

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Christ the King and Commitment Sunday
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Ancient of Days*

Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From every nation, all of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory.
Every knee shall bow at your throne, in worship.
You will be exalted, oh God
And your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days.

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Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to matchless worth.
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CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and personal confession.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ✠ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.
Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all. **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

Father in heaven how we love You.
We lift your name in all the earth.
May Your Kingdom be established in our praises.
As Your people declare Your mighty works.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

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Who was and is and is to come.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever.
Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the
glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.
¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven
spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the
dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom,
priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come,

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

Glory Hallelujah

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory, Gloria
Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.
Glory, Gloria!

GOSPEL

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

SERMON

Pastor Mark Galbraith

Take My Life

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold.
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as You choose.

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for thee.
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the Triune God.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

Prayers of Intercession

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING—Commitment Sunday

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.



OFFERING SONG

Everybody's Got Something to Offer

Everybody's got something to offer;
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.

Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the lost and lowly ones the message it is clear;
We have all got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.

Everybody's got something to offer;
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the believers gathered here the message it is true;
We have all got a gift to give in all we say and do.

Everybody's got something to offer;
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG

Lord Have Mercy

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken.
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you.
Now I am returning to your mercies ever flowing.
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies.
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence.
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord,
And these are the days of your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword,
And we are a voice in the desert crying, prepare ye the Way of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, in the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of your servant David, rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world.
And we are the laborers in the vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, in the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.

There’s no God like Jehovah
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SENDING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE

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