

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

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Here I Am to Worship

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.
Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God’s abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
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

Glory

Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.
Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.

Holy One, all creation crowns You King of kings.
Holy One, King of kings, Lord of lords, Holy One.

Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.
Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.

Jesus, Lord with eyes unveiled, we will see Your throne.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Song of God, Emmanuel.

Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:
O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace,
and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KIDS’ TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

SPECIAL MUSIC

Keep Your Hand on That Plow

Zion Men’s Choral Group

PSALM

Psalm 146

(read responsively)

¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
³Do not put your trust in princes,
 in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
 on that very day their plans perish.
⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
 whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶who made heaven and earth,
 the sea, and all that is in them;
 who keeps faith forever;
⁷who executes justice for the oppressed;
 who gives food to the hungry.
 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
 The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
 the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD watches over the strangers;
 he upholds the orphan and the widow,
 but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
 your God, O Zion, for all generations.
 Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING **1 Timothy 6:6-19**

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.
¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

ALLELUIA *Glory Hallelujah*
 Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
 Glory, Gloria
 Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.
 Glory, Gloria!

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
 Glory, Gloria

Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.
Glory, Gloria!

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

GOSPEL **Luke 16:19-31**

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

SERMON **Pastor Jim Holthus**

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 thirt 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.

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.

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

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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

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 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

We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time.
And Lord of all lords You will be.

We bow down and we worship You Lord.
We bow down and we worship You Lord.
We bow down and we worship You Lord.
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of Creation and King of my life,
King of the land and the sea.
You were King of the heavens before there was time,
And King of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King,
King of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we worship You Lord.
We bow down and we worship You Lord.
We bow down and we worship You Lord,
Lord of all lords You will be. You will be.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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.

LITANY

Each of us is broken by sin and less than God has created us to be, but this does not disqualify us from being touched by God and serving God in any capacity, large or small, broken as we are. God uses broken things. It takes broken clouds to give rain, broken ground to give grain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is 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

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of The Lord’s Supper bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord’s Table.

COMMUNION SONG *The Heart of Worship*

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that’s of worth that will bless your heart.
I’ll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You’re looking into my heart.

I’m coming back to the heart of worship, and it’s all about You,
It’s all about You, Jesus.
I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve made it,
When it’s all about You, it’s all about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Though I’m weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev’ry single breath.
I’ll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You’re looking into my heart.

I’m coming back to the heart of worship, and it’s all about You,
It’s all about You, Jesus.
I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve made it,
When it’s all about You, it’s all about You, Jesus.

I’m coming back to the heart of worship, and it’s all about You,
It’s all about You, Jesus.
I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve made it,
When it’s all about You, it’s all about You, Jesus.

POST COMMUNION 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 together:
God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

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.
You alone are worthy of my praise.

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

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE