

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Holy Trinity Sunday
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none before Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Bless this place and these people, God of manna, God of miracles, and God of mercy as we are gathered to hear your word, dwell in your peace, and partake in your life-giving presence.

Make our ears receptive to receive you and our eyes wide to see you at work in our life and in the world around us. Make this location a place where your mission is lived, empowering us to cultivate communities of caring and belonging as champions of the gospel. Amen.

Amen.

Father, Creator, truth and source of all justice, you spoke life into being and we stand in your creation.

Guide us to steward all the gifts you have given to us.

Son of God, Savior, goodness and source of kindness, you carved out a pathway for us to be reconciled to the Father, through yourself.

Guide us in paths of healing so we may know the power of living fully transformed as children of God.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, beauty, and source of companionship, you call us, gather us, and enlighten us to the ways of the Father and the Son.

Guide us as we inch closer to the Father and the Son each day of our lives.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,

we confess your power to guide us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and our ability to turn away from your authority. When we neglect to trust your creative ability to make goodness come from confusion, forgive us. When we neglect the importance of kindness and seek judgement, forgive us. When we deny the presence of your companionship and seek our own solutions, forgive us. Amen.

By God's grace you have been saved. In the name of Christ † your sins are forgiven. The Spirit is upon you to live with the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;

I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.

Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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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: Almighty Creator and ever-living God, **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 29

(read responsively)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hear Our Praises

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear the singing fill the air.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear the singing fill the air.

The holy gospel according to John, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the

Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 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.

¹⁶“For 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.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

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

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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Prayer response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of 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

Glory

Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.
Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.

Holy One, all creation crowns You King of kings.
Holy One, King of kings, Lord of lords, Holy One.

Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.
Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.

Jesus, Lord with eyes unveiled, we will see Your throne.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Song of God, Emmanuel.

Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Jesus, Bread of Life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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 into one by the works 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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. 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

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.

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
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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: Jesus, bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen**

MINISTRY MOMENT

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

I See the Lord

I see the Lord, and He is seated on the throne.
The train of His robe is filling the heavens.
I see the Lord, and He is shining like the sun.
His eyes full of fire, His voice like the waters.
Surrounding His throne and thousands singing

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

SENDING WORDS

You are the body of Christ raised up to serve in peace and love.
Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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