

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

P=Presider R=Responses

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Here I Am, Lord”* by Daniel L. Schutte

*(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 Dear God,

R **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen**

P Let us live now in hope because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. 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 *“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

### 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

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* by Fred Kaan

(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. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 14:1-12**

At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; <sup>2</sup> and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>3</sup> For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, <sup>4</sup> because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." <sup>5</sup> Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. <sup>6</sup> But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod <sup>7</sup> so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. <sup>8</sup> Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." <sup>9</sup> The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; <sup>10</sup> he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. <sup>11</sup> The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. <sup>12</sup> His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

**SERMON** "Ready for your Inheritance from God?" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**GATHERING**

(Please stand as you are able)

**GATHERING HYMN** "O Day of Rest and..." (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 521**

**O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.**

**On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n;  
and thus on you, most glorious, a threefold light was giv'n.**

**New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.**

**We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.**

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

**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** (Responses Sung)

**HYMNAL p. 147**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**R** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**R** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**R** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**R** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**R** **Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (*Response Sung*) “*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. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Go Tell”*

**KOTK**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Amos 7:7-15**

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God’s word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king’s court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

<sup>7</sup>This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

(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** 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

*"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.**

Text:  
Katherine  
Hankey,  
1834-1911

***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***

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Enjoy your inheritance from God.

**R** Thanks be to God.

*"Rescue the Perishing"* by William H. Doane & Fanny J. Crosby

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## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 11, 2021

**Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 8:00AM**

**Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 8:00AM**

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Glenn, Gina, Ethan and Eric Koennecke in memory of Martin "Opie" Koennecke.

**July's Special Concern** is the Gillespie Literacy Council. Sharing our language is a priceless gift. The Gillespie Literacy Council strives to increase literacy by offering tutoring in Basic Literacy, ESL, and Citizenship Preparation. It relies on funding from churches, civic groups, and individuals in our community. Please consider helping with this ministry.

**The Worship Committee** would like to give a big shout out, thank you and blessings to the Council members who so diligently ushered the last few months. It was so appreciated!!

**Holy Communion** will be offered on July 18 during the 10:30am service.

**Your 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Contribution Statements** are available on the table in the Narthex.

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

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$7,321, and your Special Contributions of \$240 given this past week. **Attendance:** 54

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Sandy Schmitzinsky & Mary Wilson

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

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – July 12	9:00am	Staff Mtg
WED – July 14	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Laborers of Love – Arhelger House</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Council Mtg – Conf Rm</b>
SUN – July 18	10:30am	In-Person Worship WITH COMMUNION
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube
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