

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

*Made to Worship*

Before the day, before the light.  
Before the world revolved around the sun.  
God on high stepped down into time  
And wrote the story of His love for everyone.  
He has filled our hearts with wonder.  
So that we always remember;

You and I were made to worship  
You and I are called to love.  
You and I are forgiven and free.  
When you and I embrace surrender,  
When you and I choose to believe  
Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

All we are, and all we have.  
Is all a gift from God that we receive.  
Brought to life we open our eyes,  
To see the majesty and glory of the king.  
He has filled our hearts with wonder.  
So that we always remember;

You and I were made to worship  
You and I are called to love.  
You and I are forgiven and free.  
When you and I embrace surrender,  
When you and I choose to believe  
Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

Even the rocks cry out,  
Even the heavens shout,  
At the sound of His Holy name.  
So let every voice sing out  
Let every knee bow down

He's worthy of all our praise

You and I were made to worship

You and I are called to love.

You and I are forgiven and free.

When you and I embrace surrender,

When you and I choose to believe

Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

### 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

*Kyrie Eleison*

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.

Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the Church,

For the unity of all;

For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.

Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response

To the hungry and the poor;

That we may live out truth and justice and grace,

Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.

Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,

For friends and family; for life and for love,

For our work and our play,

Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.

Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives

In the water and the word; that you nourish our souls

With your body and blood,

Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.

Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

## FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings

by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL**

## **Matthew 21:33-46**

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Jim Holthus

### SONG OF THE DAY

#### *Cornerstone*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteous.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.  
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteous.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.  
Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

### 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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

### *What Have We to Offer?*

What have we to offer? What have we to share?  
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.  
God will not falter; so let us dare  
Lay it at the altar there.

What have we to offer? What have we to bring?  
Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;  
Dreams of what we're after; promises of when.  
Lay it at the altar then.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?  
Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;  
Truth that must be spoken; justice somehow.  
Lay it at the altar now.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?  
Lives we will live.

## 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

*You are My All in All*

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel.

Lord to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,

Rising again, I bless your name.

You are my all in all.

When I fall down You pick me up.

When I am dry You fill my cup.

You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

## 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**

## ***Mighty is Our God***

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King.  
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.  
Glory to our God. Glory to our King.  
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name.  
His power is greater, for He has created everything.

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King.  
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.  
Glory to our God. Glory to our King.  
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name.  
His power is greater, for He has created everything.

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King.  
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.  
Glory to our God. Glory to our King.  
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything,  
Ruler of everything, ruler of everything

## **SENDING WORDS**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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