

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Thankoffering Sunday
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar
When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ, the risen One?
Did you feel the people tremble?
Did you hear the singers roar
When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ, the saving one?

Open up the doors,
Let the music play.
Let the streets resound with singing:
Songs that bring Your hope,
Songs that bring Your joy,
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble
When all the saints join in one song,
And all the streams flow as one river
To wash away our brokenness?

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.
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

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
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Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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 Sandra

PSALM

Psalm 70

(read responsively)

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O LORD, make haste to help me!

²Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.

³Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.

⁴Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

⁵But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Glory Hallelujah

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!

Glory, Gloria

Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.

Glory, Gloria!

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!

Glory, Gloria

Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.

Glory, Gloria!

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

¹Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jim Holthus

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.

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.

There's no God like Jehovah
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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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING & THANKOFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

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 SONG

Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.

"He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in my name and, because you believe,
Others will know that I live."

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus name;
And in Jesus name I come to you

To share His pow'r as He told me to.

"He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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, 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

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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

Hungry (Falling on My Knees)

Hungry, I come to You for I know You satisfy.
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run dry.
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.
I'm falling on my knees offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

Broken, I run to You, for Your arms are open wide.
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life.
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.
I'm falling on my knees offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

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BLESSING

And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which you have received, strengthen you and keep you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

I See the Lord

I see the Lord, and He is seated on the throne.
The train of His robe is filling the heavens.
I see the Lord, and He is shining like the sun.
His eyes full of fire, His voice like the waters.
Surrounding His throne and thousands singing

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
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SENDING WORDS

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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