

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Day of Pentecost**

**May 23, 2021**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”* –African American Spiritual; Arr. D. Kartsonakis

*(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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgive us all our sins.

**R Amen**

## HYMN OF THE DAY *“God Himself Is Present”*

**God himself is present; let us now adore him  
and with awe appear before him! God is in his temple;  
all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest rev’rence.  
Him alone God we own, him, our God and Savior;  
praise his name forever!**

**God himself is present; hear the harps resounding;  
see the hosts the throne surrounding! “Holy, holy, holy!”  
Hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow your ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises  
that your church now raises.**

**Come, celestial Being, make our hearts your dwelling,  
ev’ry carnal thought dispelling. By your Holy Spirit  
sanctify us truly, teaching us to love you only.  
Where we go here below, let us bow before you  
and in truth adore you.**

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769; tr. composite

## 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**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**R And also with you.**

## RESPONSE

*(Please be seated)*

(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 & 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. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Chapters.

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

**GOSPEL** **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

<sup>26</sup> "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>4b</sup> I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

**SERMON** "The Day of Pentecost"  
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**Robert Menking**

# GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

**GATHERING HYMN** "O Day Full of Grace" (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 627**

**O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,  
bring light from our God that we may be  
abundant in joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;  
then came to the world that light sublime,  
great joy for us all retrieving;  
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,  
all shame and despair removing.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,  
that we might no more in death be lost,  
its pow'r over us dispelling.  
This flame will the mark of sin efface  
and bring to us all true healing.**

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.; Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

## 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. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through 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***“Borning Cry”***Ray Salinas****WORD****FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21**

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God’s activity in multiple languages.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

<sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.****SECOND READING Romans 8:22-27**

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God’s future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

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

“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome” by Dottie Rambo & David Huntsinger

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” by Stephen R. Adams

(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** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

**R Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** “Lord, Dismiss Us with ...” (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 545**

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav’ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.**

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

### **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!**

“Come, Holy Spirit” by John W. Peterson

(Please remain seated until ushered out)



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

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

(go to [www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube))

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Accompanist – Sheri Robinson; Director of Music – Ray Salinas

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.

**Thank you** to Robert Menking for presiding over worship today as Pastor Ron is assisting with an installation in Dripping Springs as Dean of the Hill Country Conference.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Christi Fowler in honor of the former, current and future members of Zion, and in recognition of her 24<sup>th</sup> year as your church administrator.

**“Our Father: The Imprint of a Prayer” Bible Study** will begin Monday, June 7 at 6pm in the Conference Room as well as via Zoom. It will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month. Please contact Pastor Ron at [prwzion@gmail.com](mailto:prwzion@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$1,245, and your Special Contributions of \$175 given this past week. **Attendance:** 95

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Margaret Solbrig

**USHERS** – Dwayne, Karen and Emily Beyer, Florence Rogers, Doris Schneider, Perry Strackbein

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – May 24	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:30pm	Growing in Faith via Zoom
THURS – May 27	6:00pm	Billie Kids Daycare Graduation – Fell Hall
SUN – May 30	10:30am	In-Person Worship
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube
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