;
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Your love makes me sing.
And hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Your love makes me sing.

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,
All the joy that’s growing deep inside of me.
And every time I see You all Your goodness shines through,
And I feel this God song rising up in me.

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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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