

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Made to Worship

Before the day, before the light.
Before the world revolved around the sun.
God on high stepped down into time
And wrote the story of His love for everyone.
He has filled our hearts with wonder.
So that we always remember;

You and I were made to worship
You and I are called to love.
You and I are forgiven and free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe
Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

All we are, and all we have.
Is all a gift from God that we receive.
Brought to life we open our eyes,
To see the majesty and glory of the king.
He has filled our hearts with wonder.
So that we always remember;

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You and I are called to love.
You and I are forgiven and free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe
Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

Even the rocks cry out,
Even the heavens shout,
At the sound of His Holy name.
So let every voice sing out
Let every knee bow down
He's worthy of all our praise

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You and I are called to love.
You and I are forgiven and free.
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When you and I choose to believe

Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection.

God our comforter:
like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *How Majestic*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, we praise your name!
O Lord, we magnify your name.
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty!

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PRAYER

Let us pray together:
Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KIDS’ TIME **Pastoral Assistant Sandra**

FIRST READING **Genesis 2:18-24**

¹⁸Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord GOD had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,
"This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

⁸But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

¹⁰And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like clothing;

¹²like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,

and your years will never end."

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

ALLELUIA

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.

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Mark 10:2-16**

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Lon Kvanli**

SONG OF THE DAY *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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He calls me friend.

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He calls me friend.

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I am a friend of God.

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.
You call me friend.

I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
You call me friend.


HOLY BAPTISM

Cailin Mirabel Pies


BAPTISM SONG

"You Belong to Christ"
(sing twice)

ELW #212



You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Prayers of Intercession

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING
Offering will not be taken during worship; a basket is available in the back of the sanctuary to drop off today’s offering. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.



OFFERING SONG

Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

Father in heaven how we love You.
We lift your name in all the earth.
May Your Kingdom be established in our praises.
As Your people declare Your mighty works.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

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

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

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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