

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

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

PRELUDE

Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Jena German

GATHERING SONG

Hear Our Praises

May our home be filled with dancing.
May our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus.
As the people turn to pray.

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear the singing fill the air.

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross.
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water o'er the seas.

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear the singing fill the air.

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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 *Glorify Thy Name* **W&P #42**

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth;
glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth;
glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth;
glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:
O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KIDS’ TIME **Pastoral Assistant Sandra**

SPECIAL MUSIC **Donna Bratland**

FIRST READING **Proverbs 25:6-7**

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

PSALM **Psalm 112** *(read responsively)*

¹Praise the LORD!
Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

¹⁰The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON

Melissa Zastrow

SONG OF THE DAY

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.

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.

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 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

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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 HYMN

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

ELW #651

Vs. 1, 3, 5—all; Vs. 2—men; Vs. 4—women

1 Oh, praise the gracious pow'r
 that tumbles walls of fear
 and gathers in one house of faith
 all strangers far and near:

Refrain

We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

2 Oh, praise persistent truth
 that opens fisted minds
 and eases from their anxious clutch
 the prejudice that blinds: *Refrain*

3 Oh, praise inclusive love,
 encircling ev'ry race,
 oblivious to gender, wealth,
 to social rank or place: *Refrain*

4 Oh, praise the word of faith
 that claims us as God's own,
 a living temple built on Christ,
 our rock and cornerstone: *Refrain*

5 Oh, praise the tide of grace
 that laps at ev'ry shore
 with visions of a world at peace,
 no longer bled by war: *Refrain*

SENDING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE

Fugue 4

Johann Pachelbel