

**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 HYMN

## "Lord Christ, When You First Came to Earth"

**ELW #727**

- 1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth,  
upon a cross they bound you,  
and mocked your saving kingship's worth  
by thorns with which they crowned you.  
And still our wrongs may fashion now  
new thorns to pierce that steady brow,  
and robe of sorrow round you.
- 2 O awesome Love, which finds no room  
in life where sin denies you,  
and, doomed to death, shall bring to doom  
the pow'r that crucifies you,  
till not a stone is left on stone,  
and then the nations' pride, o'erthrown,  
will nevermore defy you!
- 3 New advent of the love of Christ,  
will we again refuse you,  
till in the night of hate and war  
we perish as we lose you?  
From ancient doubts our minds release  
to seek the kingdom of your peace,  
by which alone we choose you.
- 4 O wounded hands of Jesus, build  
in us your new creation;  
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled;  
we wait your revelation.  
O Love that triumphs over loss,  
we bring our hearts before your cross;  
come, finish your salvation.

## INVOCATION

*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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*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.

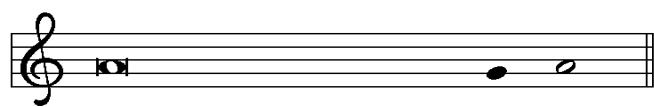
Have mercy on us!  
Forgive us and turn us again to you.  
Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.  
Amen.

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.**

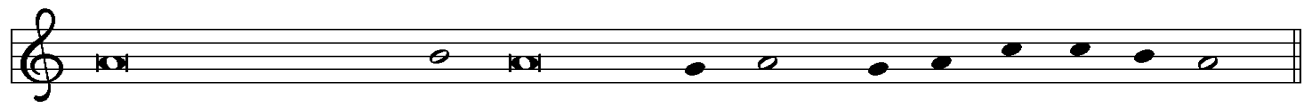
KYRIE



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.



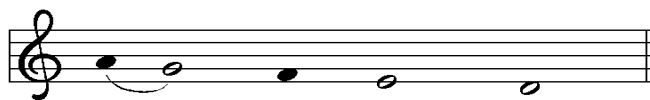
Lord, have mer - cy.



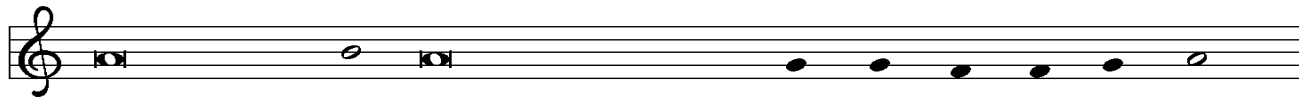
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

## 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

### FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates"

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Psalm 27

<sup>1</sup>The 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?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh —  
my adversaries and foes —  
they shall stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One 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.

<sup>5</sup>For 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.

<sup>6</sup>Now 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.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup>Do 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!

<sup>10</sup>If my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me up.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup>Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.

<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

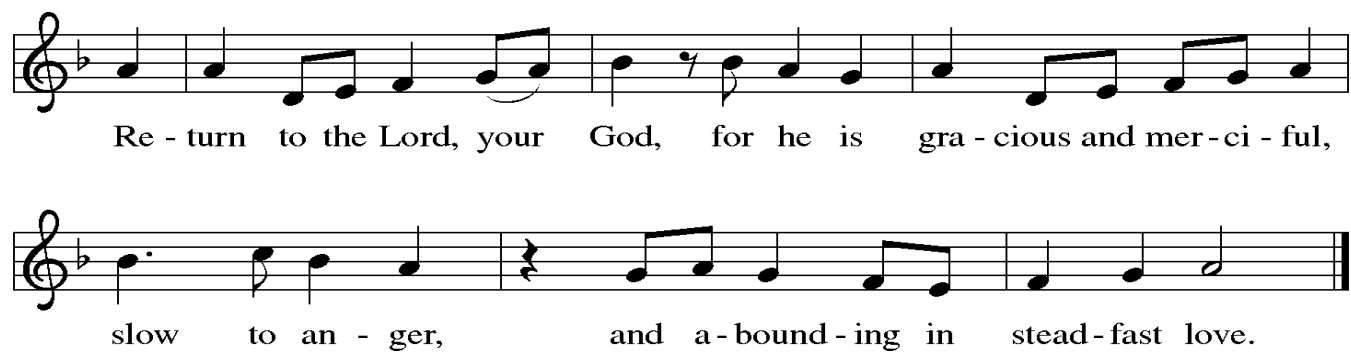
**SECOND READING** **Philippians 3:17—4:1**

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He 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.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, 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



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,

slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He 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. <sup>33</sup>Yet 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.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, 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! <sup>35</sup>See, 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

HYMN 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,

## 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 CHURCH

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

*Prayer response:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, 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](https://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****"Around You, O Lord Jesus"****ELW #468**

- 1     Around you, O Lord Jesus,  
        your own you gather still  
        to share the feast you give us  
        with grace our lives to fill.  
        You say to us so lovingly,  
        "Take, eat! This is my body!  
        Take, drink! This is my blood!"
- 2     We hear your invitation,  
        and heed, O Lord, your call;  
        your word of consolation  
        is spoken here to all.  
        It draws us to your loving heart;  
        it brings to us your blessing,  
        which never will depart.
- 3     We are your own forever;  
        until our final breath  
        we will be true and never  
        in joy, in grief, in death  
        depart from you, for you are still  
        among your people dwelling,  
        as you have said you will.

**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.**

**BENEDICTION**

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 HYMN****"Thy Holy Wings"****ELW #613**

- 1     Thy holy wings, O Savior,  
        spread gently over me,  
        and let me rest securely  
        through good and ill in thee.  
        Oh, be my strength and portion,  
        my rock and hiding place,  
        and let my ev'ry moment  
        be lived within thy grace.
- 2     Oh, let me nestle near thee,  
        within thy downy breast  
        where I will find sweet comfort  
        and peace within thy nest.  
        Oh, close thy wings around me  
        and keep me safely there,

for I am but a newborn  
and need thy tender care.

- 3      Oh, wash me in the waters  
         of Noah's cleansing flood.  
         Give me a willing spirit,  
         a heart both clean and good.  
         Oh, take into thy keeping  
         thy children great and small,  
         and while we sweetly slumber,  
         enfold us one and all.

#### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**