

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Christ the King Sunday  
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

*More Love, More Power*

More love, more power, more of You in my life.  
More love, more power, more of You in my life.

And I will worship You with all of my heart.  
And I will worship You with all of mind.  
And I will worship You with all of my strength;  
You are my Lord, You are my Lord.

More love, more power, more of You in my life.  
More love, more power, more of You in my life.

And I will seek Your face with all of my heart.  
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind.  
And I will seek Your face with all of my strength;  
You are my Lord, You are my Lord.

More love, more power, more of You in my life.  
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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

*King of Kings*

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
Glory, hallelujah.  
King of kings and Lord of lords,  
Glory, hallelujah.

Jesus, Prince of Peace.  
Glory, hallelujah.  
Jesus, Prince of Peace.  
Glory, hallelujah.

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
Glory, hallelujah.  
King of kings and Lord of lords,  
Glory, hallelujah.

Jesus, Prince of Peace.  
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Jesus, Prince of Peace.  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Psalm 95:1-7a

*(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

<sup>6</sup>O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of God's hand.

## SECOND READING

### Ephesians 1:15-23

<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.**

## 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 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and

gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Jim Holthus**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

*How Great is Our God*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!  
Sing with me, how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, Three In One, Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!  
Sing with me, how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing how great is our God.  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing how great is our God.

How great is our God!  
Sing with me, how great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God.  
How great, how great is our 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.

### 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

*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

### *Step by Step*

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning,  
And I will learn to walk in your ways;  
And step by step You'll lead me,  
And I will follow You all of my days.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning,  
And I will learn to walk in your ways;  
And step by step You'll lead me,  
And I will follow You all of my days.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: God of 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

### *We Bow Down*

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,  
Lord of the land and the sea.  
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time.  
And Lord of all lords You will be.

We bow down and we worship You Lord.  
We bow down and we worship You Lord.  
We bow down and we worship You Lord.  
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of Creation and King of my life,  
King of the land and the sea.  
You were King of the heavens before there was time,  
And King of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King.  
We bow down and we crown You the King.  
We bow down and we crown You the King,  
King of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we worship You Lord.  
We bow down and we worship You Lord.  
We bow down and we worship You Lord,  
Lord of all lords You will be. You will be.

### **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**

### *Everlasting God*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever.  
Our hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God,  
You do not faint,  
You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings, like eagles.

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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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