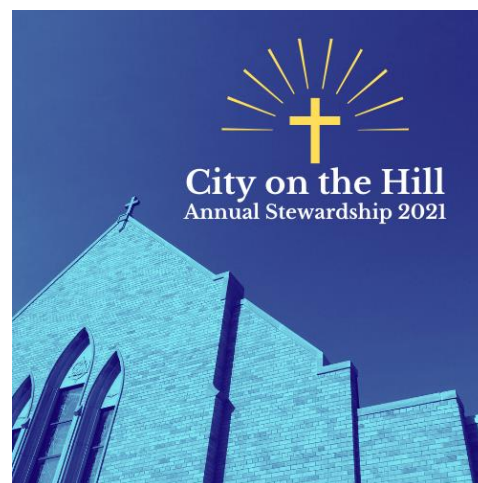


Worship from Home Contemporary Service

November 8, 2020

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
 Stewardship Sunday #1: City on the Hill
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 Erin Heidelberger, Pastor
 Tim Sersen, Visitation Pastor



PRELUDE *Near to the Heart of God*
 Cleland McAfee

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*Ancient Words*

Holy words long preserved
 For our walk in this world;
 They resound with God's own heart,
 O, let the ancient words impart;
 Words of life, words of hope
 Give us strength, help us cope;
 In this world where'er we roam
 Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true
 Changing me and changing you;
 We have come with open hearts,
 O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
 Handed down to this age,
 Came to us through sacrifice;
 O, heed the faithful words of Christ;
 Holy words long preserved
 For our walk in this world
 They resound with God's own heart;
 O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true
 Changing me and changing you;
 We have come with open hearts,
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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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 Psalm 48

¹Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, ²beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. ³Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense. ⁴Then the kings assembled, they came on together. ⁵As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight; ⁶trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, ⁷as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish. ⁸As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.

⁹We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. ¹⁰Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. ¹¹Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments. ¹²Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, ¹³consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation ¹⁴that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

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

SERMON

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

SONG OF THE DAY*God Will Make a Way*

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way,
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way, He will make a way.

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way,
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way, He will make a way.

By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me,
And rivers in the desert will I see.
Heaven and earth will fade
But His Word will still remain. He will do something new today.

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way,
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way, He will make a way.

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. **You are a sure defense.**

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 GIVE"

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

Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the kingdom of God!
 Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the kingdom of God!
 Bring for the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
 Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
 Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!
 Bring for the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
 Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a seed of the word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!
 Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!
 Bring for the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
 Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

We are a blest and pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God!
 Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!
 Bring for the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
 Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

SENDING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE

Glory to God

Lani Smith

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Leading worship today:

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Stephanie Hawkinson, accompanist

Stacy Geffre, vocalist

Kara Pies, vocalist