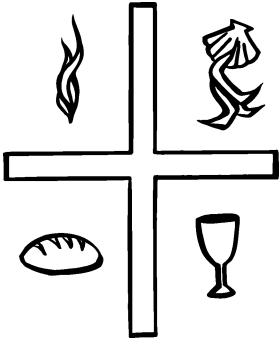


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
zionlutheranaberdeen.org  
Erin Heidelberger, Pastor  
Tim Sersen, Visitation Pastor



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*The gospel for the seventh week of Easter is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual life, love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

PRELUDE

*Hymn of Praise  
Father, We Thank You*

John Carter  
Larry Long

WELCOME AND 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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**But when we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection.*

Let us confess our sin to God our Father. Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Christ Is the King!*

ELW #662

- 1

Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
let the world know he is your choice.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2

Oh, magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4

Let Love's all reconciling might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the God of light.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5

So shall the church at last be one;  
so shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GRADUATE BLESSING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

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

GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

Pew Bible NT, p.115

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the

world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

SERMON Pastor Erin Heidelberger

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* ELW #843

- 1

Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.
- 2

Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3

Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

HOLY BAPTISM Kensi Diane Jensen

BAPTISM SONG *You Belong to Christ* ELW #212  
*(sing twice)*

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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](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 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 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.

BENEDICTION

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.

SENDING HYMN

*Thine the Amen*

ELW #826

- 1     Thine the amen thine the praise  
          alleluias angels raise  
          thine the everlasting head  
          thine the breaking of the bread  
          thine the glory thine the story  
          thine the harvest then the cup  
          thine the vineyard then the cup  
          is lifted up lifted up.
- 2     Thine the life eternally  
          thine the promise let there be  
          thine the vision thine the tree  
          all the earth on bended knee  
          gone the nailing gone the railing  
          gone the pleading gone the cry  
          gone the sighing gone the dying  
          what was loss lifted high.
- 3     Thine the truly thine the yes  
          thine the table we the guest  
          thine the mercy all from thee  
          thine the glory yet to be  
          then the ringing and the singing

then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving  
evermore evermore.

- 4      Thine the kingdom thine the prize  
         thine the wonder full surprise  
         thine the banquet then the praise  
         then the justice of thy ways  
         thine the glory thine the story  
         then the welcome to the least  
         then the wonder all increasing  
         at thy feast at thy feast.
- 5      Thine the glory in the night  
         no more dying only light  
         thine the river thine the tree  
         then the Lamb eternally  
         then the holy holy holy  
         celebration jubilee  
         thine the splendor thine the brightness  
         only thee only thee.

#### SENDING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

#### POSTLUDE

*Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

Charles Callahan

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.  
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #26593.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.