

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

*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING SONG

#### "Rock of Ages"

There is no rock, there is no god like our God.  
No other name worthy of all our praise.  
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved.  
He's proven himself to be faithful and true.  
There is no rock. There is no god like ours.

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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**

**"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty"**

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come.  
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty  
Who reigns forever more.

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Father in heaven how we love You.  
We lift your name in all the earth.  
May Your Kingdom be established in our praises.  
As Your people declare Your mighty works.

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:  
Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

- <sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.
- <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.
- <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;
- <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

- <sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.
- <sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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LENTEN RESPONSE

“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 13:1-9

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."  
<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

SERMON

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SONG OF THE DAY

“Here I Am, Lord”

I the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

“I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
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I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
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### **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

#### "I Give You My Heart"

This is my desire, to honor You.  
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.  
All I have within me, I give You praise.  
All that I adore is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart.  
I give You my soul.  
I live for You alone.  
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake,  
Lord, have Your way in me.

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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

*All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of The Lord's Supper bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table.*

*Please come forward as directed by the ushers. We will commune one side of the sanctuary at a time. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

## COMMUNION SONG

## "Come, Just as You Are"

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are; come and see, come receive.

Come and live forever.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are; come receive Christ the King.

Come and live forever.

Life everlasting and strength for today.

Taste the living water, and never thirst again.

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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,  
paternal, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

## "Shout to the North"

Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.

You are strong when you feel weak.

In your brokenness complete.

Shout to the north and south, sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is Savior to all. Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts.

Who can know the healing power  
Of your awesome King of love.

Shout to the north and south, sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all. Lord of heaven and earth.

We've been through fire, we've been through rain.  
We've been refined by the pow'r of his name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with you.  
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Shout to the north and south, sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all. Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up church with broken wings. Fill this place with songs again.  
Of our God who reigns on high  
By his grace again we'll fly.

Shout to the north and south, sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all. Lord of heaven and earth.

#### **SENDING WORDS**

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

#### **POSTLUDE**