

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As we turn our hearts to worship:

Bless this place, O God, as we are gathered to hear your word. Inspire us through your spirit and generosity to see the love of the Christ child, empowering us to live as your presence in the world. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

***Here I Am to Worship***

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, with all of who we are.

**Lord, receive the words and meditations of our hearts. Use them to heal and renew us.**

*A moment of silence for self-examination.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

## SONG OF REFLECTION

### *I'll Bless the Lord*

I'll bless the Lord forevermore,  
and in my mouth all praise shall be;  
my soul rejoices in the Lord;  
O magnify the Lord with me.

This poor one cried; God answered me,  
and rescued me from all my pain;  
the angel of the Lord is near,  
and will deliver me again.

O taste and see; the Lord is good;  
your happiness will ne'er depart;  
O fear the Lord, you saints of earth,  
for those who fear will have no want.

## 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: Forgiving God, **too often we take your forgiveness for granted. Too often we cling to our sin, believing that it is our right to harbor resentments and hatred.**

**Be merciful to us, and show us the depth of healing that is offered when you forgive; for the sake of the one who recognized total surrender to forgiveness and offered it willingly, Jesus Christ our healer. Amen.**

## **KIDS' TIME**

### **FIRST READING**

**Psalm 103:1-8**

*(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits —**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

### **SONG OF PREPARATION**

***Alleluia (I Am the Light of the World)***

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world.

Those who follow me will not walk in darkness.

Those who follow me will have the light of life.

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Those who follow me will have the light of life.

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The holy gospel according to Luke, the seventh chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 7:36-50**

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." <sup>41</sup>A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Nicole Martin**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

***Grace Like Rain***

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see so clearly.

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.  
And hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,  
They're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.  
And hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,  
They're washed away.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing Your praise  
Than when we first begun.

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.  
And hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,  
They're washed away.

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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**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Prayer response:* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **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**

### ***Mercy***

Mercy, mercy Lord,  
Your mercy is how we are restored.  
Mercy, O mercy Lord,  
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

You have been patient with our offenses.  
You have forgiven all of our sins.  
We were deserving only Your judgment,  
But Your great mercy triumphed again.

Mercy, mercy Lord,  
Your mercy is how we are restored.  
Mercy, O mercy Lord,  
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

Lord, You have taught us, love one another.  
As You have loved us, so we must love.  
Always forbearing, always forgiving.  
Showing to others the mercy we've known.

Mercy, mercy Lord,  
Your mercy is how we are restored.  
Mercy, O mercy Lord,  
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together: God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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

**blessed to be touched by the almighty presence of God in the waters of baptism.**

We come to the table of the Lord

**blessed to be touched by the almighty presence of God in the Word made flesh and active in bread and wine.**

We come to the table of the Lord.

**Blessed to be touched by the almighty presence of God, we are saved as he cancelled our debt by his life.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the works of the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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**

Come and be blessed by the touch of God in the bread and wine. All are welcome to the joy, strength, and 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**

### ***Come Just as You Are***

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are; come and see, come receive.  
Come and live forever.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are; come receive Christ the King.  
Come and live forever.

Life everlasting and strength for today.  
Taste the living water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are; come and see, come receive.  
Come and live forever.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.  
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Come and live forever.

## **TABLE BLESSING**

Now may 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: Nourishing God, **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

## **MINISTRY MOMENT**

## **BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**



**SENDING SONG*****Your Grace is Enough***

Great is Your faithfulness oh God.  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy.  
And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children.  
Remember Your promises oh God.

Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice God.  
You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation.  
And all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children.  
Remember Your promises oh God.

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## **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Share the rich word of Christ's presence for all.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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