Worship Service January 14, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Second Sunday after Epiphany zionlutheranaberdeen.org

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

At the Cross

Oh Lord, You've searched me. You know my way. Even when I fail You. I know You love me. Your holy presence, surrounding me. In every season, I know You love me. I know You love me.

At the cross I bow my knee, Where Your blood was shed for me. There's no greater love than this. You have overcome the grave, Your glory fills the highest place. What can separate me now.

You go before me, You shield my way. Your hand upholds me, I know You love me. And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes. And You stand before me, I know You love me. I know You love me.

At the cross I bow my knee, Where Your blood was shed for me. There's no greater love than this. You have overcome the grave, Your glory fills the highest place. What can separate me now.

You tore the veil, You made a way, When You said that it is done. You tore the veil, You made a way, When You said that it is done.

At the cross I bow my knee, Where Your blood was shed for me. There's no greater love than this. You have overcome the grave,



Your glory fills the highest place. What can separate me now.

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

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 and Mighty is He

Great and mighty is He, Great and mighty is He. Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor, Great and mighty is He.

Great and mighty is He, Great and mighty is He. Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor, Great and mighty is He.

Let us lift His name up high, Celebrate His grace. For He has redeemed our lives, And He reigns on high.

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Great and mighty is He,
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Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor,
Great and mighty is He.
Great and mighty is He.
Great and mighty is He.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KIDS' TIME LuMin

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

PSALM Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (read responsively)

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸I try to count them — they are more than the sand; I come to the end — I am still with you.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

ALLELUIA

Alleluia (I Am the Light of the World)

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world. Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world.

Those who follow me will not walk in darkness. Those who follow me will have the light of life.

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Those who follow me will not walk in darkness. Those who follow me will have the light of life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world. Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world. The holy gospel according to John, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

SERMON Melissa Zastrow

SONG OF THE DAY

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move,
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold.
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as You choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it 's all for Thee Take my will and make it Thine It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At your feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be Ever only all for thee.

Take myself and I will be Ever only all for Thee. Take myself and I will be Ever only all for Thee.

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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prayer response: God of grace, receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "God's peace be with you" or similar words.

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 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.

And step by step You'll lead me, And I will follow You all of my days.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

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

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker, He formed my heart.

Before even time began, my life was in His hands.

He knows my name, He knows my every thought.

He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own. He'll never leave me, no matter where I go. He knows my name, He knows my every thought. He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

He knows my name, He knows my every thought. He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call. And hears me when I call, and hears me when I call.

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: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, \pm bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands, For the joy of the Lord is our strength. We bow down and worship Him now. How great, how awesome is He. And together we sing, Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, The earth is filled with His glory. Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, The earth is filled with His glory. The earth is filled with His glory.

We stand and lift up our hands, For the joy of the Lord is our strength. We bow down and worship Him now. How great, how awesome is He. And together we sing, Everyone sing. Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, The earth is filled with His glory. Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, The earth is filled with His glory. The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around; It's the anthem of the Lord's renown. It is rising up all around; It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

And together we sing, Everyone sing. Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, The earth is filled with His glory. Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, The earth is filled with His glory. The earth is filled with His glory.

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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