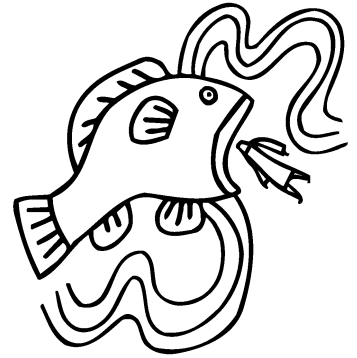


**Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**PRELUDE**

**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. 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 SONG**

***Open the Eyes of My Heart***

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your pow'r and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

As we take note of our place, as one with the communion of saints in all times and places,  
embraced in enduring grace and good hope,

**let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.**

*A moment of silence for self-examination.*

Merciful God,

**we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures.**

Remind us that we are under your authority, bathed in your love.

**Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.**

At every moment, you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are ☩ forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

## SONG OF REFLECTION

### ***You are My All in All***

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel.

Lord to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,

Rising again, I bless your name.

You are my all in all.

When I fall down You pick me up.

When I am dry You fill my cup.

You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

## **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 seas, sky, and land, **when Jonah turned to run from you, you showed him that nothing and no one could hide from your presence. You are in all things, and you love all things. Show us the gift of your presence, and help us to carry your word of compassion and grace to all the world, in the name of the one who carried out your love flawlessly, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

## **KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING**

### **SONG OF PREPARATION**

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah***

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

The holy gospel according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

### FOCUS TEXT

### Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me. <sup>3</sup>But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup>Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

<sup>7</sup>The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" <sup>9</sup>I am a Hebrew, he replied. "I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." <sup>10</sup>Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them so.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup>He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. <sup>14</sup>Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." <sup>15</sup>So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

<sup>17</sup> But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

### INTERLUDE

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

**Reverend Nicole Martin**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

***Today***

Today, I choose, to follow you.  
Today, I choose to give my yes to you.  
Today, I chose to hear your voice and live  
Today, I chose, to follow you.  
As for me and my house,  
We will serve You.  
As for me and my house,  
We will spend our lives on You today.

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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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

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

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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](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 SONG

### ***I Give You My Heart***

This is my desire, to honor You.  
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.  
All I have within me, I give You praise.  
All that I adore is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart.  
I give You my soul.  
I live for You alone.  
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake,  
Lord, have Your way in me.

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### **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**

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**

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 SONG**

#### ***Refiner's Fire***

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire.  
Is to be holy, set apart for You Lord.  
I chose to be holy, set apart for You my master.  
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within and make me holy.  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.



Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire.  
Is to be holy, set apart for You Lord.  
I chose to be holy, set apart for You my master.  
Ready to do Your will,  
Ready to do Your will,  
Ready to do Your will.

### **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 SONG**

#### ***How Can I Keep from Singing?***

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul  
I hear the music ring.  
And though the storms may come, I am holding on.  
To the rock I cling.

How can I keep from singing your praise.  
How can I ever say enough,  
How amazing is your love?  
How can I keep from shouting your name.  
I know I am loved by the King  
And It makes my heart sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,  
For I know my Savior lives.  
And I will walk with You, knowing You see me through  
And sing the songs You give.

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And It makes my heart  
I am loved by the King  
And It makes my heart  
I am loved by the King  
And It makes my heart want to sing.

### **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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