

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 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) *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*
by Ludwig van Beethoven & Henry van Dyke; 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 *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”* **HYMN NO. 774**

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

***Refrain: Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
leaning on the everlasting arms.***

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

R Thanks be to God.

(10:30) *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”* by Oliver Holden, Edward Perronet, & John Rippon

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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) *“Beautiful Savior”* ~Music: Silesian Folk Tune; Lyrics: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677

(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 Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

R Amen

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

R we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen

P Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. 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 *“Bind Us Together”*

**Refrain: Bind us together,
Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord;
bind us together in love.**

**There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body;
that is why we can sing; Refrain**

**You are the family of God.
You are the promise divine.
You are God’s chosen desire,
you are the glorious new wine. Refrain**

Text & Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946

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 113 *(Read responsively)*

A Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

R **Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.**

A From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

R **The LORD is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.**

A Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

R **who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

A He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

R **to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

A He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

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***

Text: Marty Haugen b. 1950; Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc

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) *“The Old Rugged Cross”* by George Bennard

(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. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC *“The Solid Rock”* & *“The Rock of Faith is Jesus”* **Chancel Choir**

by Mote-Bradbury

by Hudson-George

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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.**

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943; Text © 1973 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th Chapter.

R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL **Luke 16:1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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 “Have No Fear, Little Flock” (vs.1,3,4) **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!**

**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!**

**Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!**

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

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: Marjorie Garretson, Melinda Hierholzer, Stan Sauer, 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 Rodney and Margie Eckhardt for all his blessings and in celebration of their 48th Wedding Anniversary.

Today we celebrate Zion's 170th Anniversary during the luncheon.

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. Palabra de Vida which is to cultivate spiritual growth and community transformation through a multicultural, multiethnic, bilingual, barrier-crossing worshipping community. 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.

There will be an opportunity to give a free will offering for Ray Salinas at the luncheon today at 11:45am.

Diane Mayer will begin leading line dancing classes on Monday, Sept 26 at 5:30-6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. All men and women are invited to join. The class is open to the community as well. A free will offering basket will be available to help defray the cost of utilities.

The Oct – Dec Portals of Prayer are available for pick up in the Atrium and Narthex.

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 \$4,919 given last week.

Attendance: 8am – 26 & 10:30am – 45

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR: Sandy Schmitzinsky

USHERS 8AM – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner, Bill & Ann Armentrout; **USHERS 10:30AM** – Marlin & Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TUES – Sept 20 9-12pm Council member available to talk – church office
5:30-6:20pm Chancel Choir – Fell Hall

WED – Sept 21 6:00pm Parish Ed Mtg – Library

SUN – Sept 25 8:00am Worship with Communion
9-9:15am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am SS – Fell Hall / Adult SS – Sewing Rm
10:30am Worship with Communion
(Broadcast KNAF & Live on YouTube)



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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Pianist @ 8:00am – Betty Scrogin

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