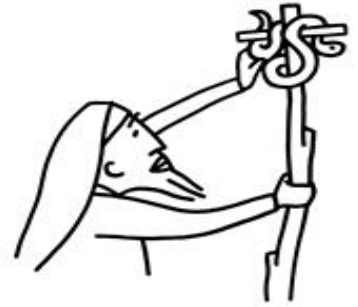


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Fourth Sunday in Lent
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Here I Am to Worship

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
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INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

We are gathered in the presence of God, invited to stand in life and not death, blessing instead of curse.

We are gathered like the people of Israel, challenged to live in lifegiving ways.

Like them, we often choose paths that disconnect us from relationship with God and others.

Yet, like, them, we have freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God.

Our presence here, is an indication that we desire life.

Let us praise God, the source of love and life who has called us to this place. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we are caught in snares and trapped by brokenness. We get stuck in patterns that harm our selves and others, by how we speak, act, and treat each other. We let our hurts fester and grow into painful soars. For all these things Lord we seek forgiveness. Turn us around to live with generosity, as you lived with generosity. Sharing abundance as you have shared your abundance with us. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare, shatters the traps of sin, washes us clean for new beginnings, and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

KYRIE

We bring our prayers to the Lord.

Under the mercy of God we pray.

We bring our hope for renewal and right relationships
trusting in God we pray.

We bring our concerns for creation, the church, and our community,
relying on God we pray.

For this congregation, and all who are gathered with us
by the power of God we pray.

SONG OF PRAISE

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King.

His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

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: O God, rich in mercy, **by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

(read responsively)

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.
²**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**
³and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
¹⁷**Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**
¹⁸they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.
¹⁹**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;**
²⁰he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.
²¹**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**
²²And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ

Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus, You Have Given Me

Jesus, You have given me all of your grace so tenderly.

I lift my hands and praise your name.

Jesus, You have given me all of your love on Calvary.

I lift my heart into your hands.

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The holy gospel according to John, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Reverend Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

God So Loved the World

God so loved the world that He gave.
God so loved the world that He gave
His only Son

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His only Son

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
He's risen from the dead. He is risen.
He's high and lifted up. Heaven and earth adore.

God so loved the world that He gave.
God so loved the world that He gave
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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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

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

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

Offering

The sun cannot compare to the Glory of Your love.
There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne.
Before the Holy One of Heaven.

It's only by Your blood.
And it's only through Your mercy.
Lord I come.

I bring an offering of worship to the King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due.
Oh Lord, I bring an offering to You.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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

We come to the table of the Lord bringing our whole selves.
We come to the table honest about who we are.

We come to the table as a community.
We come to the table with our neighbors, both known and unknown.

We come to the table standing in the mercy of God.
We come to the table receiving forgiveness through Christ.

We come to the table for healing.
We come to the table knowing we will find reconciliation through the gift of Christ for us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the work of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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

The Table is set. God's generosity is here for you. Bread for the journey and a feast for hungry hearts. Come.

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

Above All

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what you're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

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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: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace and received your generosity. Like grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; sharing the gifts of God with our neighbors; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

For the Lord is Good

For the Lord is good, and His love endures forever.
He's a faithful God, to all generations.
For the Lord is good, and His mercies will not fail us.
They are new each day.
O lift your voice and say, the Lord is good.

Great is Your faithfulness O Lord,
Your loving kindness fills our hearts to overflowing.
Songs of rejoicing and sweet praise.
They fill our hearts. They fill our days.

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O lift your voice and say, the Lord is good.
The Lord is good. The Lord is good!

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Let the generosity of God be your way.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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