

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we turn our hearts to worship:

Bless this place and these people, God of breath, God of healing, ✝ and God of blessing, as we are gathered to hear your word and dwell in your peace. Let our words and music be a feast upon your ears, dear Lord, as we honor you now.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We are called in baptismal waters to be one community, brothers and sisters, celebrating God's gifts and movement in the world.

Rekindle our spirits, Lord, and strengthen us for our common task to live as champions of the gospel.

We are called by the Word, to feast together on bread and wine; Jesus' life for us, God's power of forgiveness and restoration for us.

Refresh our spirits, Lord, and strengthen us for our common task to live as champions of the gospel.

We are called to serve together, a discipleship team working together.

Renew our spirits, Lord, and strengthen us for our common task to live as champions of the gospel.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, leader of our lives,

we confess the ways we have failed to trust you and how our distrust contributes to broken realities. Through acts known and unknown, we hurt our relationship with You, our neighbors, our friends, and ourselves. We damage our community and creation through our pride and let fears turn us to false prophets. Forgive us, loving Father; restore us, loving Son; and empower us, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. You are \mp restored. The Spirit is upon you to live, strengthened for the work of the gospel; sharing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control as proclaimers of the Good News. **Amen.**

SONG OF REFLECTION

Mercy

Mercy, mercy Lord,
Your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy Lord,
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

You have been patient with our offenses.
You have forgiven all of our sins.
We were deserving only Your judgment,
But Your great mercy triumphed again.

Mercy, mercy Lord,
Your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy Lord,
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

Lord, You have taught us, love one another.
As You have loved us, so we must love.
Always forbearing, always forgiving.
Showing to others the mercy we've known.

Mercy, mercy Lord,
Your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy Lord,
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

The Lord Almighty Reigns

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:32-36

³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

FOCUS TEXT

Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reverend Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

All My Days (Beautiful Savior)

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness.
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never ending;
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshipers will share one song,
And cries of worthy will honor the Lamb.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness.
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign.

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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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **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

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Jesus, bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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

We come to the table of the Lord
to receive manna provided by the loving Father.

We come to the table of the Lord,
taking in the manna of Christ to heal our soul.

We come to the table of the Lord,
beckoned by manna of the Spirit that invites us to receive.

We come to the table of the Lord,
trusting that in faith, we are extended mercy, offered forgiveness, and made free to respond with joy.

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Coming forward is a sign of faith, active and hungry to eat at God's table. All are welcome. This is God's benevolence for you.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun

Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun

Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun

Oh, Lord have mercy on me.

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Jesus, bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

MINISTRY MOMENT

BLESSING

In God, Father, Son, \mp and Holy Spirit, you are free. Live as an expression of joy for what God has done for you. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

You Shine

Why should I fear man

When You made the heavens.

Why should I be afraid

When You put the stars in place.

Why should I lose heart
When I know how great You are.
Why should I give up
When Your plans are full of love.

In this world we will have trouble.
But You have overcome the world.

You shine brighter than the brightest star.
Your love, purer than the purest heart.
You shine, filling us with courage and strength
To follow You.

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SENDING WORDS

Go into the world as champions of gospel living.
Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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