

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Rise, Shine You People* ELW #665

- 1
- Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.
- 2
- See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.
- 3
- Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.
- 4
- Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
God's new creation.

INVOCATION

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.  
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.  
We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.  
We have rejected your word

when it made us confront ourselves.  
We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.

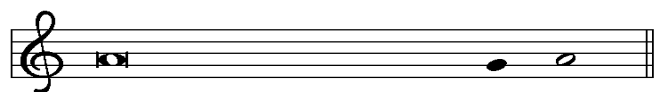
Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.  
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:  
In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.  
Live as freed and forgiven children 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.**

KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



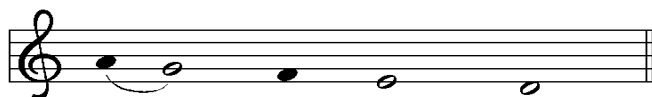
Lord, have mer - cy.



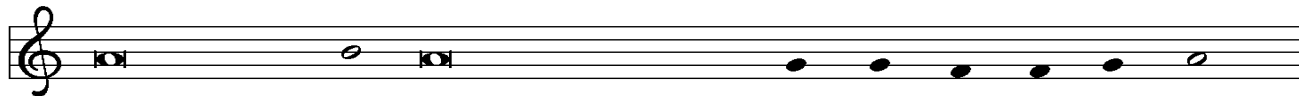
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

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

### PSALM

**Psalm 71:1-6**

*(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup>**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

<sup>5</sup>For you, O LORD, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup>**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.**

### SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

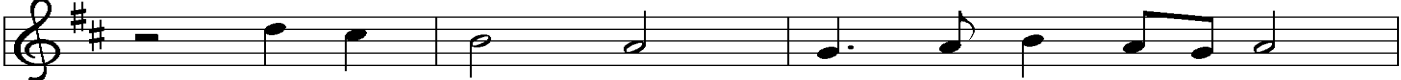
<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only


in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia.                      Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life.                      Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL    Luke 4:21-30

<sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON    Pastor Mark Galbraith

HYMN OF THE DAY    *O Word of God Incarnate*    ELW #514  
*(please stand on the last verse)*

- 1      O Word of God incarnate,  
         O Wisdom from on high,  
         O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
         O Light of our dark sky:  
         we praise you for the radiance  
         that from the hallowed page,  
         a lantern to our footsteps,  
         shines on from age to age.
- 2      The church from you, dear Master,  
         received the gift divine;  
         and still that light is lifted  
         o'er all the earth to shine.  
         It is the chart and compass  
         that, all life's voyage through,

mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of burnished gold  
to bear before the nations  
your true light, as of old;  
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see you face to face.

### APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Jesus the Messiah. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*Prayer response:* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence the words our Savior gave us, that summarizes all we are to be praying about:

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

*Offering will be taken during worship through the passing of the offering plates. 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

*Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue*

ELW #644

- 1
- Although I speak with angel's tongue,  
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,  
but have no love, my gifts are vain  
as clanging gong or blaring brass.
- 2
- For love is patient, love is kind,  
and never vain with boasting pride;  
love bears all things, all things endures.  
All things must end; love will abide.
- 3
- For now we peer at darkened glass;  
our visions end; our tongues all cease.  
In part we know, in part now see:  
then we will see love face to face.
- 4
- The gifts are many, the Body one,  
and into one are all baptized.  
Beloved, share one heart, one mind,  
one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:  
Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

BENEDICTION

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.  
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

*Go My Children*

ELW #543

- 1
- "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

- 2      "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3      "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

#### **SENDING WORDS**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **POSTLUDE**