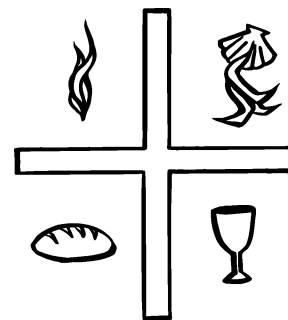


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
 Seventh Wednesday of Easter
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 Erin Heidelberger, Pastor
 Tim Sersen, Visitation Pastor



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 abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

GATHERING MUSIC

Glory

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

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,

Where the streams of abundance flow,

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,

When the world's all as it should be.

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,

Though there's pain in the offering.

Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.
You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together:
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.

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 17:6-19** *Pew Bible NT, p.115*

⁶I 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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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. ¹²While 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.
¹³But 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

MESSAGE **Pastor Erin Heidelberger**

SONG *Majesty*

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne unto his own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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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.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

The Heart of Worship

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart.
I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath.
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.

BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven, the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, keep us steadfast in the promise and life-giving hope of your resurrection, that by the Holy Spirit we might testify to the power and grace of your work for us and all people. **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

This is the Day

This is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice and celebrate.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice. I will rejoice and celebrate.

He goes before me. He goes before me.
He walks beside me. He walks beside me.
He lives within me. He's the lover of my soul.
He's my defender. He's my defender.
He's my provider. He's my provider.
His overflowing mercies are brand new evr'yday.

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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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