

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
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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

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

ELW #684

- 1 Creating God, your fingers trace
 the bold designs of farthest space;
 let sun and moon and stars and light
 and what lies hidden praise your might.
- 2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold
 earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
 let water's fragile blend with air,
 enabling life, proclaim your care.
- 3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace
 all now despised for creed or race;
 let peace, descending like a dove,
 make known on earth your healing love.
- 4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims
 one fam'ly with a billion names;
 let ev'ry life be touched by grace
 until we praise you face to face.

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 today! Praise God for the abundant provisions of the earth which sustain us.

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

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 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: Grand designer of all things: **the light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good.**
Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

FIRST READING

John 1:1-5

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

FOCUS TEXT

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Interlude

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

MESSAGE/KIDS' TIME

SONG OF THE DAY

This is My Father's World

ELW #824

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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 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

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW #515

- 1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.

- 2 Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!
- 3 You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.

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

Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SENDING WORDS

Go into the world with bold hearts for generous living.

Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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