

15th SUNDAY after PENTECOST
September 6, 2026 – 10:30 am

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 **Zion Lutheran Sioux Falls**

AS WE GATHER

While we rejoice in God’s gracious forgiveness and blessing for ourselves, as people chosen by God, we are also given the responsibility to be faithful proclaimers of God’s faithful Word of forgiveness to others, including those who sin against us or reject our love. To speak of our responsibilities may remind us that the love we owe one another can appear at times to be a chore, requiring effort on our part. The prophet Ezekiel was called by God and given the responsibility of being a “watchman,” someone who delivers God’s word of warning and deliverance regarding sin. At times, it is a difficult chore to speak God’s Word to those who may ignore us or even reject us. Yet God, who called and appointed Ezekiel, also calls you by your Baptism and enlightens and strengthens you by His Spirit even in the face of rejection. Through all our days, we keep the eye of our faith on God’s promised deliverance and pray, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

OPENING PRAISE SONG: Lion and the Lamb © Big Daddy Weave

Verse 1

He’s coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop The Lord almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah
He’s roaring with power And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

Verse 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of Kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Chorus

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He’s roaring with power And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains
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Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

Chorus

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He’s roaring with power And fighting our battles
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Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
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WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
People: whose sin is covered.

Pastor: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, we gather together as the baptized children of God. Let us come to Him confessing our need of Him and begging His forgiveness.
People: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your children, confess to You our waywardness. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds. We are sinful from birth. We do not deserve Your love. Yet by Your own Gospel promise we dare to come before You imploring Your grace. Forgive us our sins, gather us as Your own children, and give us Your love and life. Amen.

Pastor: “Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Upon this your confession and prayer, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

PRAISE SONG: He Is David Crowder | Hank Bentley | Jeff Pardo

Verse 1

If you're troubled Heavy hearted
Come to Jesus and find your peace

If you're run down Empty handed
Come to Jesus and find your strength He is

Chorus

Hope for the hopeless Rest for the weary Help for the hurting
He is, He is Mending the broken Bearing the burdens
All that you're needing He is

Verse 2

If you're wandering In the darkness
Come to Jesus and find your way

If you want freedom Need forgiveness
Just come to Jesus and find His grace He is

Chorus

Hope for the hopeless Rest for the weary Help for the hurting
He is, He is Mending the broken Bearing the burdens
All that you're needing He is

Bridge

Comforter, Counselor, Prince of Peace Author and Maker of everything
Defender, Deliverer, King of kings He is, He is

Helper and Healer forevermore Savior and Shelter through every storm
My Refuge, Redeemer and Lord of Lords He is, He is

Child of Heaven and Son of Man Provider, Protector, the great I AM
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End He Is, He Is

Chorus

Hope for the hopeless Rest for the weary Help for the hurting
He is, He is Mending the broken Bearing the burdens
All that you're needing He is
All that you're needing He is

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together

People: O God, from whom all proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

Here ends the Reading.

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:1-10

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their

full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along,

so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING SONG: Who You Say We Are © Steven Curtis Chapman

Verse 1

Oh how great is the love The Father has lavished on us
That we should be called the children of God
Oh how great was the cost The Father was willing to pay
So we could be called the children of God

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Verse 2

Oh how great is Your amazing grace That took us as orphans and slaves
And made us Your heirs and gave us Your name
There's nothing more that we could ever do You finished it all on the cross
And rose from the grave and brought us with You

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Pre-chorus 2

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You Jesus
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 2

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

End Tag

Hallelujah we are who You say we are

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Bryan Fowler | Jacob Sooter | Matt Maher

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power
The glory are Yours It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
Forever and ever The kingdom is Yours

Bridge

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power
The glory are Yours It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
Forever and ever The kingdom is Yours

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Ending

On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

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Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!