

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    June 28, 2020**

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P=Presider    **R=Responses**

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)*

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*“As the Deer”* by Martin Nystrom & *“Seek Ye First”* by Karen Lafferty

## 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**

## DISMISSAL

P    Be at peace. Christ is with you.

**R    Thanks be to God.**

## SENDING HYMN    *“Go, My Children...”*    **HYMN NO. 543**

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river  
    I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing,  
    you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
    at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
    what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
    at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
    joyful and free.”**

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
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*“We’re Marching to Zion”* by Robert Lowry & Isaac Watts

P God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned especially those we name in our hearts. Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

P God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through 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**

### 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**

P Merciful God, by the abundance of your love we have peace with you 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**      *"God, Whose Almighty..."*      **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.**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place 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.

### 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. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through 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 Called into unity with one another and all of creation, let us pray for the Church, the world, and our community.

*A brief silence.*

P God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

P God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

P God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

**HYMN** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth..." **HYMN NO. 551**

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.**

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939; Text © 1993 Delores Dufner, OSB. Published by OCP Pub

**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**

"How Great Thou Art"

**Ray Salinas**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet." (NRSV)

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING Romans 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (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 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**R Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” (NRSV)

P The gospel of the Lord.

**R Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“RSVP Daily”

**Rev. Lisa Hoelscher**



## 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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**You are invited to join us for Zion's WELCA Bible Study on Thursday, July 2, a 1:30 via ZOOM.** Jerri Striegler will be our study leader as we look at the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19. Pastor Lisa will convene our meeting. To join download the free ZOOM app. Pastor Lisa will send you an invitation and a link you can click on to join. You will need a computer or cell phone. Invite a friend. Call the church office if you need help.

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**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$4,940, Literacy Council Contributions of \$650, your Food Pantry Contributions of \$150, your Needs Council Contributions of \$150, and your Postage Contributions of \$80 given this past week.

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**We had 62 views** of last Sunday's video on our YouTube channel.

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**IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN IN THE MAIL BY SATURDAY.....PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH OFFICE PORCH FOR COPIES YOU CAN PICK UP.**

PORTALS OF PRAYER FOR JULY-SEPT CAN ALSO BE PICKED UP FROM THE BOX ON THE CHURCH OFFICE PORCH.



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