

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bless this place and these people, God of manna, God of miracles, and God of mercy, as we are gathered to hear your word, dwell in your peace, and partake in your life-giving presence.

Make our ears receptive to your calling and our eyes keen to see you at work. Make this a place where your mission is lived, empowering us to cultivate communities of caring and belonging as champions of the gospel. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW #645

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.
- 3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.
- 4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the meal that sustains us, the hospitality that comforts us, the generosity that empowers us, our nourishment and our salvation. **Amen.**

A moment of silence.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden, with vegetation aplenty to fill us. In the desert, your cracked open rock to quench parched mouths and provided manna from heaven for sustenance. When your people were in great darkness, you revealed yourself as the Good Shepherd, guiding them to still waters and banquets of generosity. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and gave up your body for our well-being.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. We praise you for your promise of nourishment, from the bread of life that greets us at the welcome table and in our daily bread. Bathe us in your mercy and forgiveness; fill us up with your grace and love. Satisfy all who hunger and thirst, and give us the life only you can give. Amen.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water and bread of life, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW #733

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, **You dared to engage us on a personal level when you became human in order to accompany us on our life's journey. Teach us to be connected with others with such intimacy that we may dare to sit with them, those we know and don't know, and share the feast of your grace, peace, and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:9-18

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" ¹⁷The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:20b-23

²⁰An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

FOCUS TEXT

Luke 7:33-35

³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'; ³⁴the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ³⁵Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Nicole Martin

HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW #414

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 3 Lo, the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name you,
 though in essence only one;
 undivided God we claim you
 and, adoring, bend the knee
 while we own the mystery.

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

Drawn into the embrace of the Holy Trinity by the work of the Spirit, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

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

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, 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 or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.



OFFERING HYMN

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

ELW #691

- 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
 to place upon your table.
 We do not worship as we ought
 but only as we're able.

- 2 The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
 They grew in your good pleasure.
 What once was common, daily food
 becomes a holy treasure.

- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
 we lift in prayer before you.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us,
 as humbly we adore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Holy God, gracious and merciful, **you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Yes, it is good that we come to the welcome table.

It is our duty and our joy to celebrate giving thanks and praise to almighty and merciful God.

Yes, it is good that we come to the welcome table.

We come under the promise of the resurrection, confident that the Holy Spirit is poured out, uniting us as one body—many nations, yet one people.

Yes, it is good that we come to the welcome table

with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth, sea and stars, and all their creatures, angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim.

Yes, it is good that we come to the welcome table

praising God and joining the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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

The Kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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 HYMN

Lamb of God

ELW, pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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: Abundant God, **You gathered us to your table, and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves, and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

MINISTRY MOMENT

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW #888

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.
- 2 O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,

till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.

- 3 O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

SENDING WORDS

Go into the world with boldness to dine with others in any need.

Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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