Worship Service July 13, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Fifth Sunday after Pentecost zionlutheranaberdeen.org

### **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 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,  $\pm$  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.** 

# **SONG OF PRAISE**

# Your Love is Amazing

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging. Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet. Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me; When I am surrounded, Your love carries me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Your love makes me sing. And hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Your love makes me sing.

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising, All the joy that's growing deep inside of me. And every time I see You all Your goodness shines through, And I feel this God song rising up in me. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Your love makes me sing. And hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Your love makes me sing.

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### **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 eat with those who treated you poorly. You dared to eat with folks who were excluded by societal ideas. You dared to eat with people who thought differently than you. In these ways, you witness to us, that the table is a welcome table. Help us make the tables we set, both at church and in our homes, places of welcome and belonging, so we may dwell in heavenly places of grace, peace, joy, and love here now. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# **KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING**

#### SONG OF PREPARATION

**Hear Our Praises** 

From the mountains to the valley Hear our praises rise to You. From the heavens to the nations, Hear the singing fill the air.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. From the mountains to the valley Hear our praises rise to You. From the heavens to the nations, Hear the singing fill the air.

### **FIRST READING**

# Deuteronomy 30:9b-16

<sup>9b</sup>For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup> "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

The holy gospel according to Luke, the eleventh and fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

### **FOCUS TEXT**

# Luke 11:37-41; 5:27-32

<sup>37</sup> While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him, so he went in and took his place at the table. <sup>38</sup> The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. <sup>39</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup> You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup> So give as alms those things that are within and then everything will be clean for you.

And from Luke, chapter 5:

<sup>27</sup> After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>28</sup> And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

<sup>29</sup> Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them. <sup>30</sup> The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying,

"Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

SERMON Pastor Nicole Martin

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

**Glorious Day** 

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight? It was my tomb, till I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive. All my failure I tried to hide. It was my tomb, till I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness into Your glorious day. You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. And Your freedom is all I know. The old made new, Jesus when I met you.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness into Your glorious day. You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy. But chains break at the weight of Your glory. I needed shelter, I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of heaven.

When I was broken, You were my healing. Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing. I have a future, my eyes are open.

'Cause when You called my name, I ran out of that grave, out of the darkness into Your glorious day. You called my name, and I ran out of that grave, out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

# **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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Prayer response: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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

# Everybody's Got Something to Offer

Everybody's got something to offer; Young and old, the prince and the pauper. Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the lost and lowly ones the message it is clear; We have all got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.

Everybody's got something to offer; Young and old, the prince and the pauper. Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the believers gathered here the message it is true; We have all got a gift to give in all we say and do.

Everybody's got something to offer; Young and old, the prince and the pauper. Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

#### **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 at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.
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 SONG**

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

Thanks be to God, and we will.

# **POSTLUDE**

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