

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

“Adoration” by Felix Borowski **Brianna Reitenga, violinist**

Sheri Robinson, pianist

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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ~Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813 (Nettleton Tune) & *The Sacred Harp*, 1844 (Warrenton Tune); Lyrics: Robert Robinson; Arr. Mark Hayes

(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.

(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

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

HYMN NO. 537

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.

Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.

Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;

who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

**Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;

unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;

unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,

on our way rejoicing now and evermore. Refrain

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

R Thanks be to God.

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” by Adam Geibel & George Duffield, Jr.

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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 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (vs.2) **HYMN NO. 547**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
 the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—our faith ever sharing,
 in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race.**

**With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
 unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to
 Christ and his name that we bear.**

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.; Text © 1964 World Library Publications, 3708 River Rd., Suite 400, Franklin Park, IL

R 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 "Blessed Assurance" (vs.1-3) **HYMN NO. 638**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Savior, all the day long:
 this is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 angels descending bring from above
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 watching and waiting, looking above,
 filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain**

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

GREETING

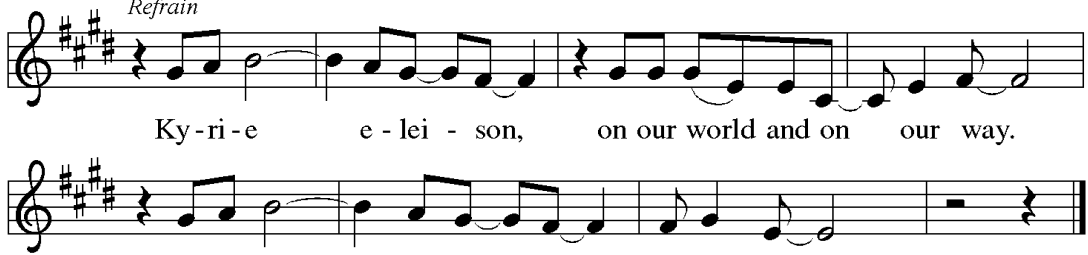
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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)

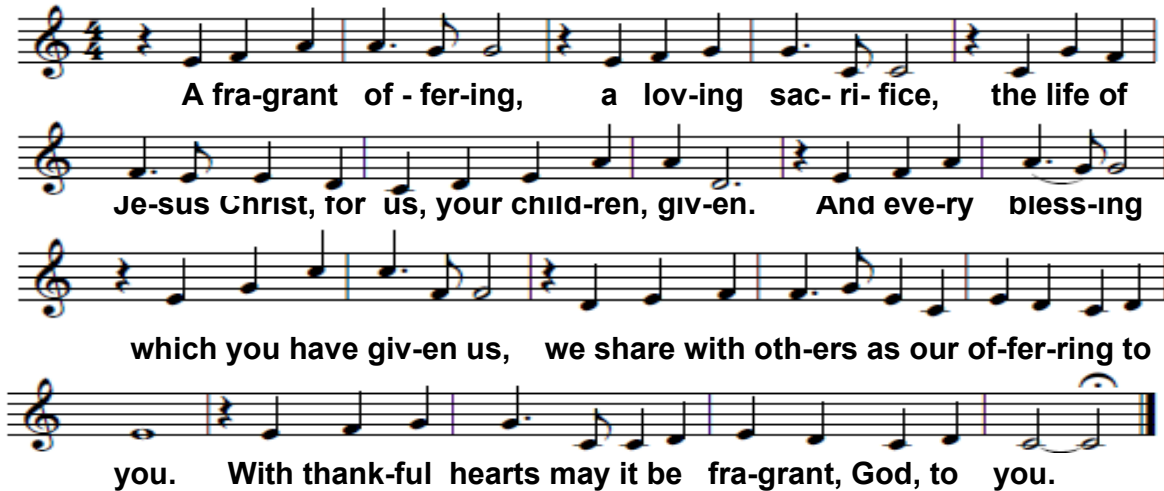
OFFERING

"Are Ye Able," Said the Master by Harry S. Mason & Earl Marlatt

(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. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"You are Holy" (Prince of Peace) by Michael W. Smith

Rhonda Behrends & Greg Oehler

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸“Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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 “*Open Now Thy Gates...*” (vs.1-3) **HYMN NO. 533**

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.**

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Kathy Haley, The Family of Donna Ploch (friend of Margaret Solbrig), our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The July Special Concern is the Grace Center of Fredericksburg. The goal for The Grace Center of Fredericksburg is to raise the funds necessary to build a shelter where those who have been impacted by domestic violence can seek shelter from their abuser.

You are invited to an ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Friday, July 21 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday. There will be lots of ice cream, brownies, and toppings. The Zion Line Dancers will be performing a few of their favorite dances.

Your 2nd Quarter Contribution Statements are available in the Narthex.

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 \$1,796 given on 7/2. **Attendance** – 41

Thank you for your contributions of \$7,618 given on 7/9. **Attendance** – 51

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Rhonda Behrends & Arleen Crenwelge

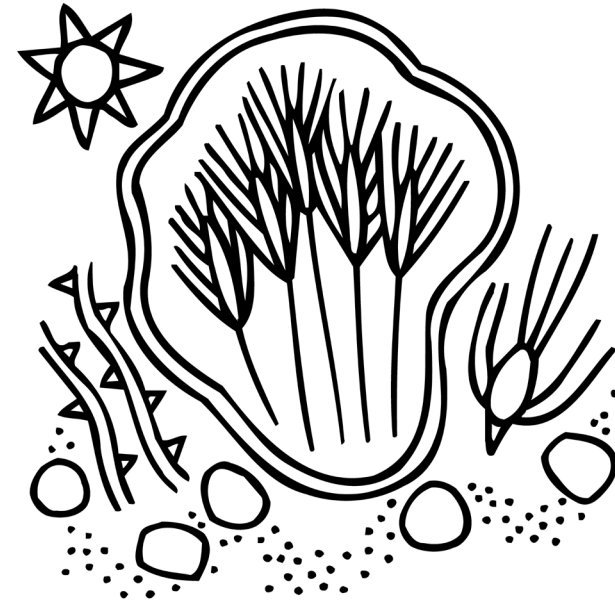
USHERS – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner
Marlin & Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt, Alma Sobey

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – July 17 **5:30pm Line Dancing – Fell Hall**

FRI – July 21 **6:00pm Ice Cream Social – Fell Hall**

SUN – July 23 **9:00am Worship with Communion**
(Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)
10:15am Adult SS – Sewing Rm
NO Youth SS (Rally Day is August 20!)



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Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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