

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 21, 2023**

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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

*"Morning Has Broken"* ~Music: Traditional Gaelic melody; Lyrics: Eleanor Farjeon

*(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,

**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.**

## 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

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

**HYMN NO. 661**

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

***Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

**I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain***

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*"We'll Understand It Better By and By"* by Charles A. Tindley

**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 As I Am"* (vs.1&3)**HYMN NO. 592**

**Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,**

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

*"He the Pearly Gates Will Open"* by Elsie Ahlwén & Frederick A. Blom

*(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 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** "O Day Full of Grace" (vs.1,4,5) **HYMN NO. 627**

**O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,  
bring light from our God that we may be  
abundant in joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,  
that we might no more in death be lost,  
its pow'r over us dispelling.  
This flame will the mark of sin efface  
and bring to us all true healing.**

**When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,  
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
all joy of the heavens sharing,  
and there we will join God's endless praise,  
with angels and saints adoring.**

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.; Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*

**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 68:4-10, 32-35** (Read Responsively)

A Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him.

**R Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.**

A God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

**R God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,**

A the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

**R Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;**

A your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**R Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.**

A O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**R Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies.**

A Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

**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

*“Lamb of Glory”* by Greg Nelson & Phill McHugh

*(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. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**R Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Just a Little Talk With Jesus”*

**Chancel Choir**

by Clevant Derricks, arr. by Rick Powell

### FIRST READING

**Acts 1:6-14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

<sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

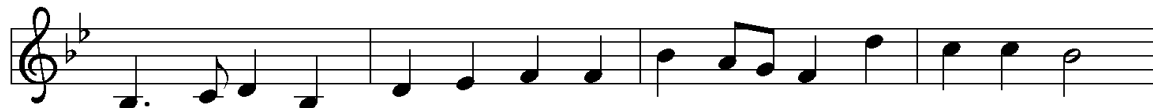
L The word of the Lord.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL**

**John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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** "You Have Come Down..." (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 817**

**You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.**

***Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.***

**You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain***

**You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain***

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936-1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946; Text © 1979 Cesáreo Gabaráin, OCP Publications

**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:** The Family of Eleanore Crump, Kathy Haley, Judy McGookey, The Family of Dave Steward (uncle of Audrey Mayer), St. Mary's Catholic Church (the GCMA Church of the Week), our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**The May Special Concern** is the Golden Hub Meals on Wheels Program. They deliver over a hundred meals per day to the homebound and/or disabled seniors in the Gillespie County area, including Fredericksburg, Doss, Harper, the Live Oaks, and Stonewall. Deliveries are 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year.

**KNAF Radio Station is upgrading their AM towers.** During this time, if you can't find Zion's worship service being broadcasted on 910AM at 10:30am, then please try listening to their 105.7FM station at 10:30am. They will be temporarily broadcasting our service on their FM station, but we are not sure for how long. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

*(Remember, Zion does not broadcast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday's.)*

**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-5<sup>th</sup> can participate. Sign up sheets are in the Atrium or on our website at [www.zion-lutheran.com](http://www.zion-lutheran.com) or register online at <https://crosstrails.org/congregational-day-camp/>

**Eleanore June Crump** passed away on May 13, 2023 at the age of 98. She was the oldest member of Zion. She will be buried with her husband in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN. There will not be a service in town.

**Thank you** for your Contributions of \$3,057 given last week. **Attend:** 9am – 81

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Sandy Schmitzinsky

**USHERS** – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner  
Marlin & Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt, Alma Sobey

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – May 21 **6:00pm Baccalaureate Service – Bridge Church**

MON – May 22 **5:30pm Line Dancing – Fell Hall**

TUES – May 23 5:30pm Chancel Choir – Choir Rm

WED – May 24 **9:00am Laborers of Love – Arhelger House**

SUN – May 28 *Pentecost Sunday – Wear Something Red*

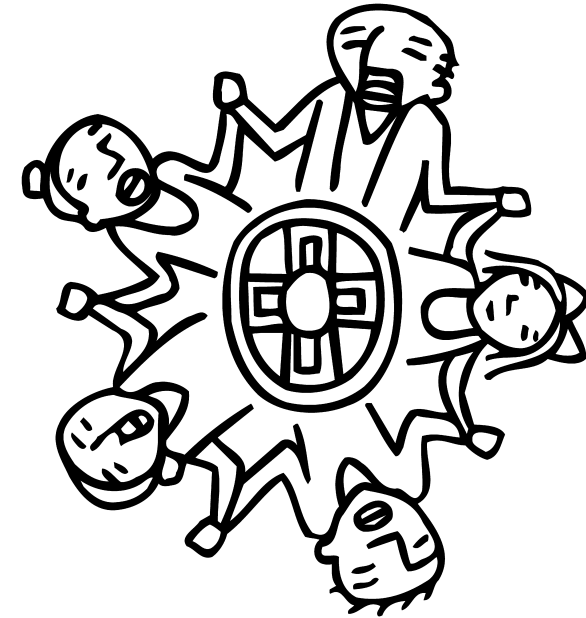
8:30am Coffee & Donuts

**9:00am Worship with Communion**

*(Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)*

10:15am Adult SS – Sewing Rm *(continues during summer)*

NO Youth SS *(will resume in August)*



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## Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 21, 2023

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

*(go to [www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube))*

**Broadcast on KNAF (910AM or 105.7FM) at 10:30AM**

Podcast available [www.zion-lutheran.com](http://www.zion-lutheran.com) under sermons tab

Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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