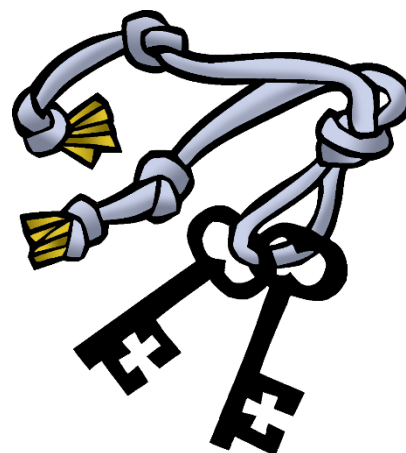


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
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 Erin Heidelberger, Pastor
 Tim Sersen, Visitation Pastor



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

PRELUDE

Kirken den er et gammelt Hus
 by Theodore Beck & Mark Sedio

Sonya Kempf, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION *(please stand)*

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. *(please be seated)*

GATHERING SONG

Rock of Ages

by Rita Baloché

There is no rock, there is no god like our God.
 No other name worthy of all our praise.
 The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved.
 He's proven himself to be faithful and true.
 There is no rock. There is no god like ours.

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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

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Kathy Brumbaugh, lector

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

PSALM**Psalm 138** *(read responsively)*

Kathy Brumbaugh, lector

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand
shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of
your hands.**

SECOND READING**Romans 12:1-8**

Kathy Brumbaugh, lector

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing
of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and
acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of
yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment,
each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body
we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we,
who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of
another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in
proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter,
in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate,
in cheerfulness.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*

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

GOSPEL **Matthew 16:13-20**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹I 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." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Erin Heidelberg

SONG OF THE DAY***Take My Life***

by Frances Havergal, Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
 Take my hands and let them move,
 At the impulse of Thy love.
 Take my feet and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
 Always only for my King.
 Take my lips and let them be
 Filled with messages from Thee.
 Take my silver and my gold.
 Not a mite would I withhold.
 Take my intellect and use
 Every power as You choose.

Here am I, all of me.
 Take my life, it's all for Thee

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.
 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At your feet its treasure store.
 Take myself and I will be
 Ever only all for thee.
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 Ever only all for Thee.
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 Ever only all for Thee.

APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand)*

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. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God enabled Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Let us bring to God our requests for the church and the world, asking him to continue to reveal his love in Christ.

After each petition: Hear us, O Lord. **Your steadfast love endures forever.**

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

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 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.*



OFFERING SONG

Give Thanks

by Henry Smith

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

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our community and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

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 ***You're Worthy of My Praise***

by David Ruis

I will worship with all of my heart.
 I will praise You with all of my strength.
 I will seek You all of my days.
 I will follow all of Your ways.

I will give You all my worship.
 I will give You all my praise
 You alone I long to worship.
 You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down, hail You as King.
 I will serve You, give You everything.
 I will lift up my eyes to Your throne.
 I will trust You, trust You alone.

I will give You all my worship.
 I will give You all my praise
 You alone I long to worship.
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SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Leading worship today:

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

Kathy Brumbaugh, lector

Sonya Kempf, organ

Stephanie Hawkinson, piano and vocals

Stacy Geffre, guitar and vocals

Kara Pies, vocals

Prayers

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:

Joyce Mentzer
Curt Suedmeier
Tammy Paulsen
Howard Nelson
Lyle Chapin

Those with ongoing concerns:

Leonard Berger
Joe Bosmoe
Hilda Hoffman
Gene Reich
Duane Wagemann

Announcements

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored by Ron & Mary Kost in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary which was July 27th.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

- We are in need of **sound board operators** for our 8:30 a.m. in-person worship service. No experience required--we will train you! The commitment would be one Sunday a month. If interested, please call the church office at 225-6755.
- We are also looking for **Scripture readers either in the sanctuary at 8:30 OR on video**. You can take the video yourself at home or come to the church during the week and have Sandra video record you OR Sandra can come to your home for an outdoor video recording of you reading the Sunday Scriptures.

WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, August 26 5:00-7:00 p.m.

(More dates TBA)

- Come anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. 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. It will take about 5 minutes per group.



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

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