

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!
- 2    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!
- 3    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!
- 4    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!

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



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

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.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

<sup>9</sup>As 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.  
<sup>10</sup>A 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.  
<sup>13</sup>As 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.  
<sup>14</sup>To 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.

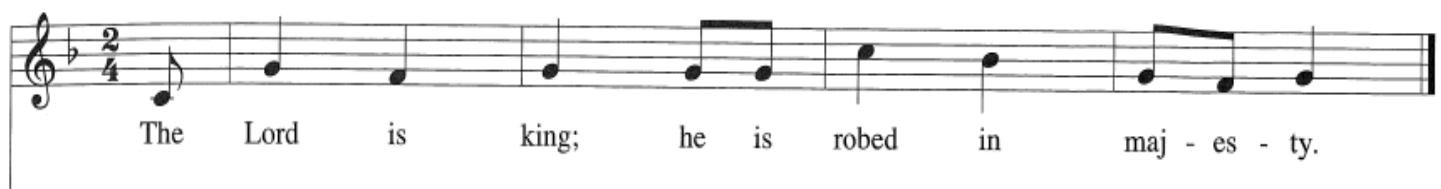
Word of God. Word of life.           Thanks be to God.

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*
- 2     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*
- 3     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

<sup>4b</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

- 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](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.*



## 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*

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