

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
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### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING HYMN

*O God of Light*

ELW #507

- 1 O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing,  
shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way  
and show your grace, your plan for us unveiling,  
and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.
- 2 From days of old, through blind and willful ages,  
though we rebelled, you gently sought again,  
and spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,  
who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.
- 3 Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing  
to sinful hearts your justice and your grace;  
and questing spirits, longing for your healing,  
see your compassion in the Savior's face.
- 4 To all the world your summons you are sending,  
through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,  
that myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,  
may praise and celebrate your gift of grace.

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.  
Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.

Hear the good news!  
 God does not deal with us according to our sins  
 but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
 In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
 You are free to love as God loves.  
 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.**

**GLORY TO GOD** (pg. 213)

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 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.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 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.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
 3 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.

*Final refrain*

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## KIDS' TIME

Ann Fortin

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
 to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
 to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long  
 to a rebellious people,  
 who walk in a way that is not good,  
 following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me  
 to my face continually,  
 sacrificing in gardens  
 and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

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

**PSALM**

**Psalm 22:19-28**

*(read responsively)*

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
<sup>20</sup>**Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!**  
<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.  
<sup>22</sup>**I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**  
<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
<sup>24</sup>**For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.**  
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!**  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**

**SECOND READING****Galatians 3:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
 lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the eighth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL****Luke 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW #638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Savior, all the day long:  
 this is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
 angels descending bring from above  
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
 watching and waiting, looking above,  
 filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

## APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. 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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

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

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING

*We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this congregation possible. We encourage everyone to give. 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

### *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

ELW #860

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
  
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
  
- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

#### COMMUNION HYMN

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

ELW #802

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
we shall reap celestial joy:  
all discomforts that annoy  
shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe;  
help me there your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death he conquered death,  
he will free us from destruction,  
give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
that would lead us into sin;  
and the grave that shuts us in  
shall but prove the gate of heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die,  
there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
that to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members;  
where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly,  
living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be;  
life eternal grant to me.

#### 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:

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW #886

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

## SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE