

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ our provider, our healer, and our keeper. As we are gathered to hear your word,
make our ears receptive to your calling and our eyes keen to see you at work. Make this a place where your mission is lived, empowering us to cultivate communities of caring and belonging as champions of the gospel. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Today

Today, I choose, to follow you.
Today, I choose to give my yes to you.
Today, I chose to hear your voice and live
Today, I chose, to follow you.
As for me and my house,
We will serve You.
As for me and my house,
We will spend our lives on You today.

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OPENING DIALOGUE

Rejoice, people of God! A new day has dawned and God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.
Praise God for God's word and its influence and affect upon our lives.

Rejoice, people of God! Listen and respond to God, who meets us where we are and greets us with love and mercy.

Come, O Lord; we are ready. Speak to us the Word we need. Transform us to into your living grace.

A moment of silence.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we speak truth concerning the broken realities we cling to. We have harmed your good creation with our quest for more. We grumble about the grace you offer to those we would condemn. Often our eyes are closed tight, and we fail to see the good we can do in your name. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life through your mercy and forgiveness. Amen.

Beloved of God, even when we are faithless, God remains faithful; greeting us in Jesus, the one who came into the world of brokenness to offer healing. Receive that healing and renewal. In the name of ✠ Jesus, you are forgiven! **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

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!

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: Beckoning God, **in the stillness of the night you called Samuel into your service. Call us into service with a voice we are able to hear, and give us hearts to come when we are called. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

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 John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

FIRST READING

John 20:21-23

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT

1 Samuel 3:1-21

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. ²¹The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

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

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

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

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Step by Step

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
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I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways;
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And I will follow You all of my days.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Lord of the harvest, **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is our duty and our joy to celebrate, giving thanks and praise to the almighty and merciful God,
celebrating the provision God has bestowed upon us.

We come under the promise of the resurrection, confident that the Holy Spirit is poured out, uniting us as one body—many nations, yet one people;
celebrating the action of God to heal our wounded hearts and renew our spirit.

With all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth, sea and stars, and all the creatures, angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we celebrate with joy-filled hearts to be storytellers of God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.

Let us give great thanks and praise, singing:

**Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup
until you come again.**

**Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours.**

**Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup
until you come again.**

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the work 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

The Table is rich with the provision of God. Come, eat, and rejoice.

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 AFTER THE MEAL

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

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Let us pray together: Abundant God, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING BLESSING

The God of wonder, who creates life out of darkness, who provides food to the hungry, who sets the captive free, ✠ bless you now and forever to live and share abundantly the good news you have received. **Amen.**

SENDING 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.

SENDING WORDS

Go into the world with bold hearts for generous living.
Thanks be to God, and we will.

POSTLUDE

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