

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Fifteenth 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 HYMN

*Praise, Praise! You are My Rock*

ELW #862

Vs. 1, 3, 4, 6

- 1 Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
The wind, the waves are high.  
You hold me when the waves are strong.  
You hold me lest I die, I die.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.
- 3 Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
You calm the fear and pain.  
One word of faith and I am well,  
I rise to praise and walk again.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.
- 4 Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
You host the table set.  
We break the bread, we drink the cup;  
we know whom we have met, have met.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.
- 6 Praise, praise! You are my rock.  
You stood high on a hill.  
A holy cloud: you are on high.  
Be still, my heart, be still, be still.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

## 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 ✠ 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.**

## HYMN OF REFLECTION

*Glory to God*

ELW, pg. 213

*Refrain*

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. *Refrain*

3 For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

### 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: O God our strength, **without you we are weak and wayward creatures.**  
**In all circumstances, lift our hands to reach for you, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, that we may be preserved by you and show others your healing power. In Jesus' name we pray.**  
Amen.

### KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

#### SONG OF PREPARATION

*Alleluia*

ELW, pg. 216

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia

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

### GOSPEL

**Luke 8:43-48**

<sup>43</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. <sup>44</sup>She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. <sup>45</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you." <sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." <sup>47</sup>When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden,

she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

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

## **FOCUS TEXT**

## **Hebrews 11:1-16, 12:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer*

ELW #618

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
  
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.
  
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

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

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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 HYMN

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

ELW #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## 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

Gathered into one by the works of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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

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.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Canticle of Thanksgiving*

Zach Anderson, vocalist

## 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 HYMN

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW #597

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### *Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*



## **SENDING WORDS**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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