

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP *“Come, Holy Spirit”* by John W. Peterson **Rhonda Behrends, Robert Menking, Greg Oehler, Julia Seidensticker**

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

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” ~African American Spiritual; Arr. D. Kartsonakis

“There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” by Doris Akers
“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” by Stephen R. Adams

(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

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 *“Shall We Gather at the River”* (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 423**

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.**

Refrain

**Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.**

Refrain

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God (Your Only Son)" **HYMN NO. 336**



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

"Lamb of God" Words and Music by Twila Paris ©1985 Mountain Spring Music and Straight Way Music, both administered by EMI Christian Music Publishing CCLI License #11089474

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs.1&3) **HYMN NO. 471**

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.**

**Refrain: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual

(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 Merciful God,

R we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P Righteous God,

R we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's 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 stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN "One Bread, One Body" **HYMN NO. 496**

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

Refrain

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939; Text © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ and OCP Publications

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 (Congregation sings the refrain)

HYMNAL p. 184

C *Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev'ry day.

A For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

A That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out...truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Listen! You Nations"

Refrain:

***Listen! you nations of the world: listen to the Word of the Lord.
Announce it from coast to coast; declare it to distant islands.***

**The Lord who scattered Israel will gather his people again;
and he will keep watch over them as a shepherd watches his flock.**

Refrain

**With shouts of joy they will come, their faces radiantly happy,
for the Lord is so gen'rous to them;
he showers his people with gifts. *Refrain***

**Young women will dance for joy,
and men young and old will make merry.
Like a garden refreshed by the rain,
they will never be in want again.**

Break into shouts of great joy: Jacob is free again!

Teach nations to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his people!"

Text: John W. Arthur, b. 1922; Text © 1972 *Contemporary Worship 5: Services of the Word*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

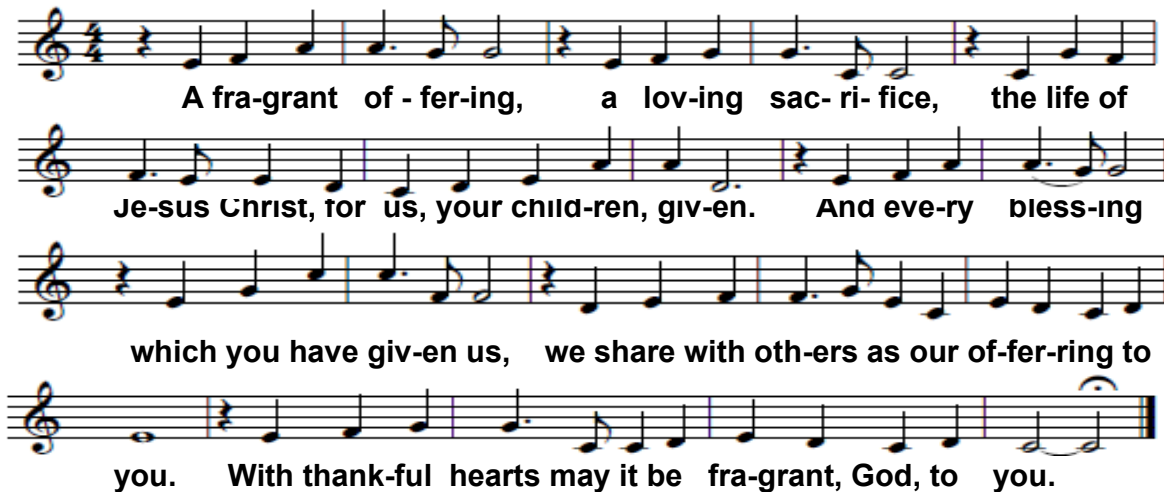
OFFERING

"Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome" by Dottie Rambo & David Huntsinger

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING SONG

"A Fragrant Offering"



A fra-grant of - fer-ing, a lov-ing sac-ri-fice, the life of
Je-sus Christ, for us, your child-ren, giv-en. And eve-ry bless-ing
which you have giv-en us, we share with oth-ers as our of-fer-ing to
you. With thank-ful hearts may it be fra-grant, God, to you.

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(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, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me

Greg Oehler

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “*Lord, Listen To Your Children...*” **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. John, the 20th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL**John 20:19-23**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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 “*Love Divine, All Loves...*” (vs.1&4) **HYMN NO. 631**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev’ry trembling heart.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

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

Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

HYMN

“America the Beautiful”

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**

Words: Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1929; Music: Samuel A. Ward, 1847-1903

DISMISSAL

A We share the joy of Christ.

R **We worship, love and serve.**

“Pentecostal Power” by Charles H. Gabriel

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Kathy Haley, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Audrey Mayer in honor and memory of her family and all the military (past, present, future) for their service to our country.

As a tribute to honor those men and women who died while defending our country and our freedom, we will sing two verses of America the Beautiful after the sending hymn today.

The church office will be closed on Monday and open 8am to noon Tues – Friday. Christi will be on vacation, but you can still email or text her at 830-285-3483.

Thank you for your Contributions of \$2,006 given last week. **Attend:** 9am – 72

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Robert Menking

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – May 29

NO Line Dancing & *Office Closed*

TUES – May 30

5:30pm Chancel Choir – Choir Rm

6:30pm Call Committee Mtg – Conf Rm

SUN – June 4

9:00am Worship with Communion

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

10:10am Women’s Choir Practice – Choir Rm

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

NO Youth SS (will resume in August)



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

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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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