

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Seventeenth 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.

Make our ears receptive to your calling and our eyes keen to see you at work. Make this a place where your mission is lived, empowering us to cultivate communities of caring and belonging as champions of the gospel. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service,
 forth in your dear name we go,
 to the child, the youth, the aged,
 love in living deeds to show;
 hope and health, good will and comfort,
 counsel, aid and peace we give,
 that your servants, Lord, in freedom
 may your mercy know and live.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the meal that sustains us, the hospitality that comforts us, the generosity that empowers us, our nourishment and our salvation. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden, with vegetation aplenty to fill us. In the desert, your cracked open rock to quench parched mouths and provided manna from heaven for sustenance. When your people were in great darkness, you revealed yourself as the Good Shepherd, guiding them to still waters and banquets of generosity. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side and gave up your body for our well-being.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. We praise you for your promise of nourishment, from the bread of life that greets us at the welcome table and our daily bread. Bathe us in your mercy and forgiveness; fill us up with your grace and love. Satisfy all who hunger and thirst, and give us the life only you can give. Amen.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water and bread of life, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the Church,
For the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
For friends and family; for life and for love,
For our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives
In the water and the word; that you nourish our souls
With your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

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 covenant, **you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

When the Lord Above

When the Lord above heard the people God loved
Shout, "Help! Wont you please come and save us?"
Then, God answered their call. "I will come save you all!
You are all my people, you know!"

The holy gospel, according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT

Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

We Are Called

ELW #720

- 1 Come! Live in the light!
 Shine with the joy and love of the Lord!
 We are called to be light for the kingdom,
 To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

- 2 Come! Open your heart!
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless
 So hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*
- 3 Sing! Sing a new song!
 Sing of that great day when all will be one!
 God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
 As sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

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

Reminded of God's gracious & abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

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

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.



MUSICAL OFFERING

In This Very Room

Zach Anderson, vocalist

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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...

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

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

These are gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

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 MUSIC

Blest Be the Ties that Bind

Sonya Kempf, organ

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: God of our salvation, **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.**

Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING BLESSING

Creator God bless you and keep you. Creative Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.
✠ Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

ELW #544

- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.
- 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word;
by your blood new life receiving,
in your body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the Lord.
- 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
may we faithful foll'wers be.

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Flourish in joy, peace, and love through the grace of God.
Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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