

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
 Fifth Sunday in Lent  
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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We come during the season of Lent to glorify God, remembering all he has done and has yet to do.

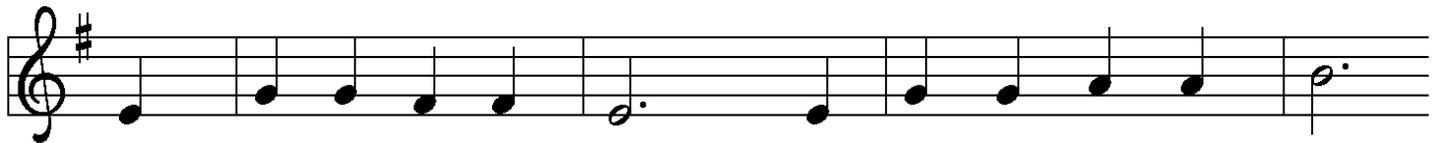
**We remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ, the varied ways he gives himself as nourishment, enlightenment, opportunity, truth, justice, and in leadership guides us.**

Turning to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we cry out,  
**bless this place so that we may see you clearly and be empowered to live in the light of the cross, being servants of your light. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

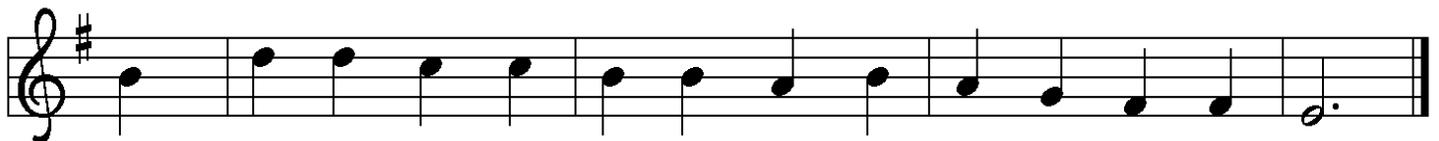
## KYRIE

### *Kyrie*

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## GATHERING DIALOGUE

Lord, we know we have traveled far from you.

**We struggle to trust your promises. We ignore your prophets. We squander away our inheritance of grace. We fail to see you clearly in our midst. Forgive us, and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assuring us of your love, and empowering us to love our neighbors as you love us.**

*A moment of silence for self-examination.*

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

***You are My King***

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken,  
I'm accepted, You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your spirit lives within me  
Because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be?  
That You my king would die for me.  
Amazing love, I know it's true.  
It's my joy to honor you.

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Jesus You are my King.  
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## GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: God of new growth, **you spoke creation into existence, commanding it to bear fruit for our nourishment and well-being. Help us to be as prolific in bearing fruit so that we might help others in their times of hunger. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## KIDS' TIME

### FIRST READING

**Psalm 80:7-11**

*(read responsively)*

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>8</sup> **You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup> **The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches;**

<sup>11</sup> it sent out its branches to the sea  
and its shoots to the River.

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

### SONG OF PREPARATION

***Word of God, Speak***

Word of God, speak  
Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty.

To be still and know,  
That You're in this place.  
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness.  
Word of God speak.

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The holy gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

**John 15:1-17**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Nicole Martin**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

***Amazing Love***

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly,  
That I, the guilty one, may go free?

Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,  
The Son of God giv’n for me;  
My debt he pays and my death he dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

And so, they watched him die, despised, rejected;  
But, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.

Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,  
The Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt he pays and my death he dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;  
Come, wash your guilt away, live again.

Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,  
The Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt he pays and my death he dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

### **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**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*Prayer Response:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **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](http://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

### ***No Greater Love***

There's no greater love than Jesus,  
there's no greater love than He gives.  
There's no greater love  
that frees us so deep within.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

**Now, we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

**In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.**

In every age, you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

**The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.**

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant, giving us your son  
**to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.**

We ask you to be with us now, at this time and in this place. Let us lift our prayer in singing:

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

**Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

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## **BLESSING OF THE MEAL**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **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**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

## **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

### *The Power of Your Love*

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,  
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.  
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see  
In me will be stripped away, by the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You.  
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.  
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds  
In my life, in living everyday in the power of Your love.

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## 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: Blessed Jesus, **in this meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

## MINISTRY MOMENT

### SENDING BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey go where Christ leads. Almighty God, compassionate, majestic, and mighty, ✚ bless you on your path with wisdom for your travels, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

### ***At the Cross***

Oh Lord, You've searched me. You know my way.  
Even when I fail You. I know You love me.  
Your holy presence, surrounding me.  
In every season, I know You love me. I know You love me.

At the cross I bow my knee,  
Where Your blood was shed for me.  
There's no greater love than this.  
You have overcome the grave,  
Your glory fills the highest place.  
What can separate me now.

You go before me, You shield my way.  
Your hand upholds me, I know You love me.  
And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes.  
And You stand before me, I know You love me. I know You love me.

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Where Your blood was shed for me.  
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You tore the veil, You made a way,  
When You said that it is done.  
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## **SENDING WORDS**

You are made strong in Christ. Proclaim the depth of God's sacrificial love to all.  
**Thanks be to God, and we will.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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