

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany January 31, 2021**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## BELLS

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*"There's Something About That Name"* by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

*"Blessed Be the Name"* ~Music: Unknown; Lyrics: William H. Clark & Ralph E. Hudson

*(Please stand, kneel or remain seated)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**R Amen**

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P God of goodness and lovingkindness,

**R we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

P Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through ☩ Jesus Christ. 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**

## 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**

**SENDING HYMN** *"My Song Is Love Unknown"* (vs.1,2,3,6)

**LBW HYMN NO. 94**

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.**

**Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.**

**But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend;  
who at my need his life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.**

**Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.**

**What may I say? Heav'n was his home;  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay;  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683

## DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"* by John W. Peterson

**R 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**

*(Please be seated)*

### **OFFERING**

*How to make a financial offering:*

- 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.*

*"Now I Belong to Jesus" by Norman J. Clayton*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P Hear us, O God,

**R your mercy is great.**

### **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**

## **GATHERING**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" HYMN NO. 742**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.**

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

### **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.**

*(Please remain standing as you are able)*

**KYRIE** *(Spoken)*

**HYMNAL p. 147**

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**R Lord, have mercy.**

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

**R Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

**R Lord, have mercy.**

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

**R Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *(Spoken)* "Glory to... **HYMNAL p. 148**

A 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. Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** "What will you do with Jesus?"

**Rev. Ron Windecker**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN** "My Faith Looks Up..." (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 759**

**My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love  
fear and distrust remove;  
oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

A 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.**

(Please stand as you are able)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung) **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. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** **Mark 1:21-28**

*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. (NRSV)

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Ray Salinas**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING** **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

<sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup> This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup> Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup> Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup> But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die." (NRSV)

**L** The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM** (*Spoken responsively by verse*)

**Psalms 111**

- L <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- R <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.**
- L <sup>3</sup> Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- R <sup>4</sup> He has gained renown by his wonderful  
deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- L <sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- R <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his  
works, in giving them the heritage of the  
nations.**
- L <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- R <sup>8</sup> They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and  
uprightness.**
- L <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.
- R <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of  
wisdom; all those who practice it have a good  
understanding. His praise endures forever.**  
(NRSV)

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

*Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.*

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. (NRSV)

- L The Word of the Lord.  
**R Thanks be to God.**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Claribel Hannemann, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

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**The Special Concern for January is the Fredericksburg Food Pantry.** They are in desperate need for food and monetary donations. You may write your check out to Zion with Food Pantry in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

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**Thanks be to God!** Hill Country Memorial Hospital is now offering appointments to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. Please visit [www.hillcountrymemorial.org/hill-country-covid/](http://www.hillcountrymemorial.org/hill-country-covid/) or call 990-6648 to make an appointment. To sign-up as a volunteer, visit <https://www.hillcountrymemorial.org/covid-19-vaccine-volunteers/> for more information. HCM is using the Hill Country University Center as a vaccination location.

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**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$3,260, and your Special Contributions of \$1,325 given the week of January 24.

**WORSHIP LECTOR** – Robert Menking

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

**DATE:** Sunday, January 31, 2021

**TIME:** 1:00PM in PERSON & via ZOOM

**PLACE:** Zion Lutheran Church

#### PURPOSE:

- To elect Council Members to serve 2021-2024
- To elect 2021-2022 Synod Assembly Delegate
- To review and approve the 2021 Annual Budget
- To review and approve the Bylaw changes
- To review and approve the Annual Report of the Congregation

The Annual Mtg will also be available on ZOOM  
Meeting ID: 833 6666 1719      Passcode: ZionFBG

**ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND A BALLOT FOR EACH VOTING MEMBER IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD.**

**YOU MUST ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A BALLOT.**

**FOR PEOPLE WHO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA ZOOM, YOU MAY DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT(S) UNDER THE ATRIUM AWNING ON SUNDAY, JAN 31 UNTIL 5PM OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE ON MONDAY, FEB 1 BY 5PM.**

**IF YOU ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON, BALLOTS WILL BE PROVIDED.**



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### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 31, 2021

**Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 10:30AM**

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