

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 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) *"For Those Tears I Died"* by Marsha Stevens; 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.

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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 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 408**

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;**

**Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!

**Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!

**Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.**

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

R Thanks be to God.

(10:30) *"Whosoever Meaneth" Me* by J. Edwin McConnell

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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

(10:30) "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" by George C. Stebbins & Adelaide A. Pollard
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" by H. Percy Smith & Washington Gladden

(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 "Oh, That the Lord Would..." (vs.1-3) **HYMN NO. 772**

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, 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.**

PSALM 1 (*Spoken responsively*)

A Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,

**R but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

A They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

**R The wicked are not so
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

A Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

**R for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Now the Feast and Celebration*” **HYMN NO. 167**

***Refrain: Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!***

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. *Refrain***

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain***

**For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. *Refrain***

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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

(10:30) *"I Must Tell Jesus"* by Elisha A. Hoffman

(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. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30) *"Whispering Hope"* **Rhonda Behrends & Julia Hahn**
by Septimus Winner, arr. Sheri Robinson

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philemon 1:1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ²to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Lord, Listen to Your...” **HYMN NO. 752**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

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P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Kay Johnson

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Take My Life, That I...” (vs.1,2,3,5) **HYMN NO. 685**

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, 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

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: The family of Elia Sandoval, our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Charles Schroeder in loving memory of Dorothy Schroeder.

The Special Concern for September is Palabra de Vida, a resurrection story made possible by the closure of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (Austin) in 2017. An endowment from the sale of the property funds the vision of Palabra de Vida which is to cultivate spiritual growth and community transformation through a multicultural, multiethnic, bilingual, barrier-crossing worshipping community. As of March 2022, the SWT Synod reclaimed its connection to life-giving properties in seed planting, by establishing Palabra de Vida as a new church plant. Palabra de Vida will be located in Dove Springs.

The Zion WELCA will be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief during September. Please leave any items you purchase in the BUS in the Atrium.

The 3rd Sunday Fellowship Lunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, September 18 at 11:45am. BBQ Brisket plates will be served for \$14 per plate. RSVP is required by 9/15. Call 830-997-2509, text 830-889-1029, email djernst1@outlook.com OR call the church office 830-997-2195. **We will be celebrating Zion's 170th Anniversary during lunch.**

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.**

Thank you for your Contributions of \$1,882 given last week.

Attendance: 8am – 20 & 10:30am – 47

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR: Margaret Solbrig; **USHERS 8AM** – Wilfred Crenwelge, Arleen Crenwelge, Florence Rogers, Audrey Mayer

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Sept 5		Office Closed for Labor Day
TUES – Sept 6	9-12pm	Council member available to talk – church office
	5:30-6:20pm	Chancel Choir – Fell Hall
WED – Sept 7	8:00am	Men's Breakfast – Sewing Rm
	9:30am	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
	5:30pm	Evangelism Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – Sept 11	8:00am	Worship w/Comm. (Broadcast KNAF & Live on YouTube)
	9-9:15am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	SS – Fell Hall / Adult SS – Sewing Rm
	10:30am	Worship with Communion
	11:45am	Private Reception – Fell Hall



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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist @ 8:00am – Betty Scrogin

Pianist @ 10:30am – Sheri Robinson

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