

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

*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

### *Made to Worship*

Before the day, before the light.  
Before the world revolved around the sun.  
God on high stepped down into time  
And wrote the story of His love for everyone.  
He has filled our hearts with wonder.  
So that we always remember;

You and I were made to worship  
You and I are called to love.  
You and I are forgiven and free.  
When you and I embrace surrender,  
When you and I choose to believe  
Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

All we are, and all we have.  
Is all a gift from God that we receive.  
Brought to life we open our eyes,  
To see the majesty and glory of the king.  
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Even the rocks cry out,  
Even the heavens shout,  
At the sound of His Holy name.  
So let every voice sing out  
Let every knee bow down  
He's worthy of all our praise

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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

*Lord of Light*

The Lord of light is my salvation.  
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.  
Though wars may rage  
and pain surrounds you,  
your heart will hope.  
He's the source of life.

The Lord of light is my salvation.  
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.  
Wait, be still.  
God's strong arms keep you.  
Wait, be strong.  
He's the source of life.

The Lord of light is my salvation.  
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.  
For in the day of trouble,  
He will keep me safe.  
Though enemies surround me,  
I will sing to the Lord.

The Lord of life, is my salvation.  
Whom shall I fear? He's the Lord of life.  
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Let us pray together:

## KIDS' TIME

## FIRST READING

Word of God. Word of life.

## PSALM

*(read responsively)*

<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**ALLELUIA** *Glory Hallelujah*  
 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.**

<sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

SERMON Ann Fortin

You are the hope living in us.  
You are the rock in whom we trust.  
You are the light shining for all the world to see.

You rose from the dead, conquering fear,  
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near.  
Jesus our hope  
Living for all who will receive. Lord we believe!!

Jesus, hope of the nations.  
Jesus comfort for all who mourn.  
You are the source of Heaven's hope on earth.  
Jesus light in the darkness.  
Jesus truth in each circumstance.  
You are the source of Heaven's light on earth.  
In History, You live and died.  
You broke the chains, You rose to life

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### **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**

***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:  
**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**

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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**

*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.*

**COMMUNION SONG**

***I Surrender All***

All to Jesus, I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence daily live.  
I surrender all, I surrender all  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender  
Humbly at His feet I bow.  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.  
I surrender all, I surrender all  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord I give myself to Thee.  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let thy blessing fall on me.  
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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:

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, 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 SONG

### *Days of Elijah*

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord,  
And these are the days of your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword,  
And we are a voice in the desert crying, prepare ye the Way of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.  
Lift your voice, in the year of Jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh,  
And these are the days of your servant David, rebuilding the temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world.  
And we are the laborers in the vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

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## SENDING WORDS

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