

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Eleventh 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

O Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW #579

Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: *Refrain*

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society: *Refrain*

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

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.

P 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW #733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *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: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, **you bring us together in common mission for the work of your hands. Keep us focused on You, so we are not lured away by the siren call of the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastor Nicole

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

Alleluia

ELW, pg. 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-49a

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1-4

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

FOCUS TEXT

Hebrews 1:1-2:9

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵*For to which of the angels did God ever say,*

**"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?**

Or again,

**"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?**

⁶*And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,*

"Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷*Of the angels he says,*

**"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."**

⁸*But of the Son he says,*

**"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.**

**⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."**

¹⁰*And,*

**"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;**

**¹¹they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;**

**¹²like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.**

**But you are the same,
and your years will never end."**

¹³*But to which of the angels has he ever said,*

**"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?**

¹⁴*Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

¹Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. ²For if the message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, ³how can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, ⁴while God added his testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to his will.

⁵*Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,*

**"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?**

**⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,**

⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

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.



OFFERING HYMN

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW #523

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

- 1 I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*
- 2 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

3 May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

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

Let us pray in confidence the words our Savior gave 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479

1 We come to the hungry feast
 hungry for a word of peace.
 To hungry hearts unsatisfied
 the love of God is not denied.
 We come, we come to the hungry feast.

2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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, ✠ and Holy Spirit, you are free. Live as an expression of joy for what God has done for you. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Blessing and Honor

ELW #854

1 Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!

2 Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.

3 Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise--
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
dying in weakness and rising to reign;
dying in weakness and rising to reign!

SENDING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE

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