

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Jesus Loves Me” by William B. Bradbury & Anna B. Warner; Arr. S. Robinson

(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

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 *“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”* (vs.1,2,5) **HYMN NO. 669**

**Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth’s frame;
as heirs of God’s baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.**

**Commit your hearts to seek the paths
which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit’s pow’r,
rise up, O saints of God!**

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936; Text © Norman O. Forness, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

R Thanks be to God.

“Heavenly Sunlight” by George Harrison Cook & H.J. Zelle

HYMN*“As the Grains of Wheat”* (vs.1)**HYMN NO. 465****Refrain:**

***As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.***

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain***

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

HYMN*“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”* (vs.1)**HYMN NO. 697****Refrain:**

***Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

**I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long**

as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

Text: North American traditional

“Children of the Heavenly Father” ~Music: Swedish Folk Tune; Lyrics: Carolina Sandell Berg
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” by Ken Medema

*(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***“This Little Light of Mine”***HYMN NO. 677**

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Text: African American spiritual

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

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

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

(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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(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC *“He Has the Whole World in His Hands” & “Jesus Loves Me”*

Billie Kids Daycare

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally, they were not part of God’s chosen people. Through Jesus’ death, however, they are included in God’s household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

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¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 6th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 6:35-44

³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled; ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

P The gospel of the Lord. **R Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON “What will help us do extraordinary things?” **Rev. Ron Windecker**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May...” **HYMN NO. 676**

**Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand’ring and the wav’ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung’ring ones with manna sweet.**

**Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o’erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, 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

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 Carl and Julia Weden in thanksgiving for God's blessings and grace throughout the 70 years of their marriage.

The congregation of Zion Lutheran Church appreciates and thanks the Billie Kids Daycare for sharing their beautiful music with us. Also, a big thank you to the parents and staff for blessing us with their presence today. We hope you will come again.

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.

Choir Practice will meet every Sunday at 9:15-10:00am in the Sanctuary beginning today.

Your 2nd Quarter Contribution Statements are available on the table in the Narthex.

The 3rd Sunday Fellowship lunch will NOT meet until further notice.

Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$1,650, and your Special Contributions of \$345 given this past week. **Attendance:** 43

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Rhonda Behrends & Mary Wilson

USHERS – Wilfred Crenwelge, Peggy Jander, Paul Hannemann, Robert Menking

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – July 19	9:00am	Staff Mtg
	6:00pm	Bible Study – Conf Rm & via Zoom
WED – July 21	6:00pm	Parish Ed Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – July 25	9:15-10:00am	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
	10:30am	In-Person Worship
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube
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