

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

*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

## 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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Hear our praises rise to You.  
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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

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
<sup>7</sup>for 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)

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

<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.  
<sup>4</sup>They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.  
<sup>5</sup>It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.  
<sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered forever.  
<sup>7</sup>They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.  
<sup>9</sup>They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.  
<sup>10</sup>The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"  
<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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

<sup>1</sup>On 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. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>When 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; <sup>9</sup>and 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. <sup>10</sup>But 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. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And 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](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

*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**