

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

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Better is One Day

How lovely is Your Dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
 For my soul longs and even faints for you.
 For hear my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.
 I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
 Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
 Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
 Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty.
 To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
 One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty.
 To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

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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

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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PRAYER

We pray together:
Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?' ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the

cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

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

SECOND READING **James 5:13-20**

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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ALLELUIA *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
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Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Mark 9:38-50**

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

SERMON

Ann Fortin

SONG OF THE DAY

You're Worthy of My Praise

I will worship with all of my heart.
I will praise You with all of my strength.
I will seek You all of my days.
I will follow all of Your ways.

I will give You all my worship.
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship.
You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down, hail You as King.
I will serve You, give You everything.
I will lift up my eyes to Your throne.
I will trust You, trust You alone.

I will give You all my worship.
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship.
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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 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

What Have We to Offer?

What have we to offer? What have we to share?
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.
God will not falter; so let us dare
Lay it at the altar there.

What have we to offer? What have we to bring?
Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;
Dreams of what we're after; promises of when.
Lay it at the altar then.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?
Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;
Truth that must be spoken; justice somehow.
Lay it at the altar now.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?
Lives we will live.

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 OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS

Prayer Response: Until our love reaches every neighbor.

In the name of the One who makes neighbors of us all,
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

Lord, Reign in Me

Over all the earth You reign on high,
Ev'ry mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim
Is that You reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r,
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour;
You are the Lord of all I am. So won't You reign in me again?

Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord.
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing.
So won't You reign in me again?

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r,
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour;
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SENDING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE

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