

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

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Ancient Words"

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you;
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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

"Lord of Light"

The Lord of light is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.
Though wars may rage
and pain surrounds you,
your heart will hope.
He's the source of life.

The Lord of light is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.
Wait, be still.
God's strong arms keep you.
Wait, be strong.
He's the source of life.

The Lord of light is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.
For in the day of trouble,
He will keep me safe.
Though enemies surround me,
I will sing to the Lord.

The Lord of life, is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the Lord of life.
The Lord of life, is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the Lord of life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:
God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.
Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 Pastoral Assistant Sandra

COLLECTION OF NOISY OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Meditations on Lent”** Zion Choir

PSALM **Psalm 27**

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
²When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh —
my adversaries and foes —
they shall stumble and fall.
³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
⁴One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.
⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
⁶Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
⁹Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
¹⁰If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
¹²Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
¹⁴Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

SECOND READING **Philippians 3:17—4:1**

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL 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 Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Luke 13:31-35**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

SERMON **Pastor Mark Galbraith**

SONG OF THE DAY **“Thy Word”**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,
And a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path.

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 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

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I’m so glad you’re in my life,
I’m so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
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Lord, I lift your name on high.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

God of the wilderness, We give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. May we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG

“Cry of My Heart”

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.
It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
So I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more and more
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.
All of the days of my life.
All of the days of my life.

SENDING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE