

**Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
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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**

***Come, Now is the Time to Worship***

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship;  
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,  
One day ev'ry knee will bow;  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

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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 our wounds and the aches of our hearts, setting us on a new path.**

*A moment of silence for self-examination.*

God of saving and healing,

**we are caught in snares and trapped by brokenness. We get stuck in patterns that harm ourselves and others, by how we speak, act, and treat each other. In these ways, we do not always reflect the love you have for the world—offering tender compassion, radical hospitality, and pathways for reconnection. For all these things, Lord, we seek forgiveness. Transform our lives and guide us again, to live as you live, helping others to be healed and saved. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. Share this good news. **Amen.**

### **SONG OF REFLECTION**

#### ***Great is the Lord***

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

### **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: Compassionate God, **how easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

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

## FIRST READING

## Psalm 15

*(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**<sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

### SONG OF PREPARATION

### *Jesus, You Have Given Me*

Jesus, You have given me all of your grace so tenderly.

I lift my hands and praise your name.

Jesus, You have given me all of your love on Calvary.

I lift my heart into your hands.

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Jesus, You have given me all of your love on Calvary.

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The holy gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

## Luke 10:25-42

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own

animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Nicole Martin**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

### ***Love the Lord***

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength.

With all your heart, with all your soul,  
With all your mind, with all your strength.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind,  
And with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,  
With all my soul, with all my mind,  
And with all my strength.  
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With all my soul, with all my mind,  
And with all my strength.

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With all my soul, with all my mind,  
And with all my strength.

With all my heart, with all my soul,  
With all my mind, with all my strength  
With all my heart, with all my soul,  
With all my mind, with all my strength.

I will love you Lord with all my heart,  
With all my soul, with all my mind,  
With all my strength.  
I will love you Lord with all my heart,  
With all my soul, with all my mind,  
With all my strength.

### **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**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

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

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **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

### ***Give Thanks***

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Gracious provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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  
**blest to be touched by the almighty presence of God and transformed by his love.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with 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**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

### **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**

#### ***Redeemer, Savior, Friend***

I know You had me on Your mind when You climbed up on that hill;  
For You saw me with eternal eyes, while I was yet in sin;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

Ev'ry stripe upon Your battered back, ev'ry thorn that pierced Your brow;  
And ev'ry nail drove deep through guiltless hands  
Said that Your love knows no end;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

Redeemer, redeem my heart again;  
Savior, come and shelter me from sin;  
You're familiar with my weakness, devoted to the end;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

So the grace You've poured upon my life, will return to You in praise;  
And I'll gladly lay down all my crowns,  
For the name by which I'm saved;  
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

Redeemer, redeem my heart again;  
Savior, come and shelter me from sin;  
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### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: Generous host, **you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **MINISTRY MOMENT**

#### **BLESSING**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit is alive in you for the work of the cross. Be ☩ blessed by God's presence for you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

#### ***That's Why We Praise Him***

He came to live, live a perfect life;  
He came to be the living Word of Life;  
He came to die so we'd be reconciled;  
He came to rise, to show His power and might.

That's why we praise Him; that's why we sing;  
That's why we offer Him our everything;  
That's why we bow down and worship this King,  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything.



He came to live, live again in us;  
He came to be our conquering King and Friend;  
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;  
He came to go prepare a place for us.

That's why we praise Him; that's why we sing;  
That's why we offer Him our everything;  
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### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

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

### **POSTLUDE**

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