Worship Service October 20, 2024

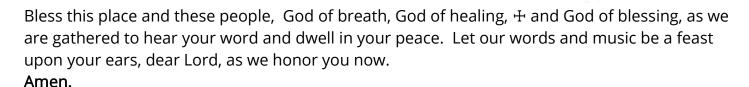
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Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost zionlutheranaberdeen.org

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we turn our hearts to worship:



## GATHERING HYMN Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELW #311

- Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun! You come to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression and rule in equity.
- 2 You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.
- You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.

  Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the fading of the summer sun, the shortening of days, cooling breeze, swallows' flight and moonlight rays,

we see the Creator's hand.

In the browning of leaves once green, morning mists, autumn chill, fruit that falls, frost's first kiss,

we see the Creators' hand.

Creator God, source of all life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you plant seeds in the soil of our heart, and with your Word, they root. You cultivate them with your mercy and grace so that they flourish and manifest as fruit to be shared with others. However, in our sin, we mistakenly create barriers that keep us from sharing the fruit.

A moment of silence for self-examination.

## Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us for our sins, known and unknown. Reform us to be a church powered by your love to be champions of the gospel, cultivating communities of caring in Your name. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven. 

God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **HYMN OF REFLECTION**

# All Glory Be to God on High

ELW, pg. 159

All glory be to God on high, and peace to earth be given! Let angels sing, let all reply; goodwill breaks forth from heaven! Lord God Almighty, heaven's king, we worship you, our thanks we sing, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, creation's author, O Lamb of God, your death alone takes sin away forever. Stretch out your arms to ev'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, receive our prayer; have mercy.

To you alone, O God, we cry, the Holy One we name you; for you alone are God most high, one living God we claim you: we worship you, Lord Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit ever blest, in God the Father's glory. Amen.

#### **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 hope, You promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as sisters and brothers in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home. Amen.

### KIDS' TIME

#### **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW #207

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

GOSPEL Luke 1:30-33

<sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

FOCUS TEXT 2 Samuel 7:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

<sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. <sup>15</sup>But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Reverend Nicole Martin

HYMN OF THE DAY If You but Trust in God to Guide You ELW #769

If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days.

Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.

- What gain is there in anxious weeping, in helpless anger and distress?

  If you are in your Savior's keeping, in sorrow will he love you less?

  For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
- The Lord our restless hearts is holding, in peace and quietness content.

  We rest in God's good will unfolding, what wisdom from on high has sent.

  God, who has chosen us by grace, knows very well the fears we face.
- Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully.
   Trust heaven's word; though undeserving, you'll find this promise true to be.
   This is our confidence indeed:
   God never fails in time of need.

## **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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Prayer response: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **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

# Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

ELW #691

- 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.
- The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
   They grew in your good pleasure.
   What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.
- Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.

  Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together: God of plenty, God of harvest, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources for life and labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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 with hope for the harvest of God's mercy granted by the Father.

We come to the table of the Lord with hope for the harvest of God's grace bestowed to us through Christ.

We come to the table of the Lord with hope for the harvest of God's joy, called forth by the Spirit.

#### 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

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 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.

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. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

## O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW #542

- O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest. O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.
- 2 My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place, and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace; for you have freely given what earth could never buy, the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
  And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
  My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown; and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.
- Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear; and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,

where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

### **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: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a loving voice of healing and justice to all the world, offering them vision and hope that comes through you, Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

#### MINISTRY MOMENT

#### **BLESSING**

Rooted in faith, growing in spirit, connecting with other to cultivate communities of caring, may God almighty Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit, shine the light of hope upon you in all circumstances. **Amen.** 

## **SENDING HYMN**

# All My Hope on God is Founded

ELW #757

- All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew,
   who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true.
   God unknown, God alone,
   call my heart to be thine own.
- 2 Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; what with care and toil we fashion, tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
  But thy pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.
- Great thy goodness, e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, passing thought; splendor, light, and life attend thee, beauty springing out of naught. Evermore from thy store newborn worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,

high above all praises praising for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

# **SENDING WORDS**

Go into the world to share hope as a champion of gospel living. Thanks be to God, and we will.

## **POSTLUDE**

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