

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Fifth 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

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where the streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be.
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering.
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious

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

Thy Word

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,
And a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path.

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: Healing Lord, **by your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all who will hear. In the name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER PILLOWS & NOISY OFFERING

FIRST READING

Psalm 119:105-108

(read responsively)

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸**Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.**

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.

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.

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

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

The holy gospel according to Luke, the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 7:1-17

¹After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." ⁶And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; ⁷therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ⁹When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Reverend Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

There is None Like You

There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.
There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.

Your mercy flows like a river wide, and healing comes from Your hands.
Suffering children are safe in Your arms. There is none like You.

There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.

MINISTRY MOMENT: INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 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

Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

Father in heaven how we love You.
We lift your name in all the earth.
May Your Kingdom be established in our praises.
As Your people declare Your mighty works.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
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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 healed by his Word through faith.

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

Faithful Father

Father, I can't explain this kind of love,
This kind of grace.

I know, I still break Your heart
And yet, You run to welcome me.

This is my song of praise to You,
For who You are and all that You do.
From the moment my life began
You have been faithful.

Father, I love the way You hold me close
And say my name.
I know, when my life is through
My heart will find its home in You.

This is my song of praise to You,
For who You are and all that You do.
From the moment my life began
You have been faithful.

This is my song of praise to You,
For who You are and all that You do.
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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: 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.**

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG

This is the Day

This is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice and celebrate.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice. I will rejoice and celebrate.

He goes before me. He goes before me.
He walks beside me. He walks beside me.
He lives within me. He's the lover of my soul.

He's my defender. He's my defender.
He's my provider. He's my provider.
His overflowing mercies are brand new evr'yday.

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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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