Worship Service July 2, 2023

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Fifth Sunday after Pentecost zionlutheranaberdeen.org

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW #729

- Vs. 1, 2, 3, 5
- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
- Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.



Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessir

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Glorify Thy Name W&P #42

Father, we love you, we worship and adore You, Glorify thy name in all the earth; Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore You, Glorify thy name in all the earth; Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore You, Glorify thy name in all the earth; Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, Glorify thy name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC We Are Called Kaelyn Schutter

FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-14

¹God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³So Abraham rose early in the

morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²[The angel] said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (read responsively)

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

¹⁶they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia W&P #6

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 2 He's my Savior, alleluia, he's my Savior, alleluia; he's my Savior, alleluia, he's my Savior, alleluia.
- He is worthy, alleluia, He is worthy, alleluia; He is worthy, alleluia, He is worthy, alleluia.
- I will praise him, alleluia, I will praise him, alleluia; I will praise him, alleluia, I will praise him, alleluia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

SERMON Pastor Jim Holthus

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

ELW #767

- Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way; direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.
 Without your grace and favor I go astray; so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.
- Lord, when the tempest rages,
 I need not fear;
 for you, the Rock of Ages,
 are always near.
 Close by your side abiding,
 I fear no foe,
 for when your hand is guiding,
 in peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,
then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.

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 abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

Prayer response: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.



OFFERING HYMN We Give Thee but Thine Own ELW #686

- 1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.
- The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace it is a Christlike thing.
- 4 And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

Let us pray in confidence the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

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 HYMN

Just as I Am Without One Plea

ELW #592

- Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
- Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

BLESSING

And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which you have received, strengthen you and keep you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ⊕ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Lead On, O King Eternal

ELW #805

- 1 Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
- 2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Share the harvest. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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