

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022

P=Presider R=Responses

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*“As the Deer”* by Martin Nystrom  
*“Seek Ye First”* by Karen Lafferty

*(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 Most merciful God,

R **we confess that we have sinned against you and others. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. Amen**

P Rejoice in this good news: your sins are forgiven. 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**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

## 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

*“More Precious Than Silver”* by Lynn Deshazu

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** **Luke 4:21-30**

*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

<sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** *"A Better Way to Live"* **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* **HYMN NO. 631**

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!**

**Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;**

**visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;**

**let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.**

**Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;**

**end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;**

**suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,**

**pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

## GATHERING

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN** *"How Firm a Foundation"* (vs.1,2,4)

**HYMN NO. 796 to tune of NO. 834**

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, 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)*

**HYMNAL p. 147**

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

R **Amen**

**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. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Follow Me"* by Ira Stanphill

**Rhonda Behrends**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10**

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Thy Word"**

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Thy Word is a lamp un-to \_ my feet and a light un-to my path.

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## 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** "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** Faith, hope, love, these three...

**R** The greatest of these is love!

*"We're Marching to Zion"* by Robert Lowry & Isaac Watts



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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – January 30, 2022**

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

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

*(go to [www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube))*

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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God** by Arthur Haun, Jr. in remembrance of birthdays in January: his wife, Kathlyn; his mom, Cecelia; and several other family members.

**The Congregational Annual Report** is available for pick up in the Narthex. One per family, please and thank you. **The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held **TODAY** immediately following worship service in the Sanctuary.

**The Property Committee** is having workdays on Saturday, Feb 5 at 9am and Sunday, Feb 6 at 1pm to work on the trees on the church grounds. All helping hands are welcome! For more details, please contact Virginia Soell at 830-889-5656.

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$2,175, and for your Special Contributions of \$310 given last week. **Attendance:** 52

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Robert Menking & Diane Mayer  
**USHERS** – Jim & Emma Jane O’Neal, Arleen Crenwelge, Yvonne Klaerner, Florence Rogers, Doris Schneider

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK**

- TODAY – Jan 30
  - 9:00am Coffee & Donuts
  - 9:15am Sunday School – Fell Hall**
  - 9:15am Adult SS – Sewing Rm**
  - 10:30am In-Person Worship
  - 10:30am Service Broadcast on KNAF
  - 10:30am Service Live on YouTube  
[www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube)
  - 11:30am Congregational Annual Meeting – Sanctuary**
- MON – Jan 31
  - 9:00am Staff Mtg
- TUES – Feb 1
  - NO Choir Practice
- WED – Feb 2
  - 8:00am Men’s Breakfast – Sewing Rm**
  - 9:30am WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm**
  - 7:00pm Property Committee Mtg – Conf Rm**
- SAT – Feb 5
  - 9:00am Property Workday**
- SUN – Feb 6
  - 9:00am Coffee & Donuts
  - 9:15am Sunday School – Fell Hall**
  - 9:15am Adult SS – Sewing Rm**
  - 10:30am In-Person Worship
  - 10:30am Service Broadcast on KNAF
  - 10:30am Service Live on YouTube [www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube)
  - 1:00pm Property Workday**

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