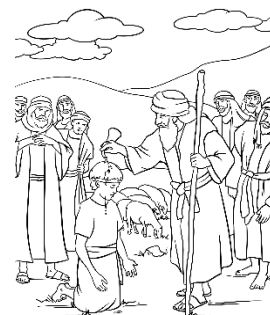


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
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PRELUDE

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

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
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Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

And together we sing,
Everyone sing.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

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 seeing what is possible, not just what is probable.

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: God of strength, **in David you chose a king with a big heart. Create clean and willing hearts in us, and choose us to do your work. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

SONG OF PREPARATION

The Lord Almighty Reigns

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 7:23-24

²³Jesus spoke, "If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man's whole body on the Sabbath?" ²⁴Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the

outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.”¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

Consuming Fire

There must be more than this; O breath of God come breathe within.
There must be more than this; Spirit of God we wait for You.
Fill us anew, we pray; fill us anew, we pray,

Consuming Fire, fan into flame a passion for Your name.
Spirit of God, fall in this place. Lord, have Your way,
Lord have Your way with us.

Come like a rushing wind, clothe us in power from on high.
Now set the captives free; leave us abandoned to Your praise.
Lord, let Your glory fall. Lord, let Your glory fall.

Consuming Fire, fan into flame a passion for Your name.
Spirit of God, fall in this place. Lord, have Your way,
Lord have Your way with us.

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Spirit of God, fall in this place. Lord, have Your way,
Lord have Your way with us.

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

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

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation.
And uphold me with your free spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Lord of the harvest, **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

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

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

Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame.
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb, till I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive.
All my failure I tried to hide.
It was my tomb, till I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

Now Your mercy has saved my soul.
And Your freedom is all I know.
The old made new, Jesus when I met you.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy.
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.

I needed shelter, I was an orphan.
Now You call me a citizen of heaven.

When I was broken, You were my healing.
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future, my eyes are open.

'Cause when You called my name, I ran out of that grave,
out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave,
out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

SENDING WORDS

Go into the world with bold hearts for generous living.
Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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