

August 16, 2020

10:45 (online)

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
[zionlutheranaberdeen.org](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org)  
 Erin Heidelberger, Pastor  
 Tim Sersen, Visitation Pastor



## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

## PRELUDE

*Adagio*  
 by S. Drummond Wolff

Sonya Kempf, organ

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
 and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
 as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;  
 and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
in the abundance of God's mercy, we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
By Christ's authority, I declare to you that all your sins are forgiven.  
Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**      ***Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***      by Brian Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship;  
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,  
One day ev'ry knee will bow;  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

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### **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**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.  
Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy,

that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

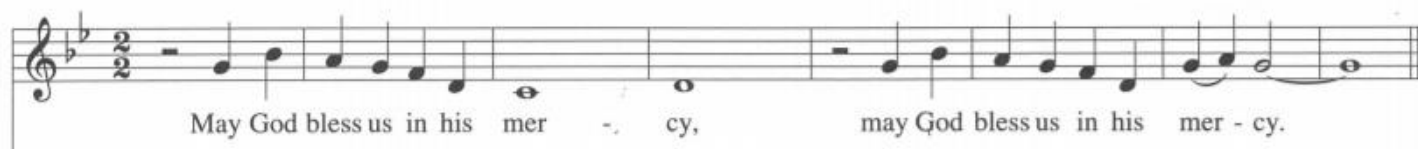
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalm 67**

music and arr. by Michael Guimont



1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your salvation. *Refrain*

2. Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,  
with uprightness you rule the peoples;  
you guide the nations on earth. *Refrain*
  
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
that all the ends of the earth may revere him. *Refrain*

## SECOND READING      Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL****Matthew 15: 21-28**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

**SONG OF THE DAY**

***Lord, Have Mercy***

by Steve Merkel

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken.  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.  
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you.  
Now I am returning to your mercies ever flowing.  
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies.  
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.  
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence.

Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

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### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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**

The Canaanite woman came to Jesus, trusting that he would hear and help her. Let us turn to our heavenly Father, praying for ourselves and our world.

*After each petition:*      Let your way be known upon earth, Lord,  
   **your saving health among all nations.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**OFFERING**

*Thank you for your faithful giving that has continued during this time! Ministry at this time depends on regular giving. If you would like to give online now, you can use this QR code scanner on your smart phone to be directed to the Giving page on our website. You can also mail your offerings in to the church.*

**OFFERTORY SONG*****Offering***

by Paul Baloche

The sun cannot compare to the Glory of Your love.  
 There is no shadow in Your presence.  
 No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne.  
 Before the Holy One of Heaven.  
 It's only by Your blood.  
 And it's only through Your mercy.

Lord I come.  
 I bring an offering of worship to the King.  
 No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.  
 Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due.  
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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord, thank you for caring for us and providing us with all we need and much more. Strengthen our faith as we live our everyday lives. Make us bold and confident in trusting you and serving you and other people. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,

and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,

bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

## SENDING SONG

### ***For the Lord Is Good***

by Lynn DeShazo & Gary Sadler

For the Lord is good, and His love endures forever.

He's a faithful God, to all generations.

For the Lord is good, and His mercies will not fail us.

They are new each day.

O lift your voice and say, the Lord is good.

Great is Your faithfulness O Lord,

Your loving kindness fills our hearts to overflowing.

Songs of rejoicing and sweet praise.

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 O lift your voice and say, the Lord is good.  
 The Lord is good. The Lord is good!

### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in G Minor*  
 J.S. Bach

Sonya Kempf, organ

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### **Leading worship today:**

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

Sonya Kempf, organ

Zachary Anderson, vocalist

Stephanie Hawkinson, Stacy Geffre, and Kara Pies, Praise Band

## Prayers

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***As a community of faith in Christ, we are connected through joy, sorrow, worship, and prayer. Please pray for the people listed below.***

**As we are praying for all members of Zion, this week we pray especially for God's comfort, healing, protection, strength, and peace to be with:**

Tammy Paulsen  
Howard Nelson  
Lyle Chapin

**Those with ongoing concerns:**

Leonard Berger  
Joe Bosmoe  
Hilda Hoffman  
Gene Reich  
Duane Wagemann

## Announcements

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**HALF OF TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored by Verna Schaffer in memory of her husband Milbert. The other half of today's broadcast is sponsored by an anonymous donor in thankfulness for this ministry and to the Glory of God!

**TODAY WE WELCOME Lily Josephine Nelson** into the family of God through Holy Baptism. Lily is the daughter of Melissa Miller and Sean Nelson, the sister of Addison, and the granddaughter of Gloria Rudolph. Lily's Baptism will be held immediately after the 8:30 service outside in front of the church. Zion members are invited and encouraged to join us (please observe physical spacing) as we welcome Lily into the family of God!

**DISC GOLF** - Join the Youth Committee TODAY from 3:30-5:00 PM to learn how to play or practice disc golf at Melgaard Park. Don't have your own discs? No problem! We have some to share, and sanitizer will be provided. This event is open to all ages and skill levels.

**Our next WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE will be August 26 from 5:00-7:00 PM.** Future dates are TBD.

Here's how it works:

- Enter through the east main doors.
- A greeter will welcome you in (individual or family group) and ask you to put a face mask on. (Bring your own or one will be provided at the door.) Masks can stay on except for taking Communion.
- We will allow a couple households at a time into the sanctuary. You can pick up prepackaged elements at the back of the sanctuary and can sit in the front pews or stand if you're more comfortable doing that. We'll share in a brief prayer of confession, share the Lord's Supper, and share in a blessing.



- Depart out of the sanctuary through the side door on the north side of the sanctuary. It will take about 5 minutes per group.
- Anyone who has felt under the weather or is not wanting to take the risk of coming into the building should not feel compelled to come. It's OK to continue to feast on the Word!

**THE SPECIAL OFFERING for August is ELCA World Hunger.** The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.



ELCA World Hunger is this church at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good.

Find out more online at [bit.ly/elcaworldhunger](http://bit.ly/elcaworldhunger)

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