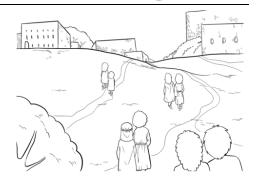
Worship Service August 3, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Eighth 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

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

ELW #527

- Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; our hearts in true devotion bow.
 Your Spirit send with light divine, and let your truth within us shine.
- 2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise in endless hymns through all our days; increase our faith and light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.
- Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O holy, holy Lord Most High!" And in the light of that blest place we then shall see you face to face.
- All glory to the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 be praise throughout eternity!

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: Benevolent God, you are the source of peace, and you guide us to share that peace with those we know and do not know. Help us to sit at tables with our friends, family, and strangers, to share the abundance you offer for the revealing of your kingdom. 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

Isaiah 52:6-8

⁶Therefore my people shall know my name; on that day they shall know that it is I who speak—it is I!

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
 ⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

The holy gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

FOCUS TEXT Luke 10:1-9

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid.

Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

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

MESSAGE Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712

- Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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.



- 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.

THANKSGIVING 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 Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak ELW #676

- 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.
- Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
- Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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 \oplus bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW #886

Vs. 1, 3, 5

- Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
- Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

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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