

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Twentieth 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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

ELW #413

- 1 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!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 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

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: Faithful God of an unfaithful people, the people of Israel doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. Show us how to live humbly in you, and walk in your ways, in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity, Jesus Christ. 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 twenty-third chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:32-34

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]]

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

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT

Exodus 32:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reverend Nicole Martin

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW #339

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit
life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 2 You have suffered great affliction
and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 3 Then, for all that bought my pardon,
for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden,

I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing,
for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry,
praise you evermore on high.

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.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

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.

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, all of the produce 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 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

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 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. 164

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sue Gates, pianist

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, \mp and Holy Spirit, shine the light of hope upon you in all circumstances. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW #658

- 1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
- 2 We taste you, ever-living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead;
our thirsting souls from you we fill.
- 3 For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
- 4 O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

SENDING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE

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