

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Third Wednesday after Pentecost  
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GATHERING MUSIC

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

WELCOME

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

God gives us freedom through the mercy of Jesus Christ. And so we confess our sins, knowing that this is God's work in us.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We do what we don't want to do and we don't do what we want to do. We have sinned 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 free us to live in faith and delight in your gifts. Amen.**

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

In Jesus' death and resurrection, God's mercy is revealed to be a gift given to you and for your life. By the command of our Lord Jesus, you are forgiven, freed from sin and freed for the new life in Christ that is freely and fully given to you. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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**

God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** **Genesis 12:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."  
<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 5:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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**MESSAGE** **Pastor Mike Jacobson**

**SONG** *The Summons*

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
  
"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"  
  
"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
  
"Will you love the you you hid if I but call your name?"

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, you summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me

## 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.*

## 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

### *Blest Are They*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

**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**

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.**

**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**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING MUSIC**

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