

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
 Third 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.

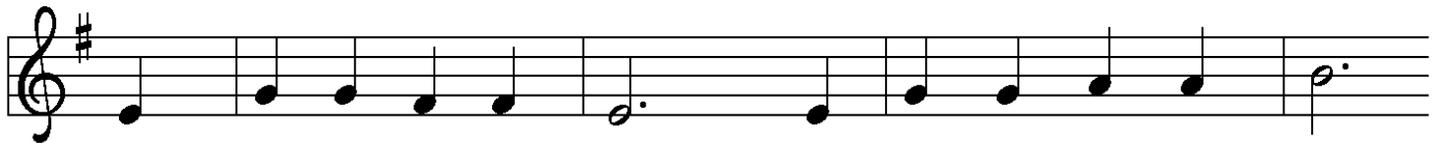
Turning to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we cry out,

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.

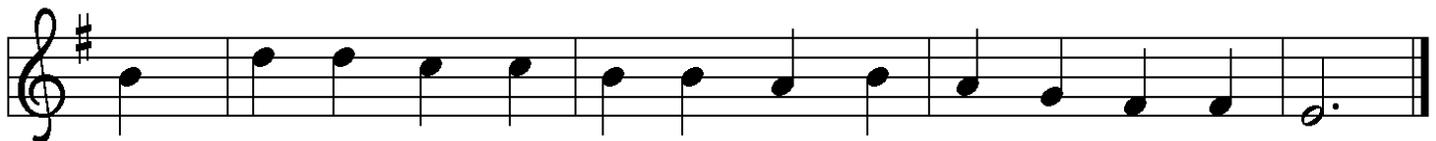
KYRIE

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

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in this shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand."

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under God's wings your refuge
With faithfulness your shield.

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand."

For to the angels God's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand."

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 authority, who raises new life, **our bones are brittle and our mind fades. Our flesh is subject to gravity, time, and the pain in the world.**

Help us rest securely in the truth that you raise us up, you give us life. Help us have no fear of what may be. Amen.

KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING

FIRST READING

Psalm 91:1-4, 14-16

(read responsively)

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
² **will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."**
- ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence;
⁴ **he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield.**
- ¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
¹⁵ **When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.**
- ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

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.

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.

The holy gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 11:1-44

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.

⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

SERMON

Pastor Darrell Golnitz

SONG OF THE DAY

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.

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 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

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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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.

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

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 Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wonderful cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ere such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small.
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
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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

I Am Free

Through You the blind will see. Through You the mute will sing.
Through You the dead will rise. Through You all hearts will praise.
Through You the darkness flees. Through You my heart screams,
I am free! I am free!

(Song Leader) I am free to run.

(Cong. Echo) **I am free to run.**

(Song Leader) I am free to dance.

(Cong. Echo) **I am free to dance.**

(Song Leader) I am free to live for You.

(Cong. Echo) **I am free to live for You.**

(Song Leader) I am free!

(Cong. Echo) **I am free!**

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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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