

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Second Sunday after Epiphany
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bless this place, O God, as we are gathered to hear your word. We, the church, are the bride of Jesus who saves! Empower us to live in loving relationship with Him and with all. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

ELW #532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

GATHERING DIALOGUE

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God works through the baptismal waters, claiming us as beloved,
receive the words and meditations of our hearts, Lord, as we turn to you for healing and renewal.

A moment of silence for self-examination.

Almighty and merciful God,
you call us to life in community, but we tend toward our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. Actions known and unknown cause fractures in relationships. We may say pleasing words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God; working as one united people in Christ. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

ELW #312

Vs. 2&4

- 2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.
- 4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!

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: Patient God, **your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

FIRST READING

Psalm 127:1-2

(read responsively)

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.
² **It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil,
for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
- 2 Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.

The holy gospel according to John, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

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

SERMON

Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

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.

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION

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

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #182

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: God of majesty, **in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed both us and our neighbor with the presence of your reign, which has come near in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our duty and our joy to offer thanks and praise to the almighty and merciful God,
**celebrating the work of God to bring forth the provision of salvation through our Savior,
Jesus Christ.**

By the leading of a star Jesus was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan, God the Father proclaimed Jesus the beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine, Jesus revealed God's glory.

Let us celebrate the work of God to connect with us through the ordinary to bring about the sacred.

With all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth, sea and stars, and all the creatures, angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, let us give great thanks and praise, singing:

**Mighty is our God, mighty is our King.
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God. Glory to our King.
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.**

**His name is higher, higher than any other name.
His power is greater, for He has created everything.**

**Mighty is our God, mighty is our King.
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God. Glory to our King.
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.**

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

Come and be blessed by the touch of God in the bread and wine. All are welcome to receive the joy, strength, and love of God.

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

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479

1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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: Radiant God, **we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood, you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love and bear witness to all we have seen and heard; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW #802

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
 He has risen from the dead
 that to life we may awaken.
 Jesus, you are now our head,
 we are your own living members;
 where you live, there we shall be
 in your presence constantly,
 living there with you forever.
 Jesus, let me faithful be;
 life eternal grant to me.

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace to cultivate communities of caring, radiating the living God in your life.

Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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