

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*

## 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.  
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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.

Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.  
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**

*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.  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:  
Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you  
gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive  
us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**KIDS’ TIME**

Ann Fortin

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 18:20-32**

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how  
very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to  
the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained  
standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away  
the righteous with the wicked?" <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then

sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

<b>PSALM</b>	<b>Psalm 138</b>	<i>(read responsively)</i>
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<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.  
<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.  
<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.  
<sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.  
<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.  
<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

<b>SECOND READING</b>	<b>Colossians 2:16-19</b>
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<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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<b>ALLELUIA</b> <i>(please stand)</i>	<b><i>Halle, Halle, Hallelujah</i></b>
Halle, halle, hallelujah!	
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Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

The holy gospel according to Luke, the eleventh chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** **Luke 11:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:  
    Father, hallowed be your name.  
    Your kingdom come.  
<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.  
<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,  
    for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
    And do not bring us to the time of trial."  
<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.  
<sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

**SERMON** **Ann Fortin**

**SONG OF THE DAY** *Seek Ye First*  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

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And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

**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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*Prayer response:* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love;  
through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING

*We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this congregation possible. We encourage everyone to give. 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

*Sanctuary*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

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Pure and holy, tried and true.  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

God of all goodness and grace, receive these gifts we offer, and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise, 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.

**BENEDICTION**

The God of peace,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*The Lord Almighty Reigns*

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

He has shown His awesome power,  
He has triumphed mightily.  
He’s the victor over darkness and the grave.  
He has broken chains that bound us,  
He has set the prisoner free  
By His own great mercy we are saved.

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**SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**