

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 15, 2021**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*"In Remembrance"* by Buryl Red & Ragan Courtney

*(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 Beloved people of God: in Jesus, from heaven, you are fed and nourished. 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 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 789**

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

**Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*"I Am the Bread of Life"* by Suzanne Toolan

**Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,**

**Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

“Bread of Life from Heaven” –Music: Argentine Folk Song & Marty Haugen; Lyrics: Susan R. Briebl

*(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**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**HYMN NO. 810**

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
that where you are In glory your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, 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** (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. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through 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

*“One Bread, One Body”* by John Foley

*(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!**

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

*(Please be seated)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*“This Is the Time I Must Sing”*

by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

**Chancel Choir**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

### Proverbs 9:1-6

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom’s food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom’s banquet is the way to life.*

Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup> “You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup> “Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup> Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-20

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



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. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** **John 6:51-58**

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

*(Please be seated)*  
**SERMON**

*"Be Careful How You Live"* **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Master, Let Me Walk..." (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 818**

**O Master, let me walk with you  
in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Teach me your patience; share with me  
a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

**In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give;  
with you, O Master, let me live.**

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, 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, 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 given by Peter Ray and Debbie Sultemeier in celebration of Stanley and Barbara Sultemeier's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 12.

**August's Special Concern** is Lutheran World Relief. Today LWR operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East. 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. **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.

**Due to the** rising number of Covid cases in the community, the Parish Education committee made the hard decision to postpone the spaghetti dinner that was to be held on August 22. It is our understanding that the dinner will be held as soon as it is deemed safe.

**The Sunday School Youth** are collecting school supplies for the Needs Council during the month of August! You can drop off your school supplies in the **BUS in the Atrium.** *Monetary donations will also be accepted, please make your check out to Zion & put school supplies in the memo line, and then drop it in the offering plate.* **SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Backpacks (no wheels), 3 ring binders, pocket folders with brads, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, water colors, 9x12 construction paper, highlighters, 70page spirals (wide rule), large pencil bags, notebook paper (wide rule), large pink erasers, flash cards (addition, subtraction, multiplication), spiral sketch books, pencil sharpeners, black, blue and red pens.

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$2,505 and your Special Contributions of \$95 given this past week. **Attendance:** 41

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Rhonda Behrends

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

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Aug 16	9:00am	Staff Mtg
SUN – Aug 22	9:15am	Sunday School Rally Day – Fell Hall
	10:30am	In-Person Worship with Communion
	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>



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## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – August 15, 2021

**Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 10:30AM**

**Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 10:30AM**

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Accompanist – Sheri Robinson; Director of Music – Ray Salinas

Videographer – Peter Ray

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