

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Midweek Lenten Worship
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Erin Heidelberger, Pastor
Tim Sersen, Visitation Pastor



GATHERING MUSIC

You are my Savior (Amazing Love)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**We are new creations;
the old has gone, the new has come!**

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.
**Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

SONG

Above All

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what you're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

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PRAYER

Faithful God, you renew your promises in every generation. Deepen our awareness of the communion of saints who have gone before us, the saints in our own time, and the saints who will carry on your message of grace after us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

MESSAGE

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

SONG

The Power of Your Love

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see
In me will be stripped away, by the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You.
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds
In my life, in living everyday in the power of Your love.

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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

Please hold up your Communion elements while Pastor Erin speaks the 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

Almighty God bless you and direct your days and your deeds in peace. **Amen.**

SONG

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
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We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever.
Our hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God,
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings, like eagles.

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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