

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
All Saints Sunday  
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we turn our hearts to worship:

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of this new day where we remember the bold witness of Christ to bring reform to a broken system and people; where we remember faithful saints that stood strong speaking the gospel in the face of opposition. Through the Holy Spirit dear Lord, guide this community of faith as you guided our ancestors. Keep our focus upon your abiding presence, teaching us to love with grace and mercy. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*For All the Saints*

ELW #422

Vs. 1, 3, 7

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

On this day, we remember with fondness the work of our ancestors in the reforming work of the cross.

**We are joined together with them in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, always being made new for the work of the gospel.**

*A moment of silence for self-examination.*

Looking to the Creator,

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Looking to the Savior,

We give thanks, O God, for the call placed upon our lives that we are born both of water and of Spirit, bringing us together as one people, daughters and sons, brothers and sisters, heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Looking to the Advocate,

We give thanks, O God, for the gift of word and water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Continue to shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Looking to the Trinity, we speak as servants.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, empower us to honor and praise you, O Lord; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

## HYMN OF REFLECTION

*By All Your Saints*

By all your saints still striving,

For all your saints at rest

Your holy name, O Jesus for evermore be blessed.

You rose, our king victorious,

That they might wear the crown,

And ever shine in splendor

Reflected from your throne.

Let us praise the Father

and worship God the Son

and sing to God the Spirit,

eternal Three in One,

till all the ransomed number

who stand before the throne

ascribe all pow'r and glory

and praise to God alone.

## 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: God of compassion, by the power of God, Elijah provided bread and oil for the widow and her household. By faith in God, the widow provided food and water for Elijah. Give us hearts to love one another, so that in providing and in receiving, we too, might experience the unimaginable power of God, through the one who has provided life itself, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## KIDS' TIME

### SONG OF PREPARATION

*Gospel Acclamation*

ELW, pg. 151

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL

**Luke 4:24-26**

<sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.

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

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

### FOCUS TEXT

**1 Kings 17:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." <sup>2</sup>The word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>3</sup>Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." <sup>5</sup>So he went and did according to the word of the LORD; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. <sup>7</sup>But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup>Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

## SERMON

Reverend Nicole Martin

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus Shall Reign*

ELW #434

Vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1     Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
      does its successive journeys run;  
      his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
      till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2     To him shall endless prayer be made,  
      and praises throng to crown his head;  
      his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
      with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
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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.

#### LITANY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS

*Today, we remember all the the saints, both now and those who have gone before us. We especially take a moment to remember the eleven Zion saints we have lost this past year and the one Zion saint we gained through the waters of baptism.*

#### 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](http://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 the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW #187

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Holy God, the earth and everything in it is yours, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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,  
seeking refuge in the forgiveness of God's mercy.

We come to the table of the Lord,  
trusting the Lord's meal to be a feast for the restoration of our soul.

We come to the table of the Lord,  
knowing God works in us and reforms us to live as saints in light, this day and every day.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

##### 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

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints. Coming forward is a sign of faith, active and hungry to eat at God's table. All are welcome to come and taste the love of God.

#### 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*

ELW, pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Sonya Kempf, organ*

## 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: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been reformed and refreshed to do the work of your love. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## MINISTRY MOMENT

## BLESSING

People of God: you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. Be rooted in faith; keep growing in the Spirit; have hands that extend help in love. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

ELW #873

Vs. 1, 2, 5

- 1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

### *Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. *Refrain*

- 5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

## **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace to serve as champions of the living gospel.

**Thanks be to God, and we will.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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