

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

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P=Presider R=Responses

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Blest Be the Tie”* by Johann G. Nägeli & John Fawcett

*(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 God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

R **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P 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**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R **And also with you.**

## RESPONSE

*(Please be seated)*

### OFFERING

*Always remember, there are **many** ways we can make offerings to God, such as prayer and acts of service.*

*“Happy the Home When God Is There”* by John B. Dykes & Henry Ware, Jr.

*“God Give Us Christian Homes”* by B.B. McKinney

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

**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**

### 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

*“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

**HYMN NO. 836**

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!**

**Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee,**

**praising thee, their sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.**

**Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** “Three Ways to Express Love” **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “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.**

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### **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. 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**

## **GATHERING**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN** “Love Divine, All Loves...” (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 631**

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

### **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** *(from the Greek word “Lord” – Sung)*

**HYMN NO. 157**

A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

A For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

A For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, and defend us, O God.

**C Amen**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE***“Glory to God...”***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. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**R Amen***(Please be seated)***SPECIAL MUSIC***“I Don't Know What You Came To Do”***KOTK****WORD****FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.****SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6**

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.***(Please stand as you are able)***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***“Thy Word”*

Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un-to my path.



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Words &amp; Music by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith; CCLI #14301 © 1984 Word Music, LLC Meadow Green Music Co.

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.**R Glory to you, O Lord.****GOSPEL****Mark 7:24-30**

<sup>24</sup>From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

### **DISMISSAL**

**L** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**R** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**L** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**R** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*"The Family of God"* by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

*(Please remain seated until ushered out)*

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Claribel Hannemann, Ashley Klaerner (son of Dorothy Moellering), Bernard Scrogin, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

**Happy Mother's Day** to all mothers, and all who give motherly care. Please pick up a carnation as you leave worship today.

**Pentecost Sunday is May 23.** Please wear something red!

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$6,490, and your Special Contributions of \$415 given this past week. **Attendance:** 57

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Robert Menking

**USHERS** – Margie Eckhardt, Marlin and Laurie Hartmann, Jim O'Neal, Perry Strackbein, John Weaver

### **MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK**

MON – May 10	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:30pm	Growing in Faith via Zoom
TUES – May 11	9:30am	Deanery Mtg – Immanuel, Comfort
WED – May 12	8:30am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	1:30pm	WELCA Bible Study – 714 Agave Street
	6:00pm	Council Mtg – Atrium
SUN – May 16	10:30am	In-Person Worship
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube <a href="http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube">www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube</a>



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