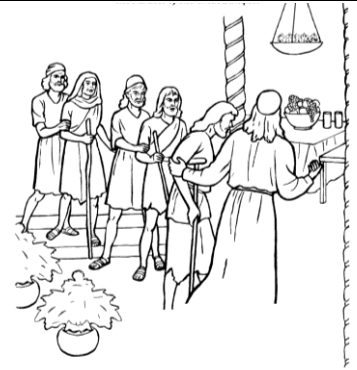


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
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PRELUDE

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 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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OPENING DIALOGUE

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed Be the Name

1 Blessed be the name,
blessed be the name,
blessed be the name, Jesus' name.
Blessed be the name,
blessed be the name,
blessed be the name, Jesus' name.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed be the name, Jesus' name.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed be the name, Jesus' name.

2 Let us go to Jesus,
let us go to Jesus,
let us go to Jesus in heav'n.
Let us go to Jesus,
let us go to Jesus,
let us go to Jesus in heav'n.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Let us go to Jesus in heav'n.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let us go to Jesus in heav'n.

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 God, **the feast you prepare is a feast for all. We come together to share your provision. Help us to avoid thinking that places us at the center or above others. Challenge us to remain humble and serve others out of compassion and love for the revealing of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING

SONG OF PREPARATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-46

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

The holy gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

FOCUS TEXT

Luke 14:1-15

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ² Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had edema. ³ And Jesus asked the experts in the law and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath or not?" ⁴ But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?" ⁶ And they could not reply to this.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;

may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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

I Give You My Heart

This is my desire, to honor You.
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.
All I have within me, I give You praise.
All that I adore is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart.
I give You my soul.
I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake,
Lord, have Your way in me.

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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.**

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is good that we come to the welcome table.

It is our duty and our joy to give thanks and praise to the almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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.

It is good that we come to the welcome table

with all the earth, sea and stars, all the creatures, angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim.

It is good that we come to the welcome table praising God.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord, we lift up Your name with our hearts full of praise.

Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings.

Lord we lift up your name with our hearts full of praise.

Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna to the King of Kings.

Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna to the King of Kings.

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the work of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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

Come, Just as You Are

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are; come and see, come receive.
Come and live forever.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are; come receive Christ the King.
Come and live forever.

Life everlasting and strength for today.
Taste the living water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are; come and see, come receive.
Come and live forever.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are; come receive Christ the King.
Come and live forever.

BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

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

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

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

SENDING BLESSING

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

Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the kingdom of God!
Bring for the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!
Bring for the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a seed of the word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!
Bring for the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

We are a blest and pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!
Bring for the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

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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