

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Twenty-First 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

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
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And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the fading of the summer sun, the shortening of days, cooling breeze, swallows' flight and moonlight rays,
we see the Creator's hand.

In the browning of leaves once green, morning mists, autumn chill, fruit that falls, frost's first kiss,
we see the Creators' hand.

Creator God, source of all life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you plant seeds in the soil of our heart, and with your Word, they root. You cultivate them with your mercy and grace so that they flourish and manifest as fruit to be shared with others. However, in our sin, we mistakenly create barriers that keep us from sharing the fruit.

A moment of silence for self-examination.

Source of all life,
we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us for our sins, known and unknown. Reform us to be a church powered by your love to be champions of the gospel, cultivating communities of caring in Your name.
Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven. ✠ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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.
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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: God who answers prayers, we are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear.
Amen.

KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING

SONG OF PREPARATION

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 Luke, the first chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT

1 Samuel 1:9-20; 2:1-10

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹²As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." ¹⁵But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." ¹⁷Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." ¹⁸And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

- ¹Hannah prayed and said,
 "My heart exults in the LORD;
 my strength is exalted in my God.
 My mouth derides my enemies,
 because I rejoice in my victory."
- ²"There is no Holy One like the LORD,
 no one besides you;
 there is no Rock like our God."
- ³Talk no more so very proudly,
 let not arrogance come from your mouth;
 for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
 and by him actions are weighed."
- ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken,
 but the feeble gird on strength."
- ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
 but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
 The barren has borne seven,
 but she who has many children is forlorn."
- ⁶The LORD kills and brings to life;
 he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- ⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
 he brings low, he also exalts."
- ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust;
 he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
 to make them sit with princes
 and inherit a seat of honor.
 For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
 and on them he has set the world."
- ⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
 but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
 for not by might does one prevail."
- ¹⁰The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
 the Most High will thunder in heaven.
 The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
 he will give strength to his king,
 and exalt the power of his anointed."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reverend Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move,
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold.
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as You choose.

Here am I, all of me.
Take my life, it's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for thee.
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee.

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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

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

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **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

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 plenty, God of harvest, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources for life and labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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
with hope for the harvest of God's mercy granted by the Father.

We come to the table of the Lord
with hope for the harvest of God's grace bestowed to us through Christ.

We come to the table of the Lord
with hope for the harvest of God's joy, called forth by the Spirit.

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

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 to come and taste the love of God.

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

There is None Like You

There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.

There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.

Your mercy flows like a river wide, and healing comes from Your hands.
Suffering children are safe in Your arms. There is none like You.

There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.

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BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a loving voice of healing and justice to all the world, offering them vision and hope that comes through you, Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

MINISTRY MOMENT

BLESSING

Rooted in faith, growing in spirit, connecting with other to cultivate communities of caring, may God almighty Father, Son, \mp and Holy Spirit, shine the light of hope upon you in all circumstances. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Rock of Ages

There is no rock, there is no god like our God.
No other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved.
He's proven himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock. There is no god like ours.

Rock of Ages. Jesus is the Rock.
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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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