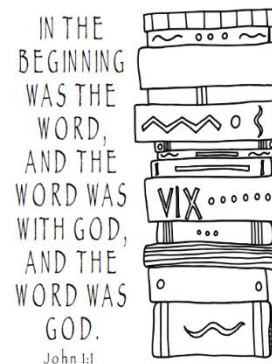


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Second Sunday after Pentecost
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Bless this place and these people, God of manna, God of miracles, and God of mercy, as we are gathered to hear your word, dwell in your peace, and partake in your life-giving presence.

Guide us into deeper relationship with you and others, while empowering us to cultivate communities of caring and belonging as champions of the gospel. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Oh, Worship the King

ELW #842

Vs. 1, 3, 5

- 1 Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

- 3 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

- 5 O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

O God you have searched us and known us.
You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
you discern our thoughts from far away.

You search out our path and our lying down,
and are acquainted with all our ways.

Even before a word is on our tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.

**You hem us in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon us.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for us;
it is so high that we cannot attain it.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O God, where can we go from your spirit?
Or where can we flee from your presence?
**If we ascend to heaven, you are there;
if we make our bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If we take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
**even there your hand shall lead us,
and your right hand shall hold us fast.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

O God, it was you who formed our inward parts;
you knit us together in our mother's womb.
**We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.**

Our frame was not hidden from you,
when we were being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
**Your eyes beheld our unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for us,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to us are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
**We try to count them, they are more than the sand.
We come to the end; we are still with you.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
**Search us, O God, and know our heart;
test us and know our thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in us,
and lead us in the way everlasting.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Take My Life That I May Be

ELW #685

Vs. 1, 5

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

By God's grace you are saved. In the name of Christ † your sins are forgiven. The Spirit is upon you to live with the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. **Amen.**

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: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Draw us closer to you so that your love, mercy and grace may be felt deep within our community and in the world. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW #510

Vs. 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.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 1:1-16

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

ELW #816

1 Come, my way, my truth, my life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
 such a light as shows a feast;
 such a feast as mends in length;
 such a strength as makes his guest.

3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
 such a joy as none can move;
 such a love as none can part;
 such a heart as joys in love.

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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

Prayer response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **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

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW #595

- 1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

- 3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

LITANY

It is our duty and our joy to offer thanks and praise to almighty and merciful God
**celebrating the work of God, fulfilling the promise of the resurrection through Jesus
Christ, pouring out the fire of the Holy Spirit.**

In God, we are people of many nations, but yet one body, many languages but one in faith.
**With Mary Magdelene, Peter, and all witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth, sea
and stars, and all their creatures, angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,**

let us give great thanks and praise singing...

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come to the table of grace.
Receive the gift of new life.

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*O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW #542

Vs. 1, 3, 4

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever, empowering you to live a trinitarian love of companionship with others. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW #800

Vs. 1, 3, 4

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

SENDING WORDS

You are the body of Christ, raised up to serve in peace and love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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