

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
 Fifth Sunday of Easter
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 Erin Heidelberger, Pastor
 Tim Sersen, Visitation Pastor



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

GATHERING MUSIC

Forever

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

Made to Worship

Before the day, before the light.
 Before the world revolved around the sun.
 God on high stepped down into time
 And wrote the story of His love for everyone.
 He has filled our hearts with wonder.
 So that we always remember;

You and I were made to worship
 You and I are called to love.
 You and I are forgiven and free.
 When you and I embrace surrender,
 When you and I choose to believe
 Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

All we are, and all we have.
 Is all a gift from God that we receive.
 Brought to life we open our eyes,

To see the majesty and glory of the king.
He has filled our hearts with wonder.
So that we always remember;

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Even the rocks cry out,
Even the heavens shout,
At the sound of His Holy name.
So let every voice sing out
Let every knee bow down
He's worthy of all our praise

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You and I are called to love.
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When you and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe
Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together:
O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 15:1-8**

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

MESSAGE **Pastor Erin Heidelberger**

SONG *Hungry (Falling on My Knees)*

Hungry, I come to You for I know You satisfy.
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run dry.
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.
I'm falling on my knees offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

Broken, I run to You, for Your arms are open wide.
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life.
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.
I'm falling on my knees offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

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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

You Are My All In All

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel.
Lord to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again, I bless your name.
You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up.
When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
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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

Rock of Ages

There is no rock, there is no god like our God.
No other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved.
He's proven himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock. There is no god like ours.

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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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