

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

P=Presider R=Responses

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"Great Is the Lord" by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith

(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 "Be Thou My Vision" (vs.1,2,4)

HYMN NO. 793

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

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)

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

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰ for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters^[a] are outside, asking for you." ³³ And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"Jesus is Stronger"

Robert Menking

GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN "All Are Welcome" (vs.1,2,5)

HYMN NO. 641

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain**

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

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. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen*(Please be seated)***SPECIAL MUSIC***Ray Salinas***WORD****FIRST READING Genesis 3:8-15**

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve’s “offspring” with Christ.

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.**SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:13-18, 5:1**

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. ^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

“In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came” by Charles H. Gabriel

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

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

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

HYMN NO. 805

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

DISMISSAL

L We share the joy,

R We worship, love and serve.

“Take the Name of Jesus with You” by William H. Doane & Lydia Baxter

(Please remain seated until ushered out)



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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, Kathlyn Haun, The Family of Arno Frerichs, 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 attending the Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Doris Ernst in celebration of Stanley Ernst's Birthday on June 7.

"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 Altar Guild is looking for 1 or 2 more people to join them in setting up communion, changing banners, etc. If you are interested, please contact Laurie Hartmann at 830-456-7770.

Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$2,230, and your Special Contributions of \$300 given this past week. **Attendance:** 51

WORSHIP LECTOR – Mary Wilson

USHERS – Neal Burnham, David Hartmann, Gina Koennecke, Jill Minshew,
Perry Strackbein

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – June 7	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:00pm	Bible Study – Conf Rm & via Zoom
TUES – June 8	11:00am	James Parks Memorial Service – Sanctuary
WED – June 9	8:30am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	5:15pm	Altar Guild Mtg - Sanctuary
THURS – June 10	5:15pm	Investment Committee Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – June 13	9:00am	In-Person Worship WITH COMMUNION
	9:00am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	9:00am	Service Live on YouTube
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