

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"Bless His Holy Name" by Andraé Crouch & *"God Is So Good"* ~ Traditional

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

R Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Baptism is our entry into Christian life, and day by day we are nourished by our baptismal waters. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to remember our baptism daily. And so now, we give thanks for what God has done for us in this sacrament.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

R Amen

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen

DISMISSAL

P Christ is risen, just as he said.
Be at peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

HYMN *"When Morning..."* (vs.1,3,4,5) **HYMN NO. 853**

**When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known
than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
oh, Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let all of humankind in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,**

today and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Holy God, by your Word you have given us many blessings. We thank you for the blessings of the body of Christ at Zion, committee chairs, council leaders, worship helpers, volunteers, and so many more that keep this church serving you. In your humble service,

R we give you thanks.

P Precious Savior, thank you for the blessings of the Fredericksburg Community: for the first responders, business owners and their employees, civic leaders, and all those who support this community in other ways. In your humble service,

R we give you thanks.

P Healing God, you have provided many people a spirit of helpfulness to address the increased needs during this crisis. Support them, sustain them, and uplift them in their service worldwide. We pray for anyone in need of your presence especially those we name in our hearts..... In your humble service,

R we give you thanks.

P Into your hands and presence we commend all for whom we pray.

R Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

GATHERING

HYMN "Open Now Thy..." (vs.1,4,5) **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!**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost
thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.**

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

HYMNAL p. 147

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Glory to God...*” **HYMNAL p. 148**

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Dona Nobis Pacem*” **Chancel Choir**

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Robert Menking

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P 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

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

OFFERING

The work of God continues, even when we can't gather in person.

While the offering plate can't be passed around, there are still several ways to tithe:

- *Mail your offering envelope to the church office*
- *Check out Zion's website for online donation option via Tithe.ly*
OR you can go directly to this link <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1367077>
- *Set up direct bill pay at your personal bank*

*And always remember, there are **many** ways we can make offerings to God, such as prayer and acts of service.*

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.**

***Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!***

**Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain***

**Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain***

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

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Bible p. 995

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-23 Bible p. 1106

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMNAL p. 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Bible p. 966

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (NRSV)

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"This Changes Everything"

Rev. Lisa Hoelscher

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Melva Chancellor-Burnham, The Family of Linda Fiedler (mother of Karen Snowden), Claribel Hannemann, Peggy Janssen, Leola Landis, Gary McVey, The Family of Tom Orsak (son of Kurt and Ernestine Grunau), Bee Troxell, Evelyn Wells, Edith Wilderotter, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

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The Special Concern for April is Zion's Youth Camp Scholarships. Our youth can choose from a variety of Lutheran camp experiences provided by our Cross Trails Ministry at Camps Chrysalis and/or Ebert as well as attending Day Camp (VBS) at Zion. Your generous response is appreciated!

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To support our connection as the body of Christ and encourage the study of scripture, Pastor Ron and Pastor Lisa are continuing weekly devotions during this Easter season. New videos are available weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 am on Zion's YouTube channel. Paper copies will also be mailed with the Sunday bulletin. To access the videos, go to youtube.com and search for "Zion Fredericksburg Texas." The search will take you to Zion's channel, and you can click on the devotion video.

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Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$2,105, your Building Fund Contributions of \$25, and your Zion Camping Scholarships of \$100 given this past week.

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We had 115 views of last Sunday's video on our YouTube channel.

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Word search mystery word answer: ZKROW DOOG



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