

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Midweek Lenten Worship  
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GATHERING MUSIC

*You are My King (Amazing Love)*

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.**

SONG

*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.

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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.

## 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

## SONG

### *Refiner's Fire*

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire.  
Is to be holy, set apart for You Lord.  
I chose to be holy, set apart for You my master.  
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within and make me holy.  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire.  
Is to be holy, set apart for You Lord.  
I chose to be holy, set apart for You my master.  
Ready to do Your will,  
Ready to do Your will,  
Ready to do Your will.

## **PRAYERS**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

#### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## 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.**

## SONG

### *Friend of God*

Who am I that You are mindful of me?  
That You hear me when I call?  
Is it true that You are thinking of me?  
How You love me, it's amazing. It's amazing.

I am a friend of God.  
I am a friend of God.  
I am a friend of God.  
He calls me friend.

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I am a friend of God.  
He calls me friend.

God Almighty, Lord of Glory,  
You have called me friend.  
God Almighty, Lord of Glory,  
You have called me friend.

I am a friend of God.  
I am a friend of God.  
I am a friend of God.

You call me friend.

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I am a friend of God.

I am a friend of God.

You call me friend.

### 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!

### SENDING MUSIC

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### ✝ 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