

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Pass It On” by Kurt Kaiser

(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

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 remain seated as you are able)

OFFERING

“In the Name of the Lord” by Phill McHugh, Gloria Gaither, & Sandi Patti Helvering

(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

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"I Believe in Prayer!"

Rev. Ron Windecker

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus, the Very Thought..."* (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 754**

**Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.**

**O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!**

**O Jesus, be our joy today; help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."**

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 408**

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise; Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness
on us descend.**

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore.**

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, 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.**

A The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
R **and his ears are open to their cry.**
A The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
R **to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**
A When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
R **and rescues them from all their troubles.**
A The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,
R **and saves the crushed in spirit.** (Psalm 34:15-18)

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ray Salinas

WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴ “now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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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The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff is followed by the lyrics 'Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un-to my path.' The second staff repeats the same melody and lyrics.

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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 *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* **HYMN NO. 742**

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” by William Moore & George Atkins



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God given by Audrey Mayer in memory of Dave Mayer's 76 Birthday and his love of God, family, and country.

Due to the rise in Covid cases, we are postponing the opening of Sunday School until a later date. It was not a decision that was made lightly, but thoroughly thought through. We will keep you informed as to when Sunday School will begin.

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.

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.** 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 \$2,584 and your Special Contributions of \$480 given this past week. **Attendance:** 43

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR –

Margaret Solbrig & Sandy Schmitzinsky

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

WED – Aug 25

8:30am LOL – Arhelger House

FRI – Aug 27

Office Closed for Fair Day

SUN – Aug 29

9:15am Choir Practice

10:30am In-Person Worship with Communion

10:30am Service Broadcast on KNAF

10:30am Service Live on YouTube

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