

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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

"It Is Well with My Soul" by Philip P. Bliss & Horatio G. Spafford; arr. Sheri Robinson

(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.

(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 *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* **HYMN NO. 543**

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

**"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."**

**"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.; Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

R Thanks be to God.

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody" by Elton M. Roth

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. O Lamb of
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 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (vs.1&2) **HYMN NO. 337**

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?**

**Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

"Come Unto Jesus" by Dallas Holm

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 "God Is Here!" (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 526**

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Text © 1979 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

GREETING

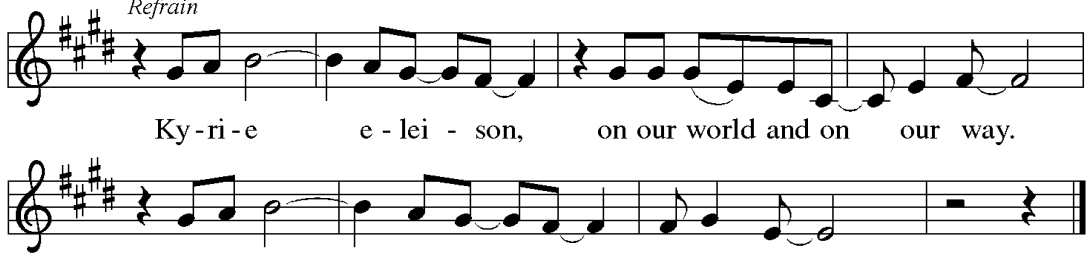
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

"We Will Stand" by James Hollihan, Russ Taff, & Tori Taff

(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. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by Chris Rice

Missy Roberts, soloist & Debbie Sultemeier, flutist

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
 5 Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 *“Break Now the Bread of Life”* **HYMN NO. 515**

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!**

**You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, 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 Charles Blackwell, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bill and Ann Armentrout in celebration of all the August Birthdays, especially Bill's and Christi Fowler's.

The July Special Concern is New Horizons of Fredericksburg. New Horizons helps families and the community solve challenges brought about by intellectual or other developmental disabilities.

Sunday School Rally Day will be Sunday, August 20 at 10:15am!
R.O.P.E. (Rely On Prayer Everyday)

Thank you for your contributions of \$2,296 given last week. **Attendance** – 65

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Rhonda Behrends

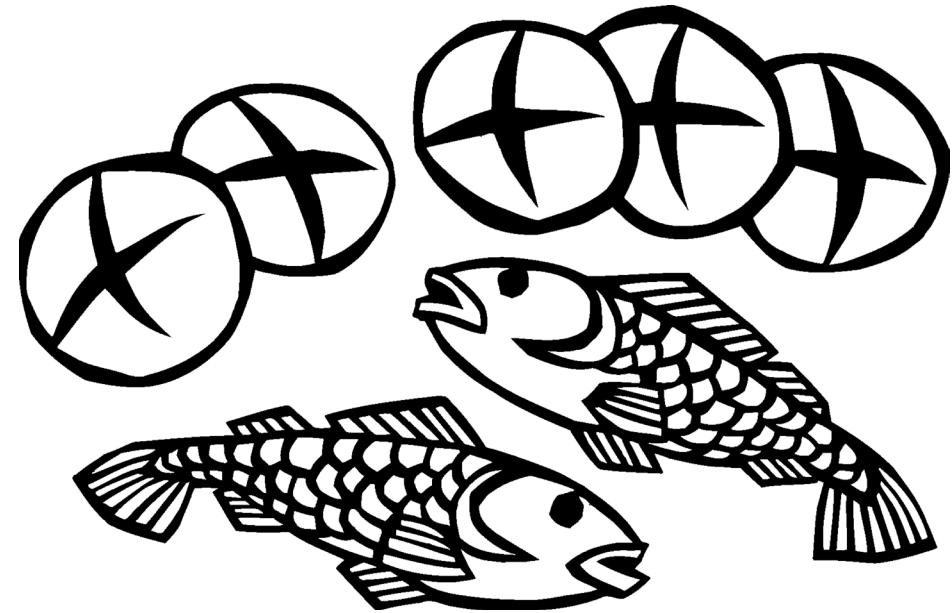
USHERS – Wilfred Crenwelge, Arleen Crenwelge, Darlene Hartmann
Ron & Aleks Gant, Arthur Haun, Audrey Mayer

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Aug 7 **5:30pm** Line Dancing – Fell Hall

WED – Aug 9 **9:00am** Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
 5:30pm Cemetery Board Mtg – Con Rm
 6:00pm Parish Ed Mtg – Library

SUN – Aug 13 **9:00am** Worship with Communion
 (Live on YouTube at 9am & NO Radio Broadcast)
 10:15am Adult SS – Sewing Rm
 NO Youth SS *(Rally Day is August 20!)*



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Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 10:30AM

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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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