

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

P=Presider **R=Responses**

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Betty Scrogin

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(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 *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* **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.***

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain***

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

Betty Scrogin

HYMN

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

HYMN NO. 515

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!**

**You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

Betty Scrogin

(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

“Jesus Loves Me!”

HYMN NO. 595

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.**

***Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain***

**Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain***

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, 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.

DIALOGUE

Psalm 121:1-8

A I lift up my eyes to the hills—

R from where will my help come?

A My help comes from the LORD,

R who made heaven and earth.

A He will not let your foot be moved;

R he who keeps you will not slumber.

A He who keeps Israel

R will neither slumber nor sleep.

A The LORD is your keeper;

R the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

A The sun shall not strike you by day,

R nor the moon by night.

A The LORD will keep you from all evil;

R he will keep your life.

A The LORD will keep

R your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come to Jesus" by Chris Rice

Judy McGookey

WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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



(Please stand as you are able)

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...

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!

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-2; 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

L The holy gospel according to St. John, the 6th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

L The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"What Is Faith?"

Rev. Ron Windecker

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Faith Looks Up..." (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 759**

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!**

**When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!**

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

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 Paul and Janalee Hannemann in honor of Claribel Hannemann's 93rd birthday on July 31.

Thank you to Betty Scrogin for filling in as our guest pianist today.

August's Special Concern is Lutheran World Relief. LWR began in 1945 to meet the needs of an estimated one-fifth of the world's Lutherans that were left homeless and devastated after World War II. Today LWR operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East tackling poverty and disasters by partnering with local leaders and communities. Our ladies do their part by making quilts, personal care and school kits that are sent around the world to those who lack the bare essentials to stay warm and clean. Psalm 136 says "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good; his love is eternal." **Contributions are used for shipping and postage.** We have much to share.

Sunday School Rally Day is Sunday, August 22 at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall for ALL ages! This year's theme is A.S.A.P.....can you guess what that stands for?

You are all invited to a Spaghetti Lunch immediately following the 10:30am service on Sunday, August 22. Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with A-H. Please bring a salad if your last name begins with I-Z.

Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$2,836 given this past week.

Attendance: 59

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig & Florence Rogers

USHERS – Neal Burnham, David Hartmann, Gina Koennecke, Jill Minshew, Sandy Schmitzinsky

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Aug 2	9:00am	Staff Mtg
	6:00pm	Bible Study – Conf Rm & Zoom
WED – Aug 4	10:00am	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
	6:00pm	Parish Ed Mtg – Atrium
	6:30pm	Property Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – Aug 8	9:15-10:00am	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
	8:00am	In-Person Worship with Communion
	8:00am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	8:00am	Service Live on YouTube

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Videographer – Peter Ray

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