

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

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you. I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your pow'r and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.

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CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 *Praise Adonai*
Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne?
Mountains bow down, ev'ry ocean roars to the Lord of hosts.

Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun
Til the end of every day.
Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth,
All the angels and the saints sing praise.

Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne?
Mountains bow down, ev'ry ocean roars to the Lord of hosts.

Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun
Til the end of every day.
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All the angels and the saints sing...

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Til the end of every day.
Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth,
All the angels and the saints sing praise.

PRAYER
We pray together:
O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.
Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KIDS' TIME Pastoral Assistant Sandra

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 11:18-20**
¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

SECOND READING

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

ALLELUIA

Halle, Halle, Hallejuah

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

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

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Donald Lehmann

SONG OF THE DAY

Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind

And with all your strength.

With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind,
And with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength.

With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength.

With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength.

I will love you Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
With all my strength.
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With all my soul, with all my mind,
With all my strength.

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

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. **Amen.**

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

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG *There is a Redeemer*

There is a Redeemer. Jesus, God’s own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In
your name we pray. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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 *Rock of Ages*

There is no rock, there is no god like our God.
No other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved.
He’s proven himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock. There is no god like ours.

Rock of Ages. Jesus is the Rock.
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SENDING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE

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