

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

Grace Like Rain

WELCOME

SONG

Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your Dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For hear my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
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One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty.
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of promise, Abraham scoffed and Sarah laughed when they were told of your plans for them and their family. Yet you remained faithful to your promise, and gave them a son, Isaac. Help us to trust in your promises for our lives, and to live according to your will. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE SONG *The Lord Almighty Reigns*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.
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FIRST READING **Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

¹The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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

GOSPEL **Mark 10:27**

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

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SONG

Hope of the Nations

Jesus, hope of the nations.
Jesus comfort for all who mourn.
You are the source of Heaven's hope on earth.
Jesus light in the darkness.
Jesus truth in each circumstance.
You are the source of Heaven's light on earth.
In History, You live and died.
You broke the chains, You rose to life

You are the hope living in us.
You are the rock in whom we trust.
You are the light shining for all the world to see.
You rose from the dead, conquering fear,
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near.
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Living for all who will receive. Lord we believe!!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to sing with the Praise Band as they play Hope of All Creation before the prayers begin and at the conclusion of the prayers.



SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

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.



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 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.

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

All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

You lived, You died.
You said in three days you would rise.
You did, You're alive.
You rule, You reign
You said You're coming back again.
I know that You will
And all the earth will sing Your praises.

You took, You take our sins away, O God.
You give, You gave Your life away for us.
You came down, You saved us through the cross.
Our hearts are changed because of your great love.

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SENDING WORDS

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

SENDING MUSIC

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