Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Stewardship Sunday #2: City on the Hill zionlutheranaberdeen.org Erin Heidelberger, Pastor Tim Sersen, Visitation Pastor

PRELUDE Aurelia Various Composers

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### INVOCATION

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

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

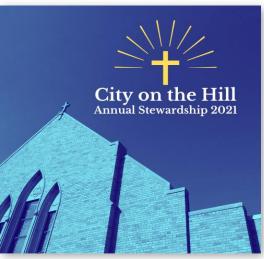
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Silence is kept for reflection.

# Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\pm$  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.** 



# GATHERING SONG Better Is One Day

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty. For my soul longs and even faints for you. For hear my heart is satisfied, within your presence. I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house, Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house, Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty. To find you in the place your glory dwells. One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty. To find you in the place your glory dwells.

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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 our Creator, you brought light out of darkness, giving us breath and life. Jesus our Savior, you are the light of the world, bringing us grace and salvation. Holy Spirit, our Advocate, you put Christ's word of mercy and grace in our ears, filling us with love for God and our neighbors. Shine the light of your grace in our hearts, that we might love you and serve you with our whole selves through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **SCRIPTURE SONG**

Hear Our Praises

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

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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

# SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner,"

<sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

### **SERMON**

#### SONG OF THE DAY

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteous. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteous. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

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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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

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

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.



STEWARDSHIP VIDEO: "WHY I SERVE"

#### OFFERING PRAYER

God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. We bring to you this day only that which you have first graciously entrusted to us. We dedicate these offerings for gospel work in this world that you created and have deemed to share with us. Bless those who receive and those who give these gifts. **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**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, & Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.

#### SENDING SONG

Every Move I Make

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.

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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.

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#### **SENDING WORDS**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Foundation Wilbur Held

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