

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" ~ African American Spiritual; Arr. D. Kartsonakis

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 104:24, 30-35b

P ²⁴How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

R ³¹**May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

P ³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

R ³³**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

P ³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

R ^{35b}**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

GATHERING

HYMN

"O Day Full of Grace" (vs.1-4)

HYMN NO. 627

**O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.**

BENEDICTION IN SPANISH

Rev. Dr. Judith Spindt, SWT Bishop's Assistant

A To the good people of Zion, the people of Fredericksburg, and anyone who maybe listening or watching.

El Señor te bendiga y te guarde

El Señor haga resplandecer su rostro sobre ti y sea propicio

El Señor vuelve a ti su rostro y te conceda la paz. Amén.

(English translation)

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen

DISMISSAL

P The Spirit sends us forth to serve our neighbors and proclaim God's love for the world. Let us share the Good News that Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

R **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

HYMN

"Spirit of Gentleness" (vs.1,3,4)

HYMN NO. 396

**Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:**

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through
your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain**

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.**

With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940; Text © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

"Pentecostal Power" by Charles H. Gabriel

P O God, your spirit of healing is needed now for all who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray now for all who seek your healing, especially those who we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
R **hear our prayer.**

P O God, your spirit of hope leads saints in all times and places back to you. Stir in us the desire to follow their example, and center our lives around you. Lord, in your mercy,
R **hear our prayer.**

P With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
R **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN GERMAN

Ernestine Grunau

A **Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name; dein Reich komme; dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel so auf Erden. Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute. Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern; und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen. Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.**
R **Amen**

(English translation)

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

**O day full of grace, O blessed time,
our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime,
great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
all shame and despair removing.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless
singing.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost,
the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost,
its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface
and bring to us all true healing.**

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.; Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R **And also with you.**

KYRIE *(Spoken)*

HYMNAL p. 147

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

R **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE*“Glory to God...”***HYMNAL p. 148**

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

R Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY IN SLOVAK

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Ó Bože, v tento deň otváraš srdcia svojich verných ľudí tým, že do nás posielaš svojho Ducha Svätého. Ved' nás svetlom tohoto Ducha, aby sme mohli mať správny úsudok vo všetkých veciach a radovať sa stále v Tvojom pokoji, skrze Ježiša Krista, Tvojho Syna a nášho Pána, ktorý žije a vládne s Tebou a Duchom Svätým, jediným Bohom, teraz a navždy.

R Amen*(English Translation)*

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

YTZ**SPECIAL MUSIC***“Send the Light”* by Chas. H. Gabriel***Zion Gospel Singers*****WORD****FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21**

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING IN FRENCH***Carolyn Schonaerts***

P Let us pray.

A Nous laisse prier. Dieu de l'abondance, nos vies débordent de ta grâce et de ton amour. Nous vous offrons nos cadeaux en remerciement pour votre bonté et au service de notre voisin. Continuez à ouvrir les yeux sur les besoins des gens qui nous entourent et à développer en nous un esprit de générosité et de gentillesse qui reflète votre souci de tous.

R Amen*(English translation)*

God of abundance, our lives overflow with your grace and love. We offer you our gifts in thanksgiving for your goodness and in service to our neighbor. Continue to open our eyes to the needs of people around us, and grow in us a spirit of generosity and kindness that reflects your care for all people. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P O God, your spirit of generosity bestows gifts on us all. Help us to recognize and grow our talents and use them in service of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

R hear our prayer.

P O God, your spirit of love rejoices in recent graduates whose work is now complete. We pray today for all high school, college, and university students whose graduation is not as they imagined. Show them and their families that while life is often uncertain, you are a firm foundation. Lord, in your mercy,

R hear our prayer.

P O God, your spirit of creativity breathes life into the world around us. Grant us wisdom to recognize your handiwork in all creation and inspire us to fulfill our role as caretakers of the earth's resources. Lord, in your mercy,

R hear our prayer.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Apostles' Creed

R 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

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

OFFERING

The work of God continues, even when we can't gather in person. While the offering plate can't be passed around, there are still several ways to tithe:

- Mail your offering envelope to the church office
- Check out Zion's website for online donation option via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)
OR you can go directly to this link <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1367077>
- Set up direct bill pay at your personal bank

*And always remember, there are **many** ways we can make offerings to God, such as prayer and acts of service.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.
R Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMNAL p. 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.
R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 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.” (NRSV)

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Empowered by the Holy Spirit” **Rev. Ron Windecker**

HYMN “God of Tempest, God...” (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 400**

**God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
 as on Pentecost descend!
 Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
 past these walls your people send!
 Sweep us into costly service,
 there with Christ to bear the cross,
 there with Christ to bear the cross!**

**God of blazing, God of burning,
 all that blocks your purpose, purge!
 Through your church, Christ's living Body,
 let your flaming Spirit surge!
 Where deceit conceals injustice,
 kindle us to speak your truth,
 kindle us to speak your truth!**

**God of passion, God unsleeping,
 stir in us love's restlessness!
 Where the people cry in anguish,
 may we share your heart's distress.
 Rouse us from content with evil;
 claim us for your kingdom's work,
 claim us for your kingdom's work!**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Melva Chancellor-Burnham, Claribel Hannemann, Peggy Janssen, Leola Landis, Gary McVey, Bee Troxell, Evelyn Wells, Edith Wilderotter, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

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Congratulations to our 2020 High School Senior!

JARRIS HAWKINS is the son of Grover and Denise Hawkins and grandson of Doris Schneider.

We pray that God will bless him with wisdom and continue to guide them throughout all of life's journeys.

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Jarris Hawkins was on Varsity Tennis Team. His team won the State Tennis Championship in 2018 and 2019. He was active in Young Life and Wednesday Youth Worship and Praise (WYWP). He was a member of FFA his Freshman through Junior year. He is a member of FBG Tennis Association. Jarris plans to go to West TX A&M and then transfer to Texas State for he wants to be a physical therapist.

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Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$955, your Food Pantry Contributions of \$110, your Needs Council Contributions of \$85, and your Postage Contributions of \$25 given this past week.

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We had 85 views of last Sunday's video on our YouTube channel.

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The Zion Women of the ELCA will have a virtual Bible Study on Zoom next Thursday, June 4 at 1:30pm. If you are interested, but need instructions, please call the church office at 997-2195.

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