

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ our provider, our healer, and our keeper. As we are gathered to hear your word,  
**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**

***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

**ELW #588**

- 1     There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
      like the wideness of the sea;  
      there's a kindness in God's justice  
      which is more than liberty.  
      There is no place where earth's sorrows  
      are more felt than up in heav'n.  
      There is no place where earth's failings  
      have such kindly judgment giv'n.
- 2     There is welcome for the sinner,  
      and a promised grace made good;  
      there is mercy with the Savior;  
      there is healing in his blood.  
      There is grace enough for thousands  
      of new worlds as great as this;  
      there is room for fresh creations  
      in that upper home of bliss.
- 3     For the love of God is broader  
      than the measures of our mind;  
      and the heart of the Eternal  
      is most wonderfully kind.  
      But we make this love too narrow  
      by false limits of our own;  
      and we magnify its strictness  
      with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.

## **OPENING DIALOGUE**

Rejoice, people of God! A new day has dawned and God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.  
**Praise God for our ability to dream and to live the promises of God in our everyday life.**

Rejoice, people of God! Listen and respond to God, who meets us where we are and greets us with love and mercy.

**Come, O Lord; we are ready. Speak to us the Word we need. Transform us to into your living grace.**

*A moment of silence.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we speak truth concerning the broken realities we cling to. We have harmed your good creation with our quest for more. We grumble about the grace you offer to those we would condemn. Often our eyes are closed tight, and we fail to see the good we can do in your name. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life through your mercy and forgiveness. Amen.**

Beloved of God, even when we are faithless, God remains faithful; greeting us in Jesus, the one who came into the world of brokenness to offer healing. Receive that healing and renewal. In the name of ✠ Jesus, you are forgiven! **Amen.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

### ***Glory Hallelujah***

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory, Gloria  
Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.  
Glory, Gloria!

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory, Gloria  
Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.  
Glory, Gloria!

## 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: Loving God, **like Jacob, who dreamed of your promises, you have filled us with dreams, too. Show us your promises in our dreams, and give us the ability to follow our dreams. Amen.**

## KIDS' TIME

### SONG OF PREPARATION

#### *The Lord Almighty Reigns*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.

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Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

### FIRST READING

#### **John 1:50-51**

<sup>50</sup>Jesus speaking to Nathanael answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And Jesus said to Nathanael, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

### FOCUS TEXT

#### **Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17**

<sup>1</sup>When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son," and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup>Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. <sup>4</sup>Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

## INTERLUDE

<sup>15</sup>Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob, <sup>16</sup>and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup>Then she handed the savory food and the bread that she had prepared to her son Jacob. <sup>18</sup>So he went in to his father and said, "My father," and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup>Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." <sup>20</sup>But Isaac said

to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup> So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup> He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands, so he blessed him.

## INTERLUDE

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

**Pastor Nicole Martin**

### SONG OF THE DAY

### *All My Hope on God is Founded*

**ELW #757**

- 1 All my hope on God is founded  
who will all my trust renew,  
who through change and chance will guide me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, God alone,  
call my heart to be thine own.
- 2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray our trust;  
what with care and toil we fashion,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But thy pow'r, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tow'r.

- 3     Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;  
      deep thy wisdom, passing thought;  
      splendor, light, and life attend thee,  
      beauty springing out of naught.  
      Evermore from thy store  
      newborn worlds rise and adore.
- 4     Still from earth to God eternal  
      sacrifice of praise be done,  
      high above all praises praising  
      for the gift of God's own Son.  
      Christ doth call one and all:  
      ye who follow shall not fall.

### **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**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayer response:* God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
**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 SONG

***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***

**ELW #182**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: God of provision, **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 our duty and our joy to celebrate, giving thanks and praise to the almighty and merciful God,  
**celebrating the provision God has bestowed upon us.**

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;  
**celebrating the action of God to heal our wounded hearts and renew our spirit.**

With all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth, sea and stars, and all the creatures, angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
**we celebrate with joy-filled hearts to be storytellers of God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.**

Let us give great thanks and praise, singing:

**Bread of life from heaven,  
your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup  
until you come again.**

**Seek not the food that will pass away;  
set your hearts on the food that endures.  
Come, learn the true and the living way,  
that the fullness of life may be yours.**

**Bread of life from heaven,  
your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup  
until you come again.**

## **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 Table is rich with the provision of God. Come, 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***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

ELW #800

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,  
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

**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, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**MINISTRY MOMENT**



## SENDING BLESSING

The God of wonder, who creates life out of darkness, who provides food to the hungry, who sets the captive free, ✠ bless you now and forever to live and share abundantly the good news you have received. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### *Blessing and Honor*

**ELW #854**

- 1 Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,  
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,  
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,  
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;  
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!
- 2 Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;  
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r  
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;  
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.
- 4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,  
dying in weakness and rising to reign;  
dying in weakness and rising to reign!

## SENDING WORDS

Go into the world with bold hearts for generous living.

**Thanks be to God, and we will.**

## POSTLUDE

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