

**Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD**  
**Holy Trinity Sunday**  
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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**

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

**ELW #413**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Father, Creator, truth and source of all justice: you spoke life into being, and we stand in your creation.

**Guide us to steward all the gifts you have given to us.**

Son of God, Savior, goodness, and source of kindness: you carved out a pathway for us to be reconciled to the Father through yourself.

**Guide us in paths of healing so we may know the power of living as fully transformed children of God.**

Holy Spirit, Advocate, beauty, and source of companionship: you call us, gather us, and enlighten us to the ways of the Father and the Son.

**Guide us as we inch closer to the Father and the Son each day of our lives.**

*A moment of silence.*

God of grace and glory,

**we confess your power to guide us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and our ability to turn away from your authority. When we neglect to trust your creative ability to make goodness come from confusion, forgive us. When we neglect the importance of kindness and seek judgement, forgive us. When we deny the presence of your companionship and seek our own solutions, forgive us. Amen.**

By God's grace, you are saved. In the name of Christ, ✠ your sins are forgiven. The Spirit is upon you to live with the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. **Amen.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

#### ***O Holy Spirit, Root of Life***

**ELW #399**

- 1 O Holy Spirit, root of life,  
creator, cleanser of all things:  
anoint our wounds, awaken us  
with lustrous movement of your wings.
- 2 Eternal vigor, Saving One,  
you free us by your living Word,  
becoming flesh to wear our pain,  
and all creation is restored.
- 3 O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r,  
encompass us with wings unfurled,  
and carry us, encircling all  
above, below, and through the world.

#### **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: Almighty Creator and ever-living God, **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence; where you live and reign in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## KIDS' TIME

### FIRST READING

### Psalm 139

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>**even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"

<sup>12</sup>**even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.**

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written**

**all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**<sup>18</sup>I try to count them — they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end — I am still with you.**

<sup>19</sup>O that you would kill the wicked, O God,  
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me —

**<sup>20</sup>those who speak of you maliciously,  
and lift themselves up against you for evil!**

<sup>21</sup>Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

**<sup>22</sup>I hate them with perfect hatred;  
I count them my enemies.**

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.

**<sup>24</sup>See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

## **PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*Alleluia*

**ELW, pg. 216**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The holy gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **FOCUS TEXT**

**John 14:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Nicole Martin**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me***

**ELW #767**

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me  
upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me  
from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior,  
and lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages,  
are always near.  
Close by your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding,  
in peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen  
my steps toward home,  
then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me  
unto the end.

## **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, 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](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 HYMN**

### ***For the Fruit of All Creation***

**ELW #679**

1 For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together: Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

With gratitude for all the Emmanuel does for us, we turn to the altar, to stand in communion with the Lord, with praise and thanksgiving for The Word.

Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word, you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

## **CANTICLE**

## ***Canticle of Thanksgiving***

ELW, pg. 219

Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds,  
O God of the universe;  
just and true are your ways,  
O Ruler of all the nations.  
Who can fail to honor you, Lord,  
and sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
and blessed is the one  
whose name is the Word of God.  
All praise and thanks to you, holy God!

Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God;  
**rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.**

## **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.

## MINISTRY MOMENT

### BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

#### *You Are the Way*

ELW #758

- 1 You are the way; to you alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
all those who search for God, you find  
and by your grace set free.
- 2 You are the truth; your word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
you only can inform the mind  
and purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the rending tomb  
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
and those who put their trust in you  
not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;  
grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.

### SENDING WORDS

You are the body of Christ, raised up to serve in peace and love. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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