

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we turn our hearts to worship:

Bless this place and these people, God of breath, God of healing, ☩ and God of blessing, as we are gathered to hear your word and dwell in your peace. Let our words and music be a feast upon your ears, dear Lord, as we honor you now.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW #796

Vs. 1-3

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We are called in baptismal waters to be one community, brothers and sisters, celebrating God's gifts and movement in the world.

Rekindle our spirits, Lord, and strengthen us for our common task to live as champions of the gospel.

We are called by the Word, to feast together on bread and wine; Jesus' life for us, God's power of forgiveness and restoration for us.

Refresh our spirits, Lord, and strengthen us for our common task to live as champions of the gospel.

We are called to serve together, a discipleship team working together.

Renew our spirits, Lord, and strengthen us for our common task to live as champions of the gospel.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, leader of our lives,

we confess the ways we have failed to trust you and how our distrust contributes to broken realities. Through acts known and unknown, we hurt our relationship with You, our neighbors, our friends, and ourselves. We damage our community and creation through our pride and let fears turn us to false prophets. Forgive us, loving Father; restore us, loving Son; and empower us, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. You are ✠ restored. The Spirit is upon you to live, strengthened for the work of the gospel; sharing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control as proclaimers of the Good News. **Amen.**

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Glory to God

ELW, pg. 213

Refrain

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. *Refrain*
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen. Refrain*

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: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KIDS' TIME

Pastor Nicole

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

Alleluia

ELW, pg. 216

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia

The holy gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-32

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

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

FOCUS TEXT

Hebrews 4:14—5:10

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

SERMON

Reverend Nicole Martin

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **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.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Sonya Kempf, organ

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
to receive manna provided by the loving Father.

We come to the table of the Lord,
taking in the manna of Christ to heal our soul.

We come to the table of the Lord,
beckoned by manna of the Spirit that invites us to receive.

We come to the table of the Lord,
trusting that in faith, we are extended mercy, offered forgiveness, and made free to respond with joy.

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. Coming forward is a sign of faith, active and hungry to eat at God's table. All are welcome. This is God's benevolence for you.

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Gwen Heyd, vocalist

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's 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

In God, Father, Son, \mp and Holy Spirit, you are free. Live as an expression of joy for what God has done for you. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Blest Are They

ELW #728

Vs. 1, 3, 5

- 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*

SENDING WORDS

Go into the world as champions of gospel living.
Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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