

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

### "At the Cross"

Oh Lord, You've searched me. You know my way.  
Even when I fail You. I know You love me.  
Your holy presence, surrounding me.  
In every season, I know You love me. I know You love me.

At the cross I bow my knee,  
Where Your blood was shed for me.  
There's no greater love than this.  
You have overcome the grave,  
Your glory fills the highest place.  
What can separate me now.

You go before me, You shield my way.  
Your hand upholds me, I know You love me.  
And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes.  
And You stand before me, I know You love me. I know You love me.

At the cross I bow my knee,  
Where Your blood was shed for me.  
There's no greater love than this.  
You have overcome the grave,  
Your glory fills the highest place.  
What can separate me now.

You tore the veil, You made a way,  
When You said that it is done.  
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When You said that it is done.

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Where Your blood was shed for me.  
There's no greater love than this.  
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Your glory fills the highest place.  
What can separate me now.

## CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

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

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!  
Forgive us and turn us again to you.  
Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In ✠ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you  
and teaches you how to live in love.  
**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

**"In the Secret"**

In the secret, in the quiet place,  
In the stillness you are there.  
In the secret, in the quiet hour, I wait only for You.  
'Cause I want to know You more.

I want to know You.  
I want to hear Your voice.  
I want to know You more.  
I want to touch You.  
I want to see Your face.  
I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal.  
That I might receive the prize.  
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my way.  
'Cause I want to know You more.

I want to know You.  
I want to hear Your voice.  
I want to know You more.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:  
Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**KID’S TIME** Pastor Mark

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

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

**SECOND READING** Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.  
<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.  
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to

make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

## LENTEN ACCLAMATION

## "Jesus, You Have Given Me"

Jesus, You have given me all of your grace so tenderly.

I lift my hands and praise your name.

Jesus, You have given me all of your love on Calvary.

I lift my heart into your hands.

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The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL

## John 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Mark Galbraith**

## SONG OF THE DAY

## "We Are Called"

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

To live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice,

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another,

To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So hatred and blindness will be no more.

We are called to act with justice,

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another,

To walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.

### APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us His 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 PEOPLE

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### *Prayers of Intercession*

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

## 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 SONG

### “God Will Make a Way”

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way,  
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day,  
He will make a way, He will make a way.

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way,  
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day,  
He will make a way, He will make a way.

By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me,  
And rivers in the desert will I see.  
Heaven and earth will fade  
But His Word will still remain. He will do something new today.

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He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION SONG

### “Redeemer, Savior, Friend”

I know You had me on Your mind when You climbed up on that hill;  
For You saw me with eternal eyes, while I was yet in sin;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

Ev’ry stripe upon Your battered back, ev’ry thorn that pierced Your brow;  
And ev’ry nail drove deep through guiltless hands  
Said that Your love knows no end;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

Redeemer, redeem my heart again;  
Savior, come and shelter me from sin;  
You’re familiar with my weakness, devoted to the end;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

So the grace You’ve poured upon my life, will return to You in praise;  
And I’ll gladly lay down all my crowns,  
For the name by which I’m saved;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

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## 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, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

## BLESSING

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
parental, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### “Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Our God, You reign forever.  
Our hope, our strong Deliv’rer.

You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God,  
You do not faint,  
You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings, like eagles.

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#### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**