

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 15, 2022**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*"No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus"* by Charles F. Weigle; arr. Dino Kartsonakis

*(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**

*(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

*"Lead On, O King Eternal!"*

**HYMN NO. 805**

**Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**R Thanks be to God!**

*"I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend"* by George C. Stebbins & James G. Small

**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***"I Love to Tell the Story"***HYMN NO. 661**

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

***Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

**I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain***

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

*"No One Understands Like Jesus"* by John W. Peterson*"Just As I Am"* by William B. Bradbury & Charlotte Elliott

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**GATHERING***(Please remain standing as you are able)***GATHERING HYMN** *"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"* **HYMN NO. 696**

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"**

**As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

**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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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**

*“Hymns of Hope, Songs of Faith”*

**Chancel Choir**

*by Joseph Martin*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**      **Genesis 9:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

**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**

*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.***

(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

(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.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**R** **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL**

**John 10:22-30**

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** "Thank God for Rainbows" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "How Firm a Foundation" **HYMN NO. 796**

**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."**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"**

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

## **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**

*"In the Presence of the Lord"* by Mark Blankenship

## 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 Stanley and Doris Ernst in dedication to Pastor Ron and his family in thanks for the last 5 years as our Pastoral family. The sermons have been well prepared, easy to understand, and meaningful. Thank you. Sorry to see it end, but hope your retirement will bring peace and joy to you as you sit on the banks of the Guadalupe and meditate. Best of everything to each of you.

**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.

**We are attempting** to resume the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fellowship lunches TODAY. All Zion members are invited. **We will meet at Mamacitas TODAY at 11:45am.** Doris Ernst will do her best to get there early to get a large table in the back room, so look for her. Ordering will be off the menu like normal. (Unfortunately, no restaurants in town take reservations.) For June, we can decide if we want to choose to go to Backwoods BBQ (it's self-service at \$16.99 per plate).

**Calling all ushers...**a special usher meeting will be Wednesday, May 18 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Your presence will be appreciated.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck lunch** will be held on Sunday, May 29 at 11:45am in the Zion Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring a meat dish or a side dish. Sign up sheets are in the Atrium and Narthex.

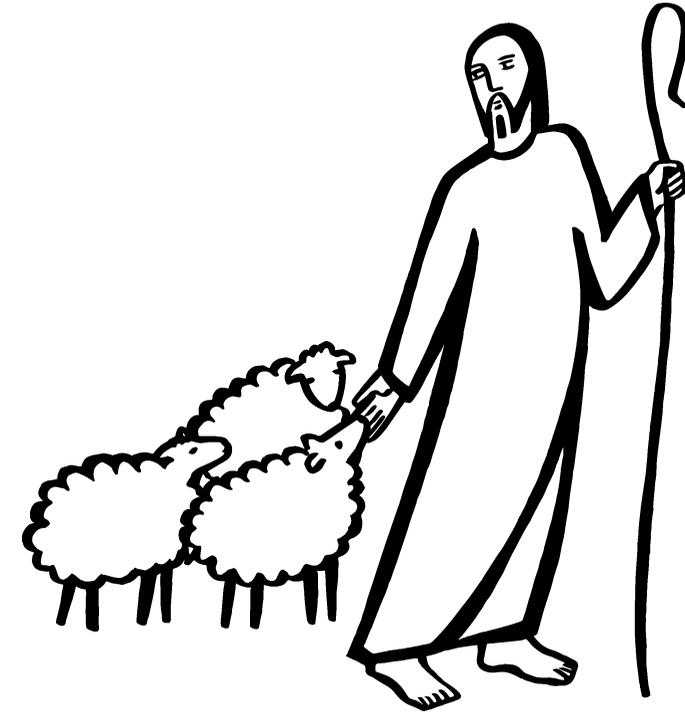
**Thank you** for your Contributions of \$3,750 given last week. **Attendance:** 52

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Rhonda Behrends & Jim O'Neal

**USHERS** — Marlin & Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt, John & Carolyn Weaver

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – May 16	9:00am	Staff Mtg
TUES – May 17	5:50pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Fell Hall <i>June Chimes Deadline</i>
WED – May 18	6:00pm	Usher Mtg – Sanctuary
SAT – May 21	8-12:00pm	CPR Class – Elijah's Cave
SUN – May 22	8:00am	Worship with Communion (Broadcast KNAF & Live on YouTube)
	9-9:15am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School – Fell Hall
	9:15am	Adult SS – Sewing Rm



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