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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

## 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

*Here I Am to Worship*

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We pray together:  
Eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and you live in the perfect unity of love. Give us a sure faith in you, so that we share in your holy fellowship and life as three Persons in one God, now and forever.

**SCRIPTURE SONG** *The Lord Almighty Reigns*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

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Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

**SCRIPTURE** **John 3:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**MESSAGE** **Pastor Tim Sersen**

**SONG** *God So Loved*

God so loved the world that He gave.  
God so loved the world that He gave  
His only Son

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His only Son

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.  
He's risen from the dead. He is risen.  
He's high and lifted up. Heaven and earth adore.

God so loved the world that He gave.  
God so loved the world that He gave  
His only Son.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.  
He's risen from the dead. He is risen.  
He's high and lifted up. Heaven and earth adore.  
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God so loved the world that He gave.  
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His only Son.

#### 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.*



#### 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

*All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of The Lord's Supper bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table.*

**COMMUNION SONG** *Glorify Thy Name*

Father, we love you, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth;  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth;  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth;  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

(Instrumental verse)  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

**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** *How Great is Our God*  
The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!  
Sing with me, how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, Three In One, Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!  
Sing with me, how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing how great is our God.  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing how great is our God.

How great is our God!  
Sing with me, how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.  
How great, how great is our God.

### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in the peace of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **SENDING MUSIC**

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