

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
All Saints Sunday  
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

*For All the Saints*

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!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
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!

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Blest Are They*  
Vs. 1, 3, 5

**ELW #728**

1     Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
      Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
      Blest are they full of sorrow,  
      they shall be consoled.

### *Refrain*

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!

3     Blest are they who show mercy;  
      Mercy shall be theirs.  
      Blest are they, the pure of heart,  
      they shall see God. *Refrain*

5     Blest are you who suffer hate,  
      all because of me.  
      Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
      shine for all to see. *Refrain*

### **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. Amen.

### **KIDS' TIME**

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;  
<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

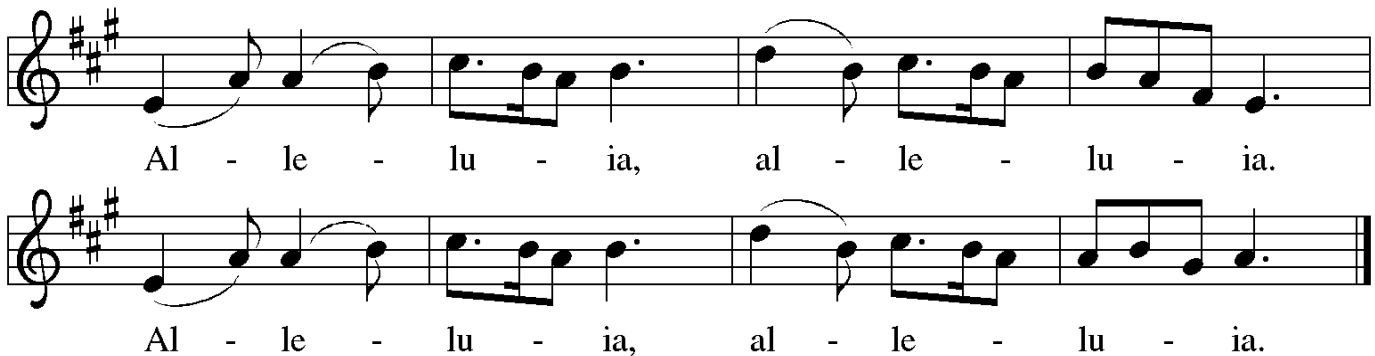
### 1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL

### Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Jim Holthus

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Your Servants of God*

ELW #825

- 1     You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
        and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
        the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
        his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2     Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
        yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
        The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
        ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
- 3     Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
        Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
        The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
        fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4     Then let us adore and give him his right,  
        all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
        all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
        and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

## 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.

*Joe Bosmoe, Bob Friske, Sr., Ruth Bosmoe, Irene Gunderson, Leon Tobin, Howard Leicht, Ella  
Aipperspach, Gladys Voegelé, Janice Peterson, Joey Kusler, Kent Johnsen, Myron Walth, Milbert  
Dais, LeRoy Buechler*

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.

*Hudson Shangreaux, Miya Florence, Kate Lambrechts, Hank Baloun*

**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**

#### ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

**ELW #689**

**Vs. 1 & 4**

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
  
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.

## 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

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

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

### *Taste and See*

ELW #493

Verses: Cantor

Refrain: Congregation

### *Refrain*

Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*
- 2 Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*
- 3 Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

## 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.

## BENEDICTION

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 HYMN

### *Shall We Gather at the River*

ELW #423

Vs. 1, 3, 4

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

#### *Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

- 3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

## SENDING WORDS

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

## POSTLUDE

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