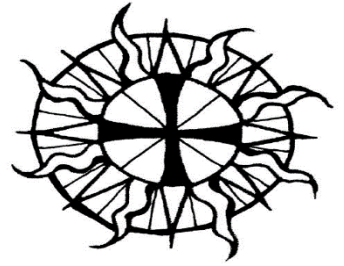


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Cry of My Heart

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.
It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
So I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more and more
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.
It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.
All of the days of my life.
All of the days of my life.

INVOCATION

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ☩ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
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

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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & TEACHER INSTALLATION

PSALM

Psalm 119:33-40

(read responsively)

- ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
- ³⁴**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**
- ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
- ³⁶**Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.**
- ³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.
- ³⁸**Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**
- ³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
- ⁴⁰**See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

SERMON

Pastor Jim Holthus

SONG OF THE DAY

Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see so clearly.

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
And hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,
They're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
And hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,
They're washed away.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing Your praise
Than when we first begun.

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
And hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,
They're washed away.

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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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Prayer response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through 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 SONG

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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, 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

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

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

Amazing Love

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly,
That I, the guilty one, may go free?
Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,
The Son of God giv'n for me;

My debt he pays and my death he dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

And so, they watched him die, despised, rejected;
But, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.
Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,
The Son of God giv'n for me;
My debt he pays and my death he dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come, wash your guilt away, live again.
Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,
The Son of God giv'n for me;
My debt he pays and my death he dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

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: **Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of Glory, Lord of Love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness.
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays.

Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest.
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest.

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine.
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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