

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 13, 2021**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*“The Wonder of It All”* by George Beverly Shea

*(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**

*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**

### 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

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

**HYMN NO. 547**

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God’s children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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### DISMISSAL

L We share the joy,

**R We worship, love and serve.**

*“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”* by Charles H. Gabriel

**HYMN***“Lord of All Hopefulness”* (vs.1)**HYMN NO. 765**

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
 whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
 be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
 your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953; Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

**HYMN***“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”* (vs.1)**HYMN NO. 597**

**My hope is built on nothing less  
 than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
 no merit of my own I claim,  
 but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

***Refrain:***

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
 all other ground is sinking sand.***

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

*“It Took a Miracle”* by John W. Peterson*(Please stand as you are able)***BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**R Amen****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**R Amen****GATHERING***(Please stand as you are able)***GATHERING HYMN***“God of Grace and...”* (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 705**

**God of grace and God of glory,  
 on your people pour your pow'r;  
 crown your ancient church's story;  
 bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
 for the facing of this hour,  
 for the facing of this hour.**

**Cure your children's warring madness;  
 bend our pride to your control;  
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
 rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation  
 to the evils we deplore;  
 let the gift of your salvation  
 be our glory evermore.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 serving you whom we adore,  
 serving you whom we adore.**

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

**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**

*"Now the Feast and Celebration"* **HYMN NO. 167**

**Refrain: Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God. Refrain**

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain**

**For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. Refrain**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**R And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

(Please be seated)

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Ray Salinas**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**R Amen**

**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**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*"Lamb of God"*

**HYMNAL p. 154**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God,  
**hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**R And also with you.**

## RESPONSE

*(Please be seated)*

## OFFERING

*"I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian"* by Baynard L. Fox

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## DIALOGUE *(Spoken)*

P The Lord be with you.

**R And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**R We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

*(Sung)*

## **HYMN NO. 191** *(Holy, Holy...)*

**R Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

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## WORD

### FIRST READING

### **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

<sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup> All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING **2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,<sup>[b]</sup> we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** **Mark 4:26-34**

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

<sup>26</sup> He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup> He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

**SERMON** "Celebrating its Marvel of Growth" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

**HYMN NO. 679**

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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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**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Julia Hahn in loving memory of Fred Seidensticker.

**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.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday lunch** will NOT meet until further notice.

**The July – Sept Portals of Prayer** are available in the Narthex and Atrium.

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$3,480, and your Special Contributions of \$235 given this past week. **Attendance:** 39

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Rhonda Behrends

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

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – June 14	9:00am	Staff Meeting
WED – June 16	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Council Mtg – Conf Rm</b>
SUN – June 20	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>

VBS DAY CAMP will be held June 21-25 (8:30am-3:30pm) at Zion presented by counselors from Cross Trails Ministry. *There are still spots available for your child/grandchild to attend, contact Christi at 997-2195.*

**We still need hosts to feed the counselors supper on Monday, June 21 & Wednesday, June 23. If you can help, please contact Janalee Hannemann 997-7259.**



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