

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Reformation/Confirmation Sunday
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness,
grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,
One day ev'ry knee will bow;
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

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Come, just as you are before your God, come.

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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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

We are All One in Mission

Men's Choir Group

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 11:9-10; 12:1

⁹Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

¹⁰Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

¹Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no pleasure in them".

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 4:11-16

¹¹These are the things you must insist on and teach. ¹²Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. ¹⁵Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see

your progress. ¹⁶Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

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 John, the third chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 3: 1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jim Holthus

SONG OF THE DAY

Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame.
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb, till I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive.
All my failure I tried to hide.
It was my tomb, till I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

Now Your mercy has saved my soul.
And Your freedom is all I know.
The old made new, Jesus when I met you.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy.
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter, I was an orphan.
Now You call me a citizen of heaven.

When I was broken, You were my healing.
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future, my eyes are open.

'Cause when You called my name, I ran out of that grave,
out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave,
out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Michael Bjorgaard, Kailey Jensen, Isaac Vander Weyst

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

Everybody's Got Something to Offer

Everybody's got something to offer;
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the lost and lowly ones the message it is clear;
We have all got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.

Everybody's got something to offer;
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the believers gathered here the message it is true;
We have all got a gift to give in all we say and do.

Everybody's got something to offer;
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:
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.

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

Each of us is broken by sin and less than God has created us to be, but this does not disqualify us from being touched by God and serving God in any capacity, large or small, broken as we are.

God uses broken things. It takes broken clouds to give rain, broken ground to give grain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in 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

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

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 SONGS

Amazing Grace; He is Exalted

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Thru' many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
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BLESSING

And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which you have received, strengthen you and keep you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven, the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, keep us steadfast in the promise and life-giving hope of your resurrection, that by the Holy Spirit we might testify to the power and grace of your work for us and all people. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Mighty is Our God

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King.

Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.

Glory to our God. Glory to our King.

Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name.

His power is greater, for He has created everything.

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King.

Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.

Glory to our God. Glory to our King.

Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name.

His power is greater, for He has created everything.

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King.

Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.

Glory to our God. Glory to our King.

Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything,

Ruler of everything, ruler of everything

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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