Worship Service January 28, 2024

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne unto his own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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INVOCATION

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

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.

Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KIDS' TIME LuMin

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 111 (read responsively)

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸They are established forever and ever,

to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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The holy gospel according to Mark, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

SERMON Reverend Nicole Martin

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 CHURCH

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.**

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

Famous One

You are the Lord,
The Famous One, Famous One.
Great is Your Name in all the earth.
The Heavens declare
You're Glorious, Glorious;
Great is Your fame beyond the earth.

For all You've done and yet to do With every breath, I'm praising You. Desire of Nations and every heart. You alone are God, You alone are God.

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The Famous One, Famous One.
Great is Your Name in all the earth.
The Heavens declare
You're Glorious, Glorious;
Great is Your fame beyond the earth.

The morning star is shining through, And every eye is watching You. Reveal thy nature and miracles. You are beautiful, You are beautiful. You are the Lord,
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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

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

COMMUNION SONG

The Power of Your Love

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed, Flowing from the grace that I've found in You. And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see In me will be stripped away, by the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You.
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face, The knowledge of Your love as You live in me. Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds In my life, in living everyday in the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me. Bring me near, draw me to Your side. And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle And I will soar with You. Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

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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: 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

The Lord Almighty Reigns

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

He has shown His awesome power, He has triumphed mightily. He's the victor over darkness and the grave. He has broken chains that bound us, He has set the prisoner free By His own great mercy we are saved.

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SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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