

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 29, 2022**

P=Presider **R=Responses**

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*Ray Salinas*

*(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

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

**HYMN NO. 836**

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!**

**Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,**

**praising thee, their sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.**

**Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee,**

**earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,**

**stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,**

**chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,**

**wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!**

**Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;**

**teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**R Thanks be to God!**

*Ray Salinas*

**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***"Blessed Assurance"***HYMN NO. 638**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

***Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Savior, all the day long:  
 this is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Savior all the day long.***

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
 angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy,  
 whispers of love. *Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
 watching and waiting, looking above,  
 filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Ray Salinas

**GATHERING***(Please remain standing as you are able)***GATHERING HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress..." (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 504**

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
 he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
 The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
 With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
 On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might!  
 We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight,  
 whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be?  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
 God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
 for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
 Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
 though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
 The kingdom's ours forever!**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*; Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg**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, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**R Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*” by Ira. F. Stanphill **Chancel Choir**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me;<sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”<sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**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.***

## 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

*Ray Salinas*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**OFFERING SONG** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**HYMN NO. 884 to the tune of NO. 883**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

*(Please remain standing 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.

<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23 *(Read responsively)*

L The LORD is my shepherd;

**R I shall not be in want.**

L The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures

**R and leads me be-side still waters.**

L You restore my soul, O LORD,

**R and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

L Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**R I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**R you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

L Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**R and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans 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; it keeps no record of wrongs; <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 only a reflection, as in a mirror, 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 remain, 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** “Love Divine, All...” (vs.1&2) **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.**

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 7:24-27**

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** “The Solid Foundation” **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “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.

**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, the families in Uvalde, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Pastor Ron and Deborah Windecker for their decades of selfless service in the name of Jesus Christ. They will be greatly missed. May they have the best of happiness in life. Thank you for being in His service all these years and fully relying on God.

**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.

**Please join us** after worship for a Potluck lunch in the fellowship hall honoring Pastor Ron and Deborah on their retirement.

**Camp Chrysalis Day Camp/VBS** is scheduled for the week of July 25-29 hosted at Zion for ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms are available in the church office, Atrium, Narthex, website: [www.zion-lutheran.com](http://www.zion-lutheran.com) or register online at <https://crosstrails.org/congregational>. Kitchen help is needed, please contact Peggy Jander or Janalee Hannemann.

**Thank you** for your Contributions of \$2,720 given last week. **Attendance:** 47

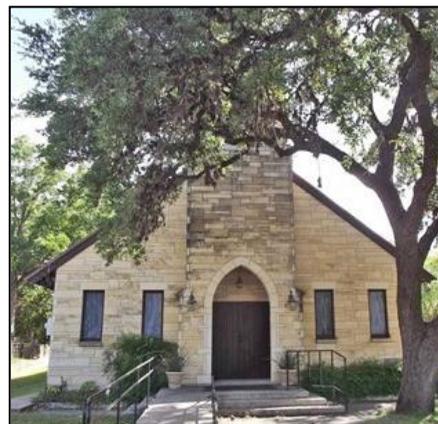
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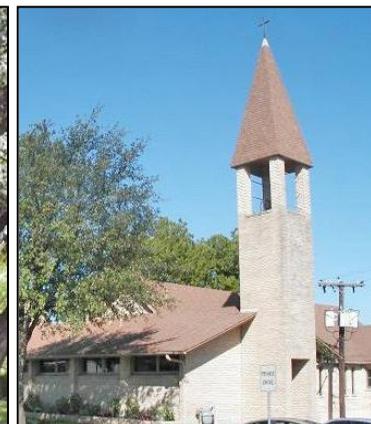
### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – May 30		Office Closed for Memorial Day
TUES – May 31	5:50pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Fell Hall
WED – June 1	8:00am	Men's Breakfast – Sewing Rm
	9:30am	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
	7:00pm	Property Committee Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – June 5	8:00am	Worship with Communion
	9-9:15am	Coffee & Donuts
		NO Summer Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship with Communion (Broadcast KNAF & Live on YouTube)

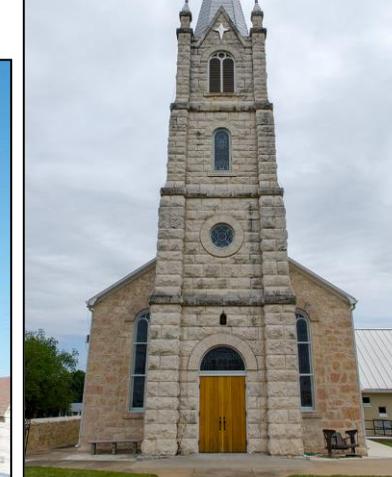
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