

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

The Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021

P=Presider R=Responses

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Teach Me Thy Way, Lord”

(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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

R Amen

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God, our provider,

R help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. 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

HYMN OF THE DAY “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord...” (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 413**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

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)

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

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 3rd Chapter.

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

GOSPEL **John 3:1-17**

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"Reacting to Jesus"

Rev. Ron Windecker

GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* **HYMN NO. 408**

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise; Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness
on us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.**

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore.**

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

DIALOGUE *(From Psalm 29)*

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.**

L Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
R ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
 L Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
R worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
 L The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders,
R the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
 L The voice of the LORD is powerful;
R the voice of the LORD is majestic.

P The Lord be with you.
R And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Hold On To Me” by Lauren Daigle **Dan & Judy McGookey**

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah’s vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing “Holy, holy, holy,” a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God’s glory. That glory is God’s mercy toward sinners.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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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(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O Triune God,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory!

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 *"All Hail the Power..."* (vs.1,3,5,6) **HYMN NO. 634**

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6

DISMISSAL

L We share the joy,
R We worship, love and serve.

(Please remain seated until ushered out)

"Praise Him with Trumpets"



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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 Annabel Wilkerson for being our pianist today.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the family in memory of their beloved mother, Melva Chancellor-Burnham.

“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 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Please contact Pastor Ron at prwzion@gmail.com if you are interested.

The Worship Committee wishes to thank Janalee Hannemann, Audrey Mayer and Perry Strackbein for refilling the pews with hymnals and registration books.

Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$2,380, and your Special Contributions of \$200 given this past week. **Attendance:** 48

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Sandy Schmitzinsky

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – May 31		Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
WED – Jun 2	10:00am	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Room
SUN – June 6	10:30am	In-Person Worship (<i>NO COMMUNION</i>)
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube
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