

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

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 are grateful for the faithful shepherds you have sent to Zion over the many years in this place. Thank you for the good done in your name. We now wait in expectation for a new pastor. Wherever they may be, tend their heart. Give them courage to preach your Word and knowledge of your vision for the future. Inspire them to live faithfully and honorably. Guard their family as they make the transition to our congregation. 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. Help us release what has gone before and, with open and eager hearts, embrace what is coming. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"Bless His Holy Name" by Andraé Crouch

"God Is So Good" ~Traditional

(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,

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

"Soon and Very Soon"

HYMN NO. 439

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.**

**No more cryin there, we are going to see the King,
No more cryin there, we are going to see the King,
No more cryin there, we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**

**No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945; Music: Andraé Crouch

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

R Thanks be to God.

"This Is the Day" by Les Garrett

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

HYMN*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* (vs.1&3) **HYMN NO. 697****Refrain:**

***Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

**I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

Refrain

**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.**

Refrain

Text: North American traditional

"This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made" by Thomas A. Arne & Isaac Watts

"Tell It to Jesus" by Edmund S. Lorenz & Jeremiah E. Rankin

(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**

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**

GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN *"Jesus, Still Lead On"* (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 624**

**Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand to the promised land.**

**If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe to our home we go.**

**Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand in the promised land.**

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, 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 31:1-5, 15-16 (Read in unison)

A In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

**R Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

A You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

**R take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

A Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**R My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

A Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to God" (vs.1&2)

HYMNAL p. 204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

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

P When we eat this bread, we share in the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

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

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord” ~Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; Lyrics: James Montgomery

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING SONG *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings...”* **HYMN NO. 884**

**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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Because He Lives” by Wm. Gaither, Arr. by Charles F. Brown

Chancel Choir with Soloists: Dan McGookey & Missy Roberts

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸ and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L The word of the Lord.
R **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMNAL p.205



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Rev. Kay Johnson

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Know That My...” (vs.1,2,4,8) **HYMN NO. 619**

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.**

**He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, 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: Lacota Franklin (friend of Susan Otto), Kathy Haley, all churches in light of National Day of Prayer (the GCMA Church of the Week), our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Arthur Haun, Jr. in celebration of Mother's Day next weekend and honoring all mothers today; especially his mother, Cecelia, his wife, Kathlyn, and his grandmothers.

May Calendar Correction: The Baccalaureate Service will be held at Bridge Church on Sunday, May 21 at 6pm.

Mark your calendars: VBS/Day Camp will be the week of July 31 – Aug 4 at Zion hosted by Cross Trails Ministry. Any youth who have completed grades K-5th can participate. Sign up sheets are in the Atrium or on our website at www.zion-lutheran.com or register online at <https://crosstrails.org/congregational-day-camp/>

Thank you for your Contributions of \$2,368 given last week. **Attend:** 9am – 72

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig & Arleen Crenwelge

USHERS – Wilfred Crenwelge, Arleen Crenwelge, Darlene Hartmann
Ron & Aleks Gant, Arthur Haun, Audrey Mayer

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

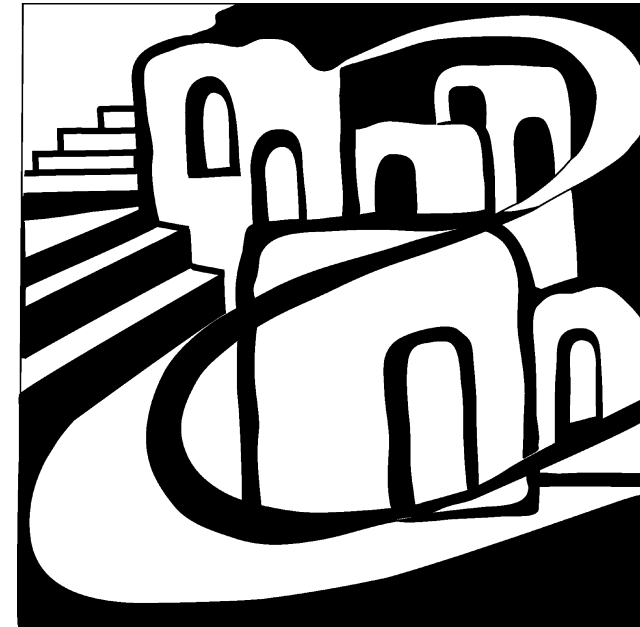
MON – May 8 **5:30pm Line Dancing – Fell Hall**
 6:30pm Call Committee Mtg – Conf Rm

TUES – May 9 5:30pm Chancel Choir – Choir Rm

WED – May 10 **9:00am Laborers of Love – Arhelger House**
 5:30pm Evangelism Mtg – Library
 5:30pm Cemetery Board Mtg – Conf Rm
 NO Parish Ed Mtg

THURS – May 11 **5:15pm Finance Mtg – Conf Rm**
 6:00pm Investment Mtg – Conf Rm

SUN – May 14 8:30am Coffee & Donuts
 9:00am Worship with Communion
 (Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)
 10:15am SS – Fell Hall
 10:15am Adult SS – Sewing Rm



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Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 9:00AM

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Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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