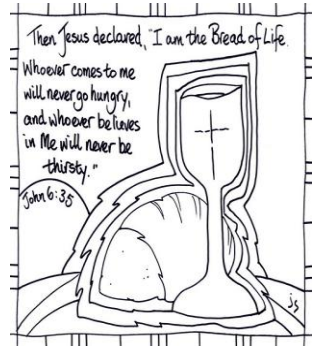


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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bless this place and these people, dear Lord, as they have gathered to hear the message of salvation that comes from you. **Like the first disciples, let us be transformed and empowered to witness, sharing the good news of your saving love for the world. In Jesus' name we pray. 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: God of eternal sustainability, **your nourishment comes to us as bread and water. Your spirit comes to us as nourishment for the soul. In these ways you care for us both now and into a forever future. Teach us to dwell in your goodness so that our days are filled with joy and hope. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

FIRST READING

Psalm 34:1-10

(read responsively)

- ¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ²**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
- ³O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴**I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**
- ⁵Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.**
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸**O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**
- ⁹O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
- ¹⁰**The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

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 sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 6:25-40

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

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.

BAPTISM

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

We are thankful for the many ways we come and celebrate the goodness of God on this day: from the witness as Jesus being the bread of life for our nourishment and transformative change into disciples of Christ, to the gift of transformation we have watched as the Holy Spirit is active in water and word in the life of Harper Margaret and all gathered in baptized in the name of Christ, and now in celebrating the gift of music at Zion. We have so much to be thankful for. We have so much to offer our Lord in praise and thanksgiving.

Lord, we have so much thanks to give. Hear our voices as we celebrate with you for your generosity in this place.

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

Earth and All Stars

ELW #731

Vs. 1, 2, 5

- 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

- 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: God of majesty, you have made possible so much in our lives—each meal we eat, each birthday we celebrate, our ability to walk and breathe and live. Today, we give special thanks for the gift of music and our new organ, for those who spent time and energy for this gift to live, and for the offerings given so we may all continue to sing a new song in praise to you. **We beseech you, Lord, to continue to work through us, using the gifts we place before you to proclaim the gospel, feeding us and our neighbors 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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW #461

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW #537

- 1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

- 2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. *Refrain*

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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