

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

Better Is One Day

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

Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank you for the cross, Lord.

Thank you for the price You paid.

Bearing all my sin and shame,

In love You came and gave amazing grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord.

Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.

Wash me in Your cleansing flow;

Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb

Seated on the throne.

Crown You now with many crowns;

You reign victorious high and lifted up.

Jesus, Son of God, the darling of heaven crucified.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

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PRAYER

Gracious God, you sent Christ to heal the world and to gather those on the margins. Bring your healing power to us. May we extend your power and grace to those separated from their communities and those longing for a tangible sign of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 5:1-20

¹They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ²And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. ³He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; ⁴for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. ⁶When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; ⁷and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." ⁸For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." ¹⁰He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; ¹²and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." ¹³So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

¹⁴The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. ¹⁶Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. ¹⁷Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. ¹⁸As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." ²⁰And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

MESSAGE

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

SONG

Mercy

Mercy, mercy Lord,
Your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy Lord,
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

You have been patient with our offenses.
You have forgiven all of our sins.
We were deserving only Your judgment,
But Your great mercy triumphed again.

Mercy, mercy Lord,
Your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy Lord,
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

Lord, You have taught us, love one another.
As You have loved us, so we must love.
Always forbearing, always forgiving.
Showing to others the mercy we've known.

Mercy, mercy Lord,
Your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy Lord,
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

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

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three In One, Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing how great is our God.

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How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.
How great, how great is our God.

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 (5th 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