**Traditional Service November 21, 2021**



**Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD**

**Christ the King & 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 *Partita on “Diademata”* Charles Callahan**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN *Soon and Very Soon* ELW #439**

1. Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,

 Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,

 Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.

 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

1. No more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,

 No more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,

 No more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King.

 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

1. No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,

 No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,

 No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King.

 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

1. Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,

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 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

**INVOCATION**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**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 Saundra**

**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.**

**PSALM Psalm 93** *tune by Michael Guimont*

*Refrain:*



1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord has robed himself with might;

He has girded himself with power. *Refrain*

1. The world you made firm, not to be moved;

Your throne has stood firm from of old.

From all eternity, O Lord, you are. *Refrain*

1. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.

Holiness is fitting to your house,

O Lord, until the end of time. *Refrain*

**SECOND READING Revelation 1:4b-8**

4bGrace 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, the Almighty.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL John 18:33-37**

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon Pastor Mark Galbraith**

**Hymn of the Day  *Take My Life* ELW #685**

Vs. 1,3,5~Men Vs. 2,4,6~Women

1 Take my life, that I may be

 consecrated, Lord, to thee;

 take my moments and my days;

 let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move

 at the impulse of thy love;

 take my feet and let them be

 swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing

 always, only, for my King;

 take my lips and let them be

 filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold,

 not a mite would I withhold;

 take my intellect and use

 ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

5 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.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour

 at thy feet its treasure store;

 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 CHURCH**

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.

*Prayer response:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 HYMN *We Are an Offering* ELW #692**

 We lift our voices,

 We lift our hands,

 We lift our lives up to you:

 We are an offering.

 Lord, use our voices,

 Lord, use our hands,

 Lord, use our lives, they are yours:

 We are an offering.

 All that we have,

 All that we are,

 All that we hope to be,

 We give to you, we give to you.

 We lift our voices,

 We lift our hands,

 We lift our lives up to you:

 We are an offering, we are an offering.

**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, who art in heaven,**

 **hallowed be thy name,**

 **thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

 **on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

 **as we forgive those**

 **who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

 **but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

 **and the power, and the glory,**

 **forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION HYMN *What a Feast of Love* ELW #487**

1 What feast of love is offered here,

 what banquet come from heaven?

 What food of everlasting life,

 what gracious gift is given?

 This, this is Christ the king,

 the bread come down from heaven.

 Oh, taste and see and sing!

 How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here,

 what covenant from heaven?

 What hope of everlasting life,

 what wondrous word is given?

 This, this is Christ the king,

 the sun come down from heaven.

 Oh, see and hear and sing!

 The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,

 what crimson drink from heaven?

 What stream of everlasting life,

 what precious blood is given?

 This, this is Christ the king,

 the sweetest wine of heaven.

 Oh, taste and see and sing!

 The Son of God is given!

**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.**

**BENEDICTION**

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 HYMN *Lead On, O King Eternal* ELW #805**

1 Lead on, O King eternal!

 The day of march has come;

 henceforth in fields of conquest

 your tents will be our home.

 Through days of preparation

 your grace has made us strong;

 and now, O King eternal,

 we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,

 till sin's fierce war shall cease,

 and holiness shall whisper

 the sweet amen of peace;

 for not with swords loud clashing,

 nor roll of stirring drums,

 but deeds of love and mercy

 the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:

 we follow, not with fears,

 for gladness breaks like morning

 where'er your face appears.

 Your cross is lifted o'er us;

 we journey in its light;

 the crown awaits the conquest;

 lead on, O God of might!

**SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE *Rejoice! Ye Pure in Heart* Robert A. Hobby**

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