

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

P=Presider R=Responses

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*"Bless His Holy Name"* by Andraé Crouch & *"God Is So Good"* ~Traditional

*(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.*

## 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.***

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

## HYMN

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

**HYMN NO. 574**

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"**

***Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946; Text © 1981 OCP Publications, Inc., 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213.

## 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!**

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** "Unity in Christ" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "We All Are..." **HYMN NO. 576 to tune of NO. 542**

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.**

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

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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**

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## GATHERING

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN** "I Love to Tell the Story" **HYMN NO. 661**

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

**Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. Refrain**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain**

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

### 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. Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**R Amen***(Please be seated)***SPECIAL MUSIC** *“Jesus Loves Me” & “He Has the Whole...”* **Billie Kids Choir****YTZ****WORD****FIRST READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup> “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup> for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.****SECOND READING 1 John 5:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup> Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God<sup>al</sup> have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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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P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.**R Glory to you, O Lord.****GOSPEL****John 17:6-19**

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

(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** "Lord, You Give the Great..." (vs.1,2,5) **HYMN NO. 579**

**Lord, you give the great commission:**

**"Heal the sick and preach the word."**

**Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:**

**Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."**

**That the world may trust your promise,**

**life abundant meant for each,**

**give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: Refrain**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."**

**Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend**

**and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: Refrain**

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## 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!**

*"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"* by James McGranahan & Daniel W. Whittle

(Please remain seated until ushered out)



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## Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 16, 2021

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

**Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 10:30AM**

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Videographer – Peter Ray

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## 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.

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**The congregation of Zion Lutheran Church** appreciates and thanks the Billie Kids Day Care for sharing their beautiful music with us. Also, a big thank you to the parents and staff for blessing us with their presence today. We hope you will come again.

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

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**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$6,165, and your Special Contributions of \$145 given this past week. **Attendance:** 46

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Greg Oehler

**USHERS** – Wilfred Crenwelge, Peggy Jander, Paul Hannemann, Robert Menking

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – May 17	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:30pm	Growing in Faith via Zoom
SUN – May 23	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>