

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

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P=Presider R=Responses

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* by Adoniram J. Gordon & William R. Featherstone; Arr. Tedd 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**

*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** "What Wondrous Love..." (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 666**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;**

**and when from death I'm free,**

**I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., 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

*"Have Faith in God"* by B.B. McKinney

(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 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 22:34-40**

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

**SERMON** "Can You Improve What Jesus Taught?" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**GATHERING**

(Please stand as you are able)

**GATHERING HYMN** "Morning Has Broken" **HYMN NO. 556**

**Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

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**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** (*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. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “*He Keeps Me Singing*” by L. B. Bridgers **Zion Gospel Singers**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44**

*Today’s reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” <sup>43</sup> But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” <sup>44</sup> He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING Ephesians 3:14-21**

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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** *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* **HYMN NO. 545**

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.**

**May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when your love shall call us  
from our struggling pilgrim way,**

**let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.**

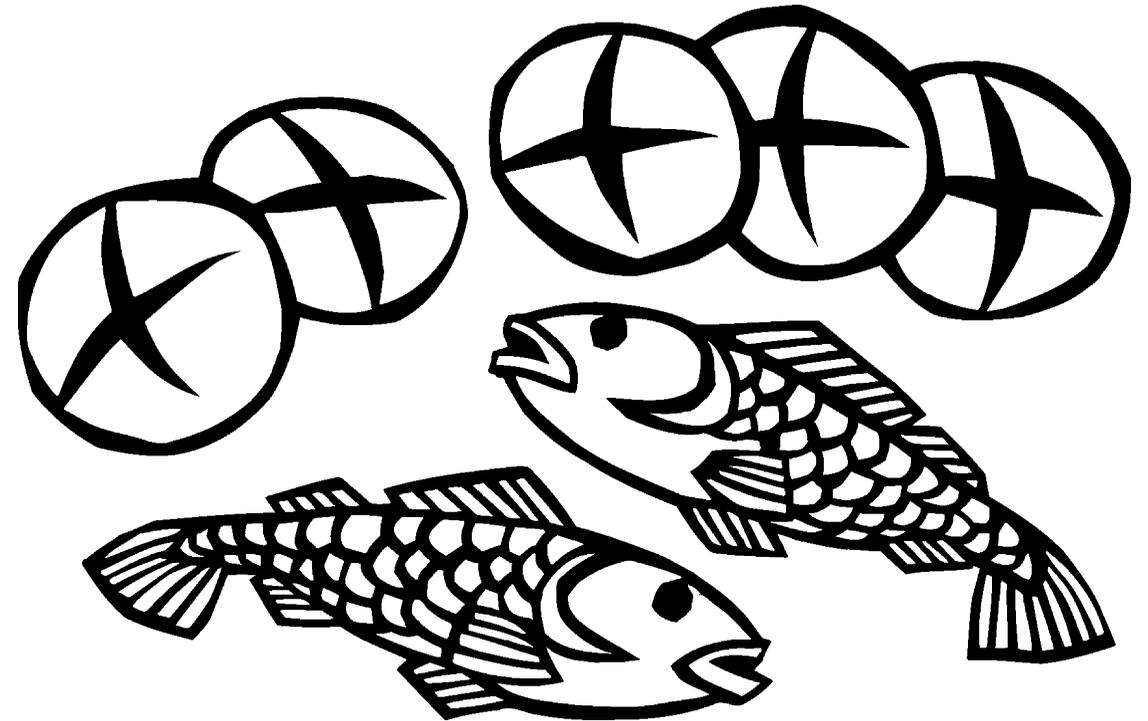
Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

**R** **Thanks be to God.**

*"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* by William J. Kirkpatrick & Louisa M.R. Stead  
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**Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 10:30AM**

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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 Rocky Janssen in remembrance of Peggy Janssen's birthday on July 22.

**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.

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

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$2,698 given this past week.

**Attendance:** 72

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR –

Robert Menking & Sandy Schmitzinsky

**USHERS** – Dwayne, Karen & Emily Beyer, Florence Rogers, Doris Schneider, Sandy Schmitzinsky

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – July 26	9:00am	Staff Mtg
WED – July 28	8:30am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	6:00pm	Stewardship Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – Aug 1	9:15-10:00am	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
	10:30am	In-Person Worship with Communion
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube
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