

**Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**  
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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As we turn our hearts to worship:

Bless this place and your people, O God, as they come excited for what has been and expectant for what will be. Allow the advent of your coming to be a place of hope, peace, love and joy for each of your children. Help us to wait with childlike curiosity, empowering us to seek the works of your goodness in moments that have yet to be. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

***Prepare the Way***

Prepare the way, make straight the path for Him.  
Let the King of Glory enter in.  
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Who is this King of Glory.

The Lord strong and mighty;  
The Lord mighty to save.  
The earth is full of His glory;  
Creation calls prepare the way.

His love endureth forever;  
His power is without an end;  
His strength is victory's treasure  
Let all who call his name prepare the way.

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### **WREATH LIGHTING LITURGY**

A season of peace begins new today,  
**a season of peace to guide our way;**

peace unfolding to reveal life.  
**peace that banishes human strife.**

The first candle of hope in this season of light now greets the candle of peace, representing the one who does come, the one who brings good news of salvation, that walks with us in times of trouble and joy, who show us how to be light.

**On this day, we look with hope and peace toward the one who is coming—a babe he will be, a man he will become. The son of God he is; the Savior of the world for all.**

### **SONG OF EXPECTATION**

*Peace, Peace, Peace*

Vs. 1 & 2

Hope, hope, hope—  
the light of Christ is hope.  
In all our darkness Christ is shining,  
leading upward, faith refining.  
Hope, hope, hope—  
the light of Christ is hope.

Peace, peace, peace—  
the gift of Christ is peace.  
We walk with God, our past forgiven,  
all in Him is life and heaven.  
Peace, peace, peace—  
the gift of Christ is peace.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,  
**we open our hearts to you, O God, our creator.**

*A moment of silence for self-examination.*

God of new beginnings,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We often place our hope into worldly things and stray from right paths. We trust in what we can buy, instead of the peace you provide. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again to hope in you, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a sign of hope and light in the dark places. It is a tender branch, a living sign, coming to life for you. By water and the Spirit, you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **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: Loving Lord, **when we have strayed, you have called us to come home to you. "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing." With all our hearts we return to you, and gratefully accept your gentle love, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ, our loving savior. Amen.**

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

#### **SONG OF PREPARATION**

***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the eleventh chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 11:13**

<sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

## **PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

### **FOCUS TEXT**

**Joel 2:12-13, 28-29**

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.  
<sup>28</sup> Then afterward  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

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

### **SERMON**

**Reverend Nicole Martin**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

***Hungry (Falling on My Knees)***

Hungry, I come to You for I know You satisfy.  
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run dry.  
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.  
I'm falling on my knees offering all of me.  
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

Broken, I run to You, for Your arms are open wide.  
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life.  
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.  
I'm falling on my knees offering all of me.  
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

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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 PEOPLE**

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*Prayer response:* Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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

## *What Can I Give Him?*

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would give him a lamb.  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,  
But what can I give him? Give him my heart!

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Eternal God, **you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. 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  
**expectant for the Emmanuel to work through us.**

We come to the table of the Lord  
**expectant for the Emmanuel to touch us with his love.**

We come to the table of the Lord  
**expectant that He will reveal his mercy, forgiveness and grace to us and all the world. With the whole company of angels and the saints in light. Amen.**

## 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**

#### ***Agnus Dei***

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
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Alleluia! Holy, Holy are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb,  
For You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen!

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For You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, amen!

### **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: Faithful God, **in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

### ***Everlasting God***

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Our God, You reign forever.  
Our hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God,  
You do not faint,  
You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings, like eagles.

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## **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Christ is near. Joyfully share the hope of his coming with all.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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