

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Eleventh 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

Hear Our Praises

May our home be filled with dancing.
May our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus.
As the people turn to pray.

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear the singing fill the air.

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross.
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water o'er the seas.

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear the singing fill the air.

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Hear our praises rise to You.
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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
Vs. 1, 5

ELW #685

- 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: God of creation, **while we walk many paths that tempt us from you, we trust you to guide us; give us words and actions that speak the story of your sacred love to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth
Vs. 1

ELW #510

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

Acts 10:36-42

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-14a

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

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Thanks be to God.

The holy gospel, according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

All My Days (Beautiful Savior)

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness.
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
and You reign, You reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never ending;
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshipers will share one song,
And cries of worthy will honor the Lamb.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness.
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
and You reign, You reign.

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and You reign, You reign over all.

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Prayer response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

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 Magdalene, 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

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer. Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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

Every Move I Make

La la la la la la la, la la la la la la la;
La la la la la la la, la la la la la la la;

Ev'ry move I make, I make in You, You make me move, Jesus;
Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You;
Ev'ry step I take, I take in You, You are my way Jesus;
Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You.

La la la la la la la, la la la la la la la;
La la la la la la la, la la la la la la la;

Ev'ry move I make, I make in You, You make me move, Jesus;
Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You;
Ev'ry step I take, I take in You, You are my way Jesus;
Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You.

Waves of mercy, waves of grace; Ev'rywhere I look I see Your face;
Your love has captured me; O my God, this love, how can it be.

La la la la la la la, la la la la la la la;
La la la la la la la, la la la la la la la;

Ev'ry move I make, I make in You, You make me move, Jesus;
Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You;
Ev'ry step I take, I take in You, You are my way Jesus;
Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You.

Waves of mercy, waves of grace; Ev'rywhere I look I see Your face;
Your love has captured me; O my God, this love, how can it be.

La la la la la la, la la la la la la;
La la la la la la, la la la la la la;
La la la la la la, la la la la la la;
La la la la la la, la la la la la la.

SENDING WORDS

You are the body of Christ, raised up to serve as partners in peace and love.
Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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