

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

*The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

### *God of Wonders*

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.  
The heavens are your tabernacle,  
Glory to the Lord on High.  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty. You are Holy, Holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.  
And when I stumble in the darkness,  
I will call your name by night.  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty. You are Holy, Holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy. You are Holy, Holy.  
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me.  
You are Holy, Holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.,

### 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.

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*Great is the Lord*

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:  
O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for  
truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following  
your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**KIDS’ TIME**

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret  
places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the  
LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have  
dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those  
who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my  
people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot  
my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has  
my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is  
not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

**PSALM**

**Psalm 82**

*(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>God has taken his place in the divine council;  
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:  
<sup>2</sup>"How long will you judge unjustly  
and show partiality to the wicked?  
<sup>3</sup>Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.  
<sup>4</sup>Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."  
<sup>5</sup>They have neither knowledge nor understanding,  
they walk around in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.  
<sup>6</sup>I say, "You are gods,  
children of the Most High, all of you;  
<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince."  
<sup>8</sup>Rise up, O God, judge the earth;  
for all the nations belong to you!

**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA**

*Glory Hallelujah*

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory, Gloria  
Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.  
Glory, Gloria!

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory, Gloria  
Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.  
Glory, Gloria!

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

**GOSPEL** **Luke 12:49-56**

<sup>49</sup>I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

**SERMON** **Ray Dunn**

**SONG OF THE DAY** ***Blessed Be Your Name***

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where the streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be.  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering.  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.  
You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

**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**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

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

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **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 SONG** *Offering*

The sun cannot compare to the Glory of Your love.  
There is no shadow in Your presence.  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne.  
Before the Holy One of Heaven.  
It's only by Your blood.  
And it's only through Your mercy.

Lord I come.  
I bring an offering of worship to the King.  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due.  
Oh Lord, I bring an offering to You.

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together:  
God of all goodness and grace, receive these gifts we offer, and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise, through 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.

**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 SONG**

*This is the Day*

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice and celebrate.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice. I will rejoice and celebrate.

He goes before me. He goes before me.  
He walks beside me. He walks beside me.  
He lives within me. He's the lover of my soul.  
He's my defender. He's my defender.  
He's my provider. He's my provider.  
His overflowing mercies are brand new evr'yday.

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**SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**