Worship Service August 10, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Tenth 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**

# Praise the Lord, the Almighty

**ELW #858** 

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
  O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
  Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
  joining in glad adoration!
- Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
- Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

  Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.
- Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
  All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
  Let the amen sound from his people again.
  Gladly forever adore him!

#### **OPENING DIALOGUE**

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 Blessed Be the Name ELW #797

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 lesus,

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: O God, judge eternal, you look upon all of humanity and see us as we are. You look upon all humanity and judge us worthy of restoration, not by our desire for retribution. Give us courage to do the same for our neighbors, seeing them worthy of having enough and plenty more, as we trust in the promise of salvation that comes through you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### **KIDS' TIME**

#### **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

**ELW #172** 

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

## **FIRST READING**

# 1 Kings 17:6-16

<sup>6</sup> The ravens brought [Elijah] bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the wadi. <sup>7</sup> But after a while the wadi dried up because there was no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup> "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup> But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND READING**

# Acts 6:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

# PREPARING FOR THE WORD

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

# FOCUS TEXT Luke 22:17-20

<sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor Nicole Martin

#### **SONG OF THE DAY**

# O Living Bread from Heaven

**ELW #542** 

- O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest. O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.
- 2 My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place, and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace; for you have freely given what earth could never buy, the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
- You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy. And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.

My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown; and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear; and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless 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**

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Prayer response: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **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 Sing to the Lord of Harvest ELW #694

- Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise; by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
  God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.
- 3 Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
  Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall, and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

#### 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 in the highest. 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 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 SONG Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- God his own doth tend and nourish,
   in his holy courts they flourish.
   From all evil things he spares them,
   in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

## **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

# God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again

**ELW #536** 

1 God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

# Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

- God be with you till we meet again;
   holy wings securely hide you,
   daily manna still provide you;
   God be with you till we meet again. Refrain
- God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

# **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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