

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    June 21, 2020**

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P=Presider    **R=Responses**

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*"God Of Our Fathers"* by George W. Warren & Daniel C. Roberts; Arr. Dino 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**

## DISMISSAL

P    Be at peace. Christ is with you.

**R    Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING HYMN** *"The Church's..."* (vs.1,2,4,5) **HYMN NO. 654**

**The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.**

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

*"God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"* by John Zundel & George W. Frazer

P Holy One, our sinful nature causes divisions among us. Where there is conflict, bring reconciliation. Where there is doubt, bring hope. Where there is injustice, bring righteousness. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

P Holy One, you care for each and every one of us, especially those who are in need or struggling. Send your Holy Spirit of comfort and healing to those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those who we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

P Holy One, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Show us how we can use what you have given us to bring the Good News of your love to everyone we know, and give us wisdom to know how we can serve you better each day. 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** *"Our Father, by Whose Name"* **HYMN NO. 640**

**Our Father, by whose name  
all parenthood is known,  
in love divine you claim  
each fam'ly as your own.**

**Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well,  
with constant love as sentinel,  
the homes in which your people dwell.**

**O Christ, yourself a child within an earthly home,  
with heart still undefiled to full adulthood come:**

**our children bless in ev'ry place  
that they may all behold your face  
and, knowing you, may grow in grace.**

**O Holy Spirit, bind our hearts in unity  
and teach us how to find  
the love from self set free;  
in all our hearts such love increase  
that ev'ry home, by this release,  
may be the dwelling place of peace.**

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.

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### 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. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, 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 Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, lay leaders, and preachers who help us grow in faith. Guide your church, that we might be a holy people and equip us to serve your kingdom here on earth. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gift of fathers and all who provide fatherly care. Bless them and inspire them to model their lives after your example. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

P Holy One, the whole earth is yours and all that is in it. Bless the work of farmers, ranchers, gardeners, and anyone who works with the land, crops, or creatures. Inspire us to care for what you have provided. Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

## HYMN

*“Faith of Our Fathers”* **HYMN NO. 812**

**Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

***Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.***

**The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,  
were still in heart and conscience free;  
and blest would be their children's fate  
if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain***

**Faith of our fathers! We will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife;  
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,  
by saving word and faithful life. *Refrain***

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

## 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** *“The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”*  
**Melinda Hierholzer**

## WORD

### FIRST READING **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. (NRSV)

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**R** **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING **Romans 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

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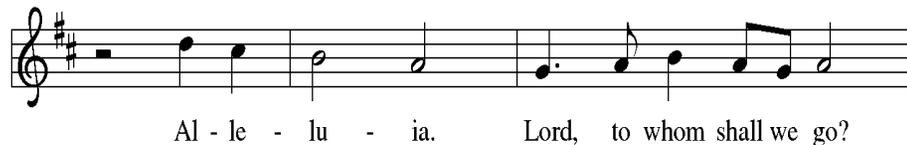
<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**HYMNAL p. 151**



P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL Matthew 10:26-33**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. (NRSV)

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*“Let’s Show Some Enthusiasm!”*

***Rev. Ron Windecker***



## 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.

### Happy Father's Day

to all those who give fatherly care.

**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.

**The Encountering God Bible Study** will begin meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 7pm outside under the Atrium awning. Bring your Bible, a pen, notepad, and a lawn chair.

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$3,430, your Building Fund Contributions of \$40, Literacy Council Contributions of \$425, and Postage Contributions of \$20 given this past week.

**We had 73 views** of last Sunday's video on our YouTube channel.

**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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