

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INSTALLATION OF 2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS

### GATHERING SONG *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where the streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me,  
When the world’s all as it should be.  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there’s pain in the offering.  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.  
You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

## CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**  
**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**  
**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**  
**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**  
**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**  
**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:  
In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.  
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.  
**Amen.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all. **And also with you.**

## 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.

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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...

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All the angels and the saints sing praise.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:  
Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**KID’S TIME with Noisy Offering** Pastor Mark

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Blest Are They* **ELW #728**  
Zion Choir Ladies Group

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

**PSALM** **Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those  
    who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
    or take the path that sinners tread,  
    or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    and on his law they meditate day and night.  
<sup>3</sup>They are like trees  
    planted by streams of water,  
    which yield their fruit in its season,  
    and their leaves do not wither.  
    In all that they do, they prosper.  
<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**<sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ — whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

# ALLELUIA

## *The Lord Almighty Reigns*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

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

## GOSPEL

## Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

# SERMON

# Pastor Mark Galbraith

## SONG OF THE DAY

## *Blessed*

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
God's kingdom is theirs today.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
God will comfort them as they pray.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit this place.  
Blessed are those who thirst for righteousness, they will find God's grace.

You are the light of the world,  
a city on top of a hill.  
Let your light shine brightly now,  
always seeking God's will,  
always seeking God's will.

Blessed are the merciful people,  
for they shall be forgiv'n.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for God shall live in them.  
Blessed are the people of peace.  
for they shall be called God's own.  
Blessed are those who suffer for the truth, heaven will be their home.

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Let your light shine brightly now,  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Jesus the Messiah. 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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

### *Prayers of Intercession*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; 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.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

*All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "God's peace be with you" or similar words.*

## OFFERING

*Offering will be taken during worship through the passing of the offering plates. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at [zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving](http://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

### *Everybody's Got Something to Offer*

Everybody's got something to offer;  
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.  
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the lost and lowly ones the message it is clear;  
We have all got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.

Everybody's got something to offer;  
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.  
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the believers gathered here the message it is true;  
We have all got a gift to give in all we say and do.

Everybody's got something to offer;  
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.  
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:  
Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

**BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*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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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.  
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You call me friend.

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**SENDING WORDS**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**