

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 25, 2023**

*“Healer of Our Every Ill”* by Marty Haugen

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

*“Blest Are They”* by David Haas

*(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,

*(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 *“Take My Life, That I May Be”* (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.

## DISMISSAL

A We share the joy of Christ.

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

*“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”* by Robert Lowry

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**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.

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**HYMN** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (vs.1&3) **HYMN NO. 597**

**My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**Refrain:**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. Refrain**

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

**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** "What Wondrous Love Is..." (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 666**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., 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.

**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)*

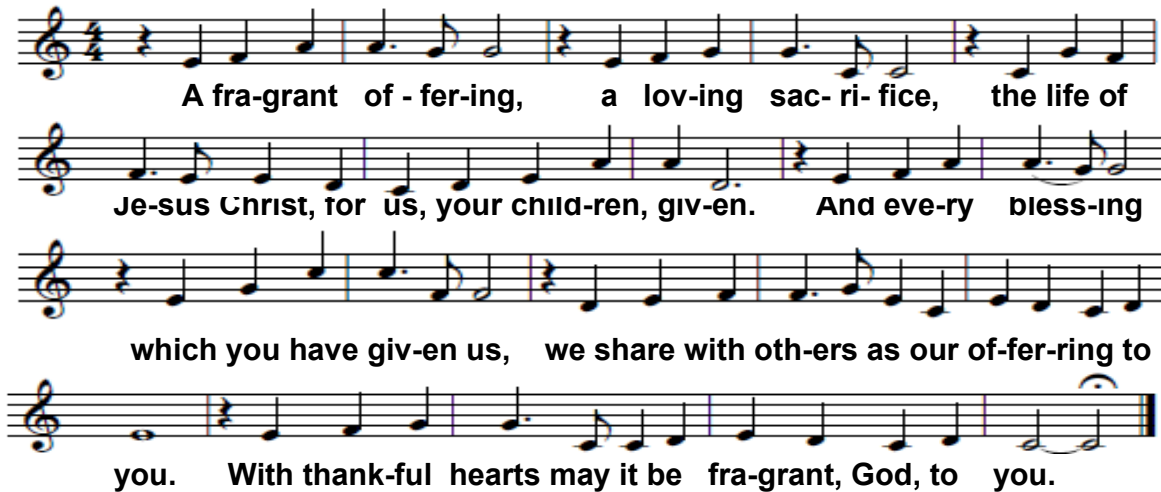
### OFFERING

*“Lead Me, Guide Me”* by Doris Akers

*(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.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**R And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*“The Longer I Serve Him”* **Wilfred Crenwelge**

### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

**Romans 6:1b-11**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin.

<sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 10:24-39**

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find 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**

*“Baptized in Water”*

**HYMN NO. 456**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932; Text © 1982 Jubilate Hymns, admin. Hope Publishing Company

**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, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** Kathy Haley, Victory Fellowship Church (the GCMA Church of the Week), our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**The June Special Concern** is the Gillespie Literacy Council. Currently the GLC offers classes in basic literacy, English as a Second Language and US Citizenship preparation. GLC is funded by donations only.

**Parade Watching Party** – Zion's WELCA is sponsoring a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade watching party on the front porch of the parsonage Tuesday, July 4 at 10am. Please bring a folding chair, water, and a snack to share.

**KNAF's AM Towers are back up and running.** You can find Zion's Worship Broadcasted on 910AM at 10:30am every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

**The July – Sept Portals of Prayers** are available in the Narthex and Atrium.

**Sunday School Rally Day will be Sunday, August 20 at 10:15am!**

**Thank you** for your Contributions of \$1,908 given last week. **Attend:** 9am –66

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Robert Menking

**USHERS** – Dwayne, Karen & Emily Beyer, Roger Dittmar, Doris Schneider

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – June 26      **5:30pm Line Dancing – Fell Hall**

TUES – June 27      NO Chancel Choir Practice

WED – June 28      **9:00am Laborers of Love – Arhelger House**

SUN – July 2      NO Coffee & Donuts (*will resume in the fall*)  
**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 (*Rally Day is August 20!*)



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**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) 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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