

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD  
Reformation Sunday  
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### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.*

### PRELUDE

*This is the Day*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION *(please stand)*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness

to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**     *(please be seated)*

### **GATHERING 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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### **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

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and give to your Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING     **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

## PSALM             **Psalm 46**     *(read responsively)*

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**  
though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**  
behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING     Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

## ALLELUIA

*Hear Our Praises*

From the mountains to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You.  
From the heavens to the nations,  
Hear the singing fill the air.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

From the mountains to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You.  
From the heavens to the nations,  
Hear the singing fill the air.

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL             John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you

free.”<sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

**SONG OF THE DAY**

*I Can Only Imagine*

I can only imagine what it will be like,  
When I walk by your side.  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see,  
When your face is before me.  
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by your glory,  
What will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for Jesus,  
Or in awe of you be still?  
Will I stand in your presence  
Or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing hallelujah,  
Will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes,  
And I find myself standing in the Son.  
I can only imagine what I will do.  
Is forever, forever worship You.  
I can only imagine.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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. *(please be seated)***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*After each petition:*    God is our refuge and strength,  
   **a very present help in trouble.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

## OFFERING

*Offering will not be taken during worship; a basket is available in the back of the sanctuary to drop off today's offering. As we continue to worship through the gift of radio and internet, 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 SONG

*I'll Bless the Lord*

I'll bless the Lord forevermore,  
and in my mouth all praise shall be;  
my soul rejoices in the Lord;  
O magnify the Lord with me.

This poor one cried; God answered me,  
and rescued me from all my pain;  
the angel of the Lord is near,  
and will deliver me again.

O taste and see; the Lord is good;  
your happiness will ne'er depart;  
O fear the Lord, you saints of earth,  
for those who fear will have no want.

## OFFERING PRAYER

We bring you these gifts, O God,  
from what we have first received from you.  
Use them, we pray, to enable the ministries of this church  
to flourish as we together serve our neighbors,  
both near and far away, by showing love  
and doing mercy in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG**

*Awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above.  
With wisdom, pow'r and love, our God is an awesome God.

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#### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*This Little Light of Mine*



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