

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

PRELUDE

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Raymond Haan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of
 God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men, a - men.

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 joy, keep us from being weighed down by worry. Encourage us instead to lay our burdens on you. Make us cheerful and glad because your Son Jesus is always with us. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING**Isaiah 25:1-9**

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

SECOND READING**Philippians 4:1-9**

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL **Matthew 22:1-14**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

SERMON

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

HYMN OF THE DAY *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* **ELW #488**
(vs. 1, 2 and 4)

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking;
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast-closed portal,
saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never;
dwell within my heart forever."
- 4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you,
and, so favored, never leave you.

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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition: Hear our prayer, O Lord, **for your mercy endures forever.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

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.



OFFERING SONG

Amazing Love

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly,
That I, the guilty one, may go free?
Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,
The Son of God giv'n for me;
My debt he pays and my death he dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

And so, they watched him die, despised, rejected;
But, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.
Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,
The Son of God giv'n for me;
My debt he pays and my death he dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come, wash your guilt away, live again.
Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,
The Son of God giv'n for me;
My debt he pays and my death he dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

OFFERING PRAYER

We bring you these gifts, O God,
from what we have first received from you.
Use them, we pray, to enable the ministries of this church
to flourish as we together serve our neighbors,
both near and far away, by showing love
and doing mercy in the name of Christ. **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.

BENEDICTION

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

God Be With Us Till We Meet Again

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God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again,)
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again.)
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Day of Rest Gladness

Frank Stoldt

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Leading worship today:

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

Sue Gates, lector

Zach Anderson, cantor

Sonya Kempf, organist

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:

LaVonne Peterson

Those with ongoing concerns:

Duane Wagemann

Tammy Paulsen

Hilda Hoffman

Howard Nelson

Announcements

A FUNDRAISER FOR TAMMY PAULSEN has been set up to help with costs related to her cancer treatment. You can give to this fund online at bit.ly/Tammystrong. Or you can give by bringing your cash or check donation to the church—make checks out to “Zion Lutheran Church” with “Tammy Paulsen fund” in the memo line.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS! We are in need of...

- **Sound board operators for 8:30 service**—No experience necessary; we will train you! The commitment would be one Sunday per month.
- **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.

Let the church office known (225-6755) if you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for October is Aspire

Aspire, Inc. is a non-profit agency that provides an array of services to people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Today Aspire serves around 160 people.

Approximately half of the people we support live in their own homes in the community. For those who require more support, Aspire offers residential supports in supervised apartment settings or group residences. Aspire also supports people who work at local businesses.



We provide training opportunities for people to obtain work experience. For people who do not have employment goals, Aspire provides opportunities for people to be involved in the community in whatever way is meaningful to them.

For more information, go to: www.aspiresd.org/

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP NEEDED—Our radio broadcast ministry is more important than ever. Would you consider donating either the whole cost of half the cost of a Sunday broadcast? A whole Sunday service is \$110.00 and half is \$55.00. You are welcome to donate in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion to support this ministry. To sign up for a broadcast, contact the church office at 225-6755. Upcoming Sundays available to sponsor: October 18 & 25; November 1, 8, 22, & 29.

BEDDING DRIVE—Today is the last day of our bedding drive for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization which provides twin beds for children in our area who do not have a bed of their own. They are in need of brand new (no used items) twin bedding sheets, which include a flat sheet, fitted sheet, and pillowcase. They also are in need of twin-sized comforters and quilts. All items can be dropped off in the Narthex.

STARGAZING—tonight at the Kuhnert Arboretum for middle school and high school youth; Bring blankets and a smart device if you have one! The backup date if weather does not cooperate is next Sunday the 18th.

THURSDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE

Our next "Come and Go" Communion service will be Thursday, October 15th from 5:00-6:00 PM. Come anytime during the scheduled time for a brief (about 5 minutes) service of Holy Communion. **Note the new ending time**



GOOD SAMARITAN FUND—We are starting to run low on funds to help our neighbors who contact us for emergency assistance. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please indicate that your gift is for the "Good Samaritan Fund".

RECIPES NEEDED—The Zion Youth are putting together a church cookbook as a fundraiser for the upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering, which has been postponed to Summer 2022. We are in need of your family favorite recipes! Write them down on a recipe card and mail to or drop off at the church; or take a picture of the recipe and email them to Sandra at: Saundra.Anderson@nvc.net Please include who the recipe came from.

7TH AND 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION—will continue on Wednesday, October 14th and will be held online. All information regarding confirmation can be found at: www.bit.ly/ZionConfirmation2020

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 25TH—at 9:30am in the north parking lot. The purpose of this meeting will be to act upon recommendation from the Zion Council to amend Zion's constitution to allow future congregational meetings to include remote participation. All voting members of Zion are encouraged to gather for this brief meeting (will take 5-10 minutes).

THANK YOU—Thanks to everyone for your cards and prayers while I was in the hospital and rehab. God bless you all. Lyle Chapin

ONLINE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—will be available starting today. This series, "Food in Scripture and Today" will be an online course using video and Google Classroom. To access the online class, go to: www.bitly.com/zionadultss If you have questions or issues with registering, please call the church office and talk to Sandra. See your newsletter or the kiosk in the Narthex for more in-depth information on this class.

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