

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

2nd Sunday after Pentecost June 14, 2020

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Liebestraum/Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

by Franz Liszt/Thomas O. Chisholm & William M. Runyan; Arr. D. Kartsonakis

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

R Amen

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Reconciling God,

R we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

R Amen

DISMISSAL

P Be at peace. Christ is with you.

R Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN “God...” (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 673**

**God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.**

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

“He Lives” by Alfred H. Ackley

P Holy One, we have created divisions You will not own. In places of conflict, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals who are affected by the unrest in our nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

R hear our prayer.

P Lord of life, Your Word can instantly change all things. Look with mercy on the sick and injured, including those we name in our hearts. If it be Your will, give them healing, restoration, and strength. Sustain and comfort those who mourn the death of loved ones, that they may find hope in the resurrection of Your only Son. Constantly encourage all those in need with your grace and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

R hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

R 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

P Beloved of God, by the abundance of your love we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

GATHERING

HYMN *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* (vs.1-3) **HYMN NO. 765**

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.**

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953; Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

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

P The Lord be with you. **R And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in the confidence we have in Jesus Christ, let us make our petitions known to the Father of all mercy.

A brief silence.

P Lord God, we deserve nothing but Your wrath, but You bestow Your goodness on those who take refuge in You. By Your Holy Spirit give us true humility that confesses the sins of our hearts, cries out to You, and joyfully receives the gifts Your Son has won for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

R hear our prayer.

P Protecting Father, we pray that You will defend, encourage, and provide for the poor, hungry, homeless, and unemployed. Make all Your people eager to provide to those in need both the comfort of Your created gifts and the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

R hear our prayer.

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain:

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960; Text © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company

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**

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I Am Lord"

Ray Salinas

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:1-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

¹On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ²They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

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³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. (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. Matthew, the 9th & 10th Chapters.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 9:35-38, 10:1-8

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. (NRSV)

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

SERMON

"Listen, Love and Learn"

Rev. Lisa Hoelscher

HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **HYMN NO. 733**

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
 thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
 Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Marilyn Green (sister of Julia Weden), Myrtle Becker, 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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The Special Concern for June is the Gillespie Literacy Council. The Literacy Council relies on funding from churches, civic groups, and individuals in our community. Please consider helping with this ministry. You can make a big difference in someone's life right here in our community. Ten students became US citizens in 2020. Besides the Corona Virus our students are being impacted by an increase in the Citizenship application fee. In October the fee will increase from \$740 to \$1200.

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Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$5,215, your Building Fund Contributions of \$125, Literacy Council Contributions of \$75, Food Pantry Contributions of \$100, and Postage Contributions of \$50 given this past week.

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We had 69 views of last Sunday's video on our YouTube channel.

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