

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"The Lord's My Shepherd" ~Music: Jessie S. Irvine; Lyrics: Scottish Psalter; Based on Psalm 23

"The Lord's My Shepherd" ~Music: James L. Macbeth Bain; Lyrics: The Psalms of David..., 1650

(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 are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. 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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us" by William B. Bradbury & Dorothy A. Thrupp

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" by Friedrich Silcher & Julie von Hausmann

(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

A We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

HYMN NO. 656

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Christ is Risen!

R He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ~Music: Irish Tune; Lyrics: Henry W. Baker

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to share the body and blood of Jesus that are present in the bread and wine of communion. If you do not wish to participate, you may still come forward for a blessing. As you come forward, please have your hands open to receive a wafer (the body of Christ). **If you desire a gluten free wafer and/or white grape juice, please hold up two fingers to the server.**

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.

HYMN

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

HYMN NO. 697

**Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
 daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
 I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Refrain**

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter,
 Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares?
 None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Refrain**

**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
 guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore,
 to thy shore. Refrain**

Text: North American traditional

GATHERING

(Please remain standing as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN “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.

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 (Response 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)* “*This Is the Feast...*” **HYMNAL p. 149**

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

R Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Fruits of the Spirit”

Kids of the Kingdom

by Dan Forrest

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.”

(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.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R **And also with you.**

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

"Gentle Shepherd" by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING SONG

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

HYMN NO. 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980; Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b.1927 ©1978 LBW, admin. Augsburg Fortress

³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMNAL p.151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 13th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"The Original Seat Belt"

Rev. Ron Windecker

HYMN OF THE DAY "Our Father, by Whose Name"

HYMN NO. 640

**Our Father, by whose name all parenthood is known,
in love divine you claim each fam'ly as your own.**

**Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well,
with constant love as sentinel,
the homes in which your people dwell.**

**O Christ, yourself a child within an earthly home,
with heart still undefiled to full adulthood come:**

**our children bless in ev'ry place
that they may all behold your face
and, knowing you, may grow in grace.**

**O Holy Spirit, bind our hearts in unity
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;**

**in all our hearts such love increase
that ev'ry home, by this release,
may be the dwelling place of peace.**

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.

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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, Kurt Grunau, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dan and Judy McGookey in celebration of Fredericksburg's 175th Anniversary and in memory/honor of our 7 generations of ancestors/current family members in Fredericksburg and in Texas, and in celebration of all mothers.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, and all those who give motherly care.

The Special Concern for May is the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. Currently they are requesting donations of canned meats, canned tomato products and pasta. (*You can leave your canned goods in the wagon in the Atrium.*) You may also give monetary donations through Zion.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Property Committee **will not** be trimming trees this weekend.

Because of extenuating circumstances, the church council voted to have one service per Sunday temporarily. Just to keep all the member--s informed of the possible changes going on or coming up, the pastor, council and worship committee are trying to get two services back for all members as soon as possible. Our issues are simple and yet complex. We'll need to repair/tune the organ to working condition and have the choirs in place, meaning more members participating, along with ushers, assistants, lectors, etc. YOU have a very important piece of this puzzle. The answer is simple, yet complex as we are not a young congregation, so to the extent as you are able, PLEASE let the council members, pastor or Audrey Mayer know of your willingness to help us get back to two services. YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU! Thank you in advance!

Thank you for your Contributions of \$6,212 given last week. **Attendance:** 62

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig & Arleen Crenwelge

USHERS--Perry & Cris Strackbein, Wilfred Crenwelge, Sandy Schmitzinsky, Karen Snowden

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – May 9	9:00am	Staff Mtg
	6:00pm	Bible Study – Conf Rm
TUES – May 10	5:15pm	Finance Mtg – Conf Rm
	6:00pm	Investment Mtg – Conf Rm
	5:50pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Fell Hall
WED – May 11	8:30am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	9:45am	Villages of Windrest Communion
	10:45am	Fredericksburg Nursing Home Communion
	6:00pm	Council Mtg—Conf Rm
THURS – May 12	9:30am	Knopp Retirement Communion
	10:30am	Knopp Healthcare Communion
SUN – May 15	9-9:15am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School – Fell Hall & Adult SS – Sewing Rm
	10:30am	Worship with Comm. (Broadcast KNAF & Live on YouTube)
	11:45am	Fellowship Lunch (restaurant to be determined)
	6:00pm	Baccalaureate at 1st Baptist Church



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