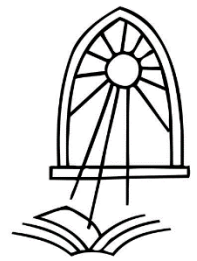


Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Reformation Sunday
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Kathy Heffernan

GATHERING SONG

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you;
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CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection and personal confession.

God our comforter:
like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

The Lord of Light

The Lord of light is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.
Though wars may rage
and pain surrounds you,
your heart will hope.
He's the source of life.

The Lord of light is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.
Wait, be still.
God's strong arms keep you.
Wait, be strong.
He's the source of life.

The Lord of light is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the source of life.
For in the day of trouble,
He will keep me safe.
Though enemies surround me,
I will sing to the Lord.

The Lord of life, is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the Lord of life.
The Lord of life, is my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? He's the Lord of life.

PRAYER

We pray together:
**Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 46

(read responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**
³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
⁸**Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**
⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰**"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."**
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING

Galatians 2:15-17

¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!

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

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?"
³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

SERMON

Pastor Mark Galbraith

SONG OF THE DAY

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess,
bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart,
You're the One that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are.
Where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh, God how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You
when temptations come my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God’s creation.

Prayers of Intercession

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through 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. 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

Thy Word

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
Still you’re there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,
And a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path.

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray together. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ’s body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *I Am Free*

Through You the blind will see. Through You the mute will sing.
Through You the dead will rise. Through You all hearts will praise.
Through You the darkness flees. Through You my heart screams,
I am free! I am free!

(Song Leader) I am free to run.
(Cong. Echo) **I am free to run.**
(Song Leader) I am free to dance.
(Cong. Echo) **I am free to dance.**
(Song Leader) I am free to live for You.
(Cong. Echo) **I am free to live for You.**
(Song Leader) I am free!
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SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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