

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Midweek Lenten Worship  
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way  
through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy  
to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

ELW #324

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.

4     Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
      by the cross are sanctified;  
      peace is there that knows no measure,  
      joys that through all time abide.

## PRAYER

Faithful God, you call us into human communities to serve and be served by one another. Open our hearts to the needs of all our neighbors and teach us to recognize the gifts you have given each of us to use in service to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — <sup>11</sup>"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." <sup>12</sup>And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

## MESSAGE

## HYMN

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW #712

- 1     Lord, whose love in humble service  
      bore the weight of human need,  
      who upon the cross, forsaken,  
      worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
      we, your servants, bring the worship  
      not of voice alone, but heart;  
      consecrating to your purpose  
      ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2     Still your children wander homeless;  
      still the hungry cry for bread;  
      still the captives long for freedom;  
      still in grief we mourn our dead.

As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.

- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.

## PRAYERS

## BENEDICTION

The Creator who fashions us together with all things, the Christ who leads us into a new beloved community, the Spirit who holds us in the communion of saints, one God, ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## HYMN

*Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock*  
Vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6

ELW #862

- 1 Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
The wind, the waves are high.  
You hold me when the waves are strong.  
You hold me lest I die, I die.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.
- 2 Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
My desert sand is dry.  
You break the rock, a river flows.  
You hear me when I cry, I cry.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

3 Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
You calm the fear and pain.  
One word of faith and I am well,  
I rise to praise and walk again.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

6 Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
You stood high on a hill.  
A holy cloud: you are on high.  
Be still, my heart, be still, be still.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

### SENDING WORDS

Let us go out with God's love to nurture us, with God's peace to comfort us, and with God's truth to guide us, remembering God promises to be with us always!

Thanks be to God!

### POSTLUDE

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12:15-12:45 PM – Traditional midweek worship

6:00-6:30 PM – Praise Band-led midweek worship

February 24; March 7, 14 & 21

✠ Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, March 28 at 8:30 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 6:00 PM (5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
First Communion)

Good Friday, April 2 at 6:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 7:15 AM, 8:30 AM &  
9:45 AM