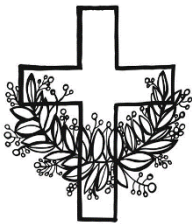


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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Give Thanks for Saints* ELW #428

- 1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm  
when all around seems bleak:  
on God's good promise they rely,  
so while they live and when they die  
how forcefully they speak—  
the strong, who once were weak!
- 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,  
beyond mere mortal sight:  
who seek the city God has planned,  
the true, eternal promised land,  
and steer on toward that light,  
a beacon ever bright.
- 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure,  
a sparkling precious stone:  
they show by what they say and do  
an inward beauty, warm and true,  
for God's concerns they own—  
God's love through them is known.
- 4 Give thanks for saints of ages past  
and saints alive today:  
though often by this world despised,  
their hearts by God are richly prized.  
Give thanks that we may say  
we share their pilgrim way.

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**

*For All the Saints*  
Vs. 1, 2, 6, 7

**ELW #422**

- 1
- For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2
- Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6
- But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7
- From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. <sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever — forever and ever."

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

SECOND READING


Ephesians 1:11-23

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.


<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 sixth chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:  
"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.  
<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.  
"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Jim Holthus

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Rise Up, O Saints of God*

ELW #669

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence;  
give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

## 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.

#### LITANY FOR REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

*We are reminded that in baptism God unites all the faithful into one universal church, rooted and continuing in the tradition of the apostles of Jesus: the church on earth and the church in heaven.*

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,  
from Abraham and Sarah, to Peter and Mary Magdalene:  
**Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests,  
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:  
**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,  
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:  
**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, siblings and  
cousins, spouses and parents whose lives ended too soon. We lift up  
the pain of pregnancy and infant loss, often carried silently, trusting  
that you hold all children in your love.  
**Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past  
year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As we  
read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray,  
and give thanks for their life.

*Lorraine Wasem, Charlene Hargens, Stella Merkel, Robin Wanner Schaunaman, Richard  
Anderson, Rosemary Job, Art Heinrich, Martha Zimmerman, Rod Wiedrich, Pius Vetter, Harold  
Hoffman, Beth Walth*

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many  
more names in our hearts.  
**Comfort us in our grief, and strengthen our faith,  
that we may be reunited at the feast that never ends.**

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those who have been baptized  
into Jesus Christ, knowing that they belong to you as children of the  
kingdom, and trusting that when you call us children of God, that is what we are.

*Brian Theodore Stanek, Adelina Eshryah Luong, Jayden Elijah Holler*

Uphold them in faith, and nurture your whole church  
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

We give thanks, O God,  
for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life  
and for all who walk as yet by faith and not by sight.  
We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ,  
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,  
You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.  
We anticipate the day when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes,  
and we shall gather around the throne of God with all the saints.  
In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **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**

*You Are the Way*

**ELW #758**

- 1
- You are the way; to you alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
all those who search for God, you find  
and by your grace set free.
- 2
- You are the truth; your word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
you only can inform the mind  
and purify the heart.
- 3
- You are the life; the rending tomb  
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
and those who put their trust in you  
not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4
- You are the way, the truth, the life;  
grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together:  
**Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,  
now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and  
thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

DEDICATION OF NEW COMMUNION VESSELS

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, 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

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 HYMN

*Lamb of God  
For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

ELW #494

- 1
- For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2
- By this promise that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heav'n above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3
- With the saints who now adore you,  
seated at the heav'nly board,  
may the church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4
- In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

**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.**

**BENEDICTION**

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 HYMN**

*For All Your Saints, O Lord*

**ELW #427**

- 1
- For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.
- 2
- For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great reward,  
accept our thankful cry.
- 3
- They all in life and death,  
with you, their Lord, in view,  
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath  
to suffer and to do.
- 4
- For this, your name we bless  
and humbly pray anew  
that we like them in holiness  
may live and die in you.
- 5
- To God, the Father, Son,  
and Spirit, ever blest,  
the One in Three, the Three in One,  
be endless praise addressed.

**SENDING WORDS**

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

**POSTLUDE**