

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
All Saints Sunday
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of this new day where we remember the bold witness of Christ to bring reform to a broken system and people; where we remember faithful saints that stood strong speaking the gospel in the face of opposition.

Through the Holy Spirit dear Lord, guide this community of faith as you guided our ancestors. Keep our focus upon your abiding presence, teaching us to love with grace and mercy. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

For All Your Saints, O Lord

ELW #427

- 1 For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward,
accept our thankful cry.
- 3 They all in life and death,
with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath
to suffer and to do.
- 4 For this, your name we bless
and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness
may live and die in you.
- 5 To God, the Father, Son,
and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One,
be endless praise addressed.

OPENING DIALOGUE

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

On this day, we remember with fondness the work of our ancestors in the reforming work of the cross.

We are joined together with them in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, always being made new for the work of the gospel.

A moment of silence for self-examination.

Looking to the Creator,

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Looking to the Savior,

We give thanks, O God, for the call placed upon our lives that we are born both of water and of Spirit, bringing us together as one people—daughters and sons, brothers and sisters, heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Looking to the Advocate,

We give thanks, O God, for the gift of word and water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Continue to shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Looking to the Trinity, we speak as servants.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, empower us to honor and praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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: Powerful God, **although you can make your presence known in a mighty wind, or an earthquake, or a fire, you often speak to us in the sound of sheer silence. Help us to hear your call. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

SONG OF PREPARATION

The Lord Almighty Reigns

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah the Lord reigns.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

GOSPEL

John 12:27-28

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

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

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT

1 Kings 19:1-18

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

ELW #426

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3 Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

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.**

LITANY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

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.



Vs. 1-3

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

- 2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

- 3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Holy god, **the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world 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

Let us pray in confidence the words our Savior gave 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

Rejoice in God's Saints

ELW #418

- 1 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
- 2 Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish, their purpose is God.
- 3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!
- 4 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW #424

Vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
archangels, virtues, angel choirs:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SENDING WORDS

Go into the world with bold hearts for generous living.

Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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