

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

*Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.*

### 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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To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

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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**

*My Life is In You, Lord*

My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It’s in You.  
My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It’s in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.  
I will praise you with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It’s in You.  
My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It’s in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.  
I will praise you with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It’s in You.  
My life is in You, Lord.

My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You. In You.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:  
Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness.  
Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**KIDS' TIME**

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

**PSALM** **Psalm 84:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!  
<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.  
<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
King and my God.  
<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.  
<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
<sup>6</sup>As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.  
<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**SECOND READING** **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.  
<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

**ALLELUIA** *Hear Our Praises*

From the mountains to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You.  
From the heavens to the nations,  
Hear the singing fill the air.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

From the mountains to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You.  
From the heavens to the nations,  
Hear the singing fill the air.

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

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Jim Holthus**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

***Lord Have Mercy***

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken.  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.  
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you.  
Now I am returning to your mercies ever flowing.  
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies.  
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.  
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence.  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on me.

## **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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

### *Prayers of Intercession*

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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

### *Great is the Lord*

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

## 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

*Refiner’s Fire*

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire.  
Is to be holy, set apart for You Lord.  
I chose to be holy, set apart for You my master.  
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire.  
Is to be holy, set apart for You Lord.  
I chose to be holy, set apart for You my master.  
Ready to do Your will,  
Ready to do Your will,  
Ready to do Your will.

### **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**

***Your Grace is Enough***

Great is Your faithfulness oh God.  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy.  
And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children.  
Remember Your promises oh God.

Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice God.  
You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation.  
And all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children.  
Remember Your promises oh God.

Your grace is enough,  
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#### **SENDING WORDS**

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

#### **POSTLUDE**