

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 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

(8:00) "Pass It On" by Kurt Kaiser

(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 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" **HYMN NO. 536**

**God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

***Refrain: Till we meet, (till we meet,
till we meet, (till we meet again,
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,
till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet again.)
God be with you till we meet again.***

**God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

**God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

DISMISSAL

A We share the joy of Christ!

R We worship, love and serve!

(8:00) "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" by William Moore & George Atkins

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COMMUNION HYMN

"Lamb of God"



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Text: ICET; Additional text and music by Marty Haugen, ©1990

(8:00) "I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian" by Baynard L. Fox

(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

"Spirit of Gentleness"

HYMN NO. 396

**Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain**

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain**

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
*Refrain***

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940; Text © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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

HYMNAL p. 149

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
(*Response Sung at both*)

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.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING (8:00) *“Thy Loving Kindness”* by Hugh Mitchell; based on Psalm 63:3-4

(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...

(Sung at 8am & Spoken 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. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30) *“The Hippo Song”* ***Kids of the Kingdom***

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-40; 12:1-2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two;

they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12:49-56

⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Kay Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” **HYMN NO. 815**

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934; Text © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

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, The Family 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 by Margaret Deike and Alma Sobey for the wonderful parents, sisters, brothers, uncles and aunts God had given them.

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 3rd Sunday Fellowship Lunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, August 21 at 11:45am. Pork loin will be served for \$14 per plate. RSVP is required by 8/18. Call 830-997-2509, text 830-889-1029, or email djernst1@outlook.com

You are invited to watch the Fair Parade from the parsonage porch on Friday, August 26 at 10am. Bring a snack to share.

Thank you for your Contributions of \$3,777 given last week.

Attendance: 8am – 21 & 10:30am – 40

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR: Rhonda Behrends & Arleen Crenwelge; Margaret Solbrig

USHERS 8AM – Perry & Cris Strackbein, Wilfred Crenwelge, Sandy Schmidtzinsky, Karen Snowden; **USHERS 10:30AM** – Jim & Emma Jane O'Neal, Dan & Judy McGookey, Donna Oehler

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TUES – Aug 16	9-12pm	Council member available to talk – church office
THURS – Aug 18	6:00pm	Council Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – Aug 21	8:00am	Worship with Communion
	9-9:15am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School Rally Day – Fell Hall
	10:30am	Worship w/Comm. (Broadcast KNAF & Live on YouTube)
	11:45am	3rd Sunday Fellowship Lunch – Fell Hall (RSVP required to Doris Ernst by 8/18)



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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson; Director of Music – Ray Salinas

Pianist @ 10:30am – Betty Scrogin

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