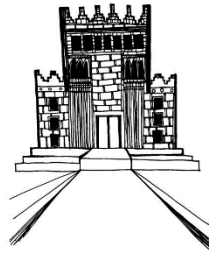


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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

### *Hope of the Nations*

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

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!!

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,  
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.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**  
**We have ignored voices  
that call for your justice.**  
**We have neglected actions  
that witness to your righteousness.**  
**We have spoken and acted  
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**  
**We truly repent of things we have done  
and left undone.**  
**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Restore our troubled spirits,**  
**so that we may live in newness,**  
**follow the way of the Spirit,**  
**and build up the body of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!  
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,  
and restores us to life through the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**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

*Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together: **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**KIDS’ TIME** **Pastoral Assistant Sandra**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** **Zion Women’s Choral Group**

**FIRST READING** **Malachi 4:1-2a**

<sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

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

**PSALM** **Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD has made known his victory;**  
**he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**  
<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.  
<sup>4</sup>**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**  
**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**  
<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn**  
**make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**  
<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
<sup>8</sup>**Let the floods clap their hands;**  
**let the hills sing together for joy**  
<sup>9</sup>at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

## SECOND READING

### 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God. Word of life.

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## ALLELUIA

### *Hear Our Praises*

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

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
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Hear our praises rise to You.  
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The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

### Luke 21:5-19

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

*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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**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 PEOPLE

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*Prayer response:*

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "God's peace be with you" or similar words.*

## OFFERING & THANKOFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT AND COLLECTION

*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. God of grace, you have showered us with gifts of grace and abundance, entrusting to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. **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.**

**LITANY**

Each of us is broken by sin and less than God has created us to be, but this does not disqualify us from being touched by God and serving God in any capacity, large or small, broken as we are.

**God uses broken things. It takes broken clouds to give rain, broken ground to give grain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
    hallowed be your name,  
    your kingdom come,  
    your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

**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** *All My Days*

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,

Of death defeated and life without end.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness.  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never ending;  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
Where countless worshipers will share one song,  
And cries of worthy will honor the Lamb.

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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:

**We give you thanks, most gracious God,  
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.  
Enliven us to be your body in the world  
and to serve those who are in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
who creates all things and calls them good,  
who makes us alive in Jesus,  
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG**

*Rise Up and Praise Him*

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad.  
Let the people of God sing His praise all over the land.  
Everyone in the valley come and lift your voice.  
All those on the mountaintop, be glad and shout for joy.

Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love.  
Rise up and praise Him, worship the holy one.  
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might  
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#### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **POSTLUDE**