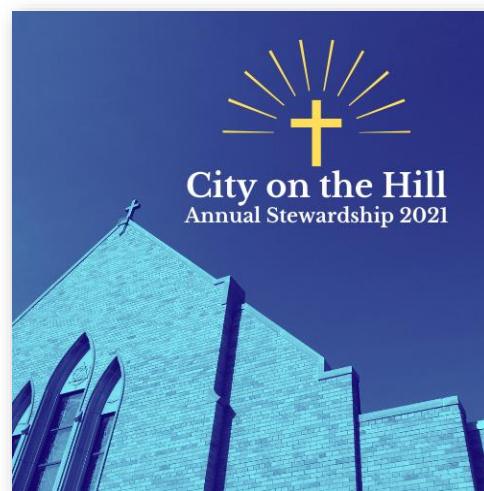


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
 Stewardship Sunday #3: City on the Hill
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PRELUDE *Prelude from Music for a Sunday Morning*
 Robert Cundick

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 † 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 † 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*This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere i go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere i go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere i go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

Faithful God, you have called us to be a light shining in the world. Make us reflect the light of Christ, so that people see your love, goodness, mercy, and grace in our words and actions. We ask this through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:8-12

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

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.

GOSPEL **Matthew 5:13-16**

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Steiner, SD Synod Associate to the Bishop

SONG OF THE DAY*Blessed*

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
God's kingdom is theirs today.
Blessed are those who mourn,
God will comfort them as they pray.
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit this place.
Blessed are those who thirst for righteousness,
they will find God's grace.

You are the light of the world,
a city on top of a hill.
Let your light shine brightly now,
always seeking God's will,
always seeking God's will.

Blessed are the merciful people,
for they shall be forgiv'n.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for God shall live in them.
Blessed are the people of peace.
for they shall be called God's own.
Blessed are those who suffer for the truth,
heaven will be their home.

You are the light of the world,
a city on top of a hill.
Let your light shine brightly now,
always seeking God's will,
always seeking God's will.

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Let your light shine brightly now,
always seeking God's will,
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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: Lord, we cry for help. **And you say, Here I am.**

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.

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS OF GIVING & OFFERING

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LITANY OF COMMITMENT OF GIVING

Almighty God . . . By your Holy Word, we know that we live in grace and hope.

Keep us ever close to your promise.

We live by your Word of promise, O God.

Give us faith to trust your promise of life in Jesus Christ.

We live by your Word of promise, O God.

Bring us together each week to hear your gracious Word.

We live by your Word of promise, O God.

Keep us always in your Word that we would give to our neighbors generously and graciously.

We live by your Word of promise, O God.

Make us stewards and instruments of your will to make Jesus known to all the world as we give to others what you have first given us.

We live by your Word of promise, O God.

By your Word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy by assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glory of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

That's Why We Praise Him

He came to live, live a perfect life;
 He came to be the living Word of Life;
 He came to die so we'd be reconciled;
 He came to rise, to show His power and might.

That's why we praise Him; that's why we sing;
 That's why we offer Him our everything;
 That's why we bow down and worship this King,
 'Cause He gave His ev'rything.

He came to live, live again in us;
 He came to be our conquering King and Friend;
 He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;
 He came to go prepare a place for us.

That's why we praise Him; that's why we sing;
 That's why we offer Him our everything;
 That's why we bow down and worship this King,
 'Cause He gave His ev'ry –

That's why we praise Him; that's why we sing;
 That's why we offer Him our everything;
 That's why we bow down and worship this King,
 'Cause He gave His ev'rything.
 'Cause He gave His ev'rything.

SENDING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE

Recessional from Music for a Sunday Morning

Robert Cundick

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