Worship Service May 21, 2023

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Seventh Sunday of Easter zionlutheranaberdeen.org

# **PRELUDE**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATHERING HYMN Christ is the King ELW #662

- 1 Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice; brothers and sisters, with one voice let the world know he is your choice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Oh, magnify the Lord, and raise anthems of joy and holy praise for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- O Christian women, Christian men, all the world over, seek again the Way disciples followed then.
  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Let Love's all reconciling might your scattered companies unite in service to the God of light. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks begun.
  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

# INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** 

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. In the name of  $\oplus$  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. 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 God is Here ELW #526

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

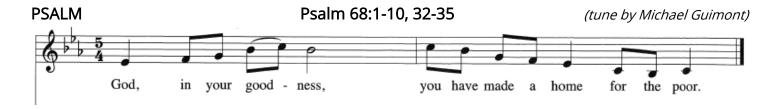
O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING** 

Pastoral Assistant Saundra

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

Janelle Heyd-Leuning



- The just shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing.O sing to God, make music to his name.The Lord is his name. *Refrain*
- Father of orphans, defender of widows,
   such is God in his holy place.
   God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
   he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity. *Refrain*
- You poured down, O God, a generous rain; when your people languished, you restored their inheritance. It was there that your flock began to dwell. In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor. *Refrain*

# **SECOND READING**

# 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW, pg. 204



The holy gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

GOSPEL John 17:1-11

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

SERMON Pastor Jim Holthus

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Be Glorified ELW #744

- 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our song, Lord, be glorified today.
- In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

# **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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayer response:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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 As the Grains of Wheat ELW #465

Refrain:

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. 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

Let us pray in confidence 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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## **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**

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW #461

- All who hunger gather gladly;
   holy manna is our bread.
   Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
   Here in truth we will be fed.
   You that yearn for days of fullness,
   all around us is our food.
   Taste and see the grace eternal.
   Taste and see that God is good.
- All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
   Come from restlessness and roaming.
   Here in joy we keep the feast.
   We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
   Taste and see the grace eternal.
   Taste and see that God is good.
- All who hunger, sing together,
   Jesus Christ is living bread.
   Come from loneliness and longing.
   Here in peace we have been fed.
   Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
   Taste and see the grace eternal.
   Taste and see that God is good.

# **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: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

The God of all, who raised  $\pm$  Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN / Come with Joy ELW #482

- I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
- I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

  The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
- The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God!