

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Liebestraum/Great Is Thy Faithfulness” by Franz Liszt/Thomas Chisholm & William Runyun; Arr. D. 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

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

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

HYMN NO. 655

**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human
race:
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.**

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, may God's love be with you!

R And also with you. Thanks be to God!

“Built On a Rock” by Ludvig M. Lindeman & Nikolai F.S. Grundtvig

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*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* (vs.1,2,5,6) **HYMN NO. 502**

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" & *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"*

by Lowell Mason & Ray Palmer

by John Hatton & Samuel Medley

*(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

GATHERING*(Please remain standing as you are able)***GATHERING HYMN***"Lift High the Cross"***HYMN NO. 660**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

**All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956; Text © 1974 Hope Publishing Company

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. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 “*I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*” **Zion Gospel Singers**

words by Francis H. Rowley, music by Peter P. Bilhorn, directed by Rhonda Behrends

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

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.

¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22-27; 22:1-5

John’s vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God’s past actions. Yet in this new city, God’s presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

^{21:10} And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. ^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 15th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL John 15:9-15

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON "The Awesome Power of Love" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Loves Me!" **HYMN NO. 595**

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain:

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Refrain**

**Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. Refrain**

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, 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

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R **And also with you.**

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

"Love, Love, Love" by Lois Brokering & Herbert Brokering

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Kurt Grunau, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given by Paul and Janalee Hannemann to the glory of God and in honor of Christi Fowler's 25 years at Zion.

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.

Pastor Ron Windecker has announced his retirement as of May 31, 2022. Pastor Ron has served as pastor for Zion since September 2017. Zion wants to thank him for his service and honor him and Deborah on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at the Zion potluck. Please come join us for this celebration in the fellowship hall on May 29 at 11:45am. We wish Pastor Ron and Deborah the best in their retirement. Please sign up for the meal to bring a meat dish or a side dish. Sign up sheets are in the Atrium and Narthex.

Camp Chrysalis Day Camp/VBS is scheduled for the week of July 25-29 hosted at Zion for ages K-5th grade. Registration forms are available in the church office, Atrium, Narthex, website: www.zion-lutheran.com or register online at <https://crosstrails.org/congregational>.

Thank you for your Contributions of \$868 given last week. **Attendance:** 79

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig & Janalee Hannemann

USHERS — Dwayne, Karen & Emily Beyer, Glenn & Gina Koennecke

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – May 23	9:00am	Staff Mtg
	6:00pm	Bible Study – Conf Rm
TUES – May 24	5:50pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Fell Hall
WED – May 25	8:30am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
SUN – May 29	9-9:15am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School – Fell Hall
	9:15am	Adult SS – Sewing Rm
	10:30am	Worship with Communion (Broadcast KNAF & Live on YouTube)
	11:45am	5 th Sunday Potluck Lunch – Fell Hall (honoring Pastor Ron & Deborah)



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