

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany January 17, 2021**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Freely, Freely”* by Carol Owens

*(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**

## 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**

## SENDING HYMN “Blessed Assurance” **HYMN NO. 638**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

***Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.***

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

## DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*“O, Zion, Haste”* by James Walch & Mary A. Thomson

**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**

*(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.*

*"Fill My Cup, Lord" by Richard Blanchard*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P Hear us, O God.

**R Your mercy is great.**

#### **GATHERING**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN** "Shine Jesus Shine" **HYMN NO. 671**

#### **Refrain:**

***Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!***

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me:**

#### **Refrain**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me:**

#### **Refrain**

#### **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**

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** *(Spoken)* "Glory to... **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. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**R Amen**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" **HYMN NO. 618**

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.**

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL John 1:43-51**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." (NRSV)

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** "Jesus Knows Us!" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

*(Please be seated)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Ray Salinas**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18**

P <sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

L <sup>2</sup> **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

P <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

L <sup>4</sup> **Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

P <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

L <sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

P <sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

L <sup>14</sup> **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

P <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

L <sup>16</sup> **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

P <sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

L <sup>18</sup> **I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.** (NRSV)

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

*(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.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Stanley and Doris Ernst for all His blessings they have received during their 46 years of marriage, and in loving memory of Dave Mayer and other Zion members who passed away in 2020.

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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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**If you wish to give Altar Flowers for any given Sunday in 2021, please call Christi to sign up.**

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**You may pick up** your 2021 Offering Envelopes from the church office. If you call ahead of time, we can leave them on the front porch for you as you request.

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**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$4,320 given the week of January 3.

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**WORSHIP LECTOR** – Sandy Schmitzinsky



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