

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, and fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering basket as you desire.)*

P Let us pray.

R Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the faithful shepherds you have sent to Zion over the many years in this place. Thank you for their ministry done in your name. Bless their memory among us. We now wait in expectation for a new pastor. Wherever they may be, tend their heart, giving them courage to preach your Word, knowledge of your vision for the future, and the will to model consistent and godly living. Guard their family, that they may experience a healthy transition to our congregation. Bless them and us with genuine friendship. And bless the congregation that is left behind with a sense of your comfort and leading. Good and faithful God, prepare us for our new pastor. Set our hearts aright, encourage our faith, heal our divisions. Show us how to let go of what has gone before and, with open and eager hearts, take hold of what is coming. We pray all in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

(10:30) *"Blessed Assurance"* by Fanny J. Crosby & P.P. Knapp; 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.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

R Amen

BENEDICTION

P Wherever you go, may God go with you: may he go before you to show you the way...behind you to encourage you...beside you to befriend you...above you to watch over...and within you to give you peace. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

R Amen

SENDING HYMN *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"* (vs.1,2,3) **HYMN NO. 764**

**Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!**

**Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!**

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4; Text © 1973 Concordia Publishing House

DISMISSAL

A We share the joy of Christ!

R We worship, love and serve!

(10:30) *"Have Faith in God"* by B.B. McKinney

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HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (vs.1&2) **HYMN NO. 471**

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain:

***When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain***

Text: African American spiritual

(10:30) *“My Faith Still Holds”* by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

(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

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

P Merciful God,

R we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen

P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. 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

GATHERING

(Please remain standing as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!” HYMN NO. 413

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, 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 *(Spoken at 8am & Sung at 10:30am)*

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 *(Spoken at 8am & Sung at 10:30am)*

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.**

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.

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.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING (10:30) *“My Faith Has Found...”* ~Music: Norwegian Folk Melody; Lyrics: Lidie H. Edmunds

(Please stand as you are able)

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

**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...

(Spoken at 8am & Sung at 10:30am)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30) *“His Eye is on the Sparrow”* **Rhonda Behrends**

Words by Mrs. C.D. Martin. Music by Chas. H. Gabriel

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹ By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised.¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L The Word of the Lord.
R Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Thy Word”

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

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Words & Music by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith; CCLI #14301 © 1984 Word Music, LLC Meadow Green Music Co.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter.
R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Luke 12:32-40**

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Kay Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” **HYMN NO. 618**

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.**

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, 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

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please sign an attendance slip in the black books at the end of the pew and place them in the offering plate.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Zion's upcoming 170th Anniversary in September.

The Special Concern for August is the New Horizons. New Horizons helps families and the community solve challenges brought about by intellectual or other developmental disabilities.

Pastor Kay Johnson will be onsite Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Her cell phone is 210-559-1034, please leave a message with your name and number. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A VISIT FROM HER, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

A council member is available in the church office every Tuesday from 9am-noon, if you would like to share your thoughts, concerns or ideas.

Sunday School Rally Day is set for Sunday, August 21 at 9:15am.

The Flower Chart is open for Sunday's August 21, August 28, and Sept. 18.

A HUGE thank you to all those who helped plan, cook, prepare, serve and to those who attended the hamburger supper last Thursday night for the VBS closing program and in celebration of my 25 years at Zion. Thank you all for the love and support. ~Sincerely, Christi (*A more detailed thank you will be in the Sept. Chimes*)

Thank you for your Contributions of \$2,805 given last week.

Attendance: 8am – 23 & 10:30am – 59

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR: TBD & Rhonda Behrends & Jim O'Neal

USHERS 8AM – Wilfred Crenwelge, Arleen Crenwelge, Florence Rogers, Darlene Hartmann

USHERS 10:30AM – John Weaver, Ron & Aleks Gant, Arthur Haun

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TUES – Aug 9 9-12pm Council member available to talk – church office
NO Finance Mtg

5:30pm Evangelism Mtg – Conf Rm
NO Investment Mtg

WED – Aug 10 **8:30am Laborers of Love – Arhelger House**

SUN – Aug 14 8:00am Worship with Communion
(Broadcast KNAF & Live on YouTube)

9-9:15am Coffee & Donuts
NO Sunday School (Rally Day is Aug 21)

10:30am Worship with Communion



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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson; Director of Music – Ray Salinas

Pianist @ 8:00am – Betty Scrogin

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