

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 29, 2020**

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*At one time, creating an altar in one's home was common practice, and we invite you to "set the scene" for worship in your own home now. Find a place to gather, perhaps around the kitchen table, and bring out a candle, cross, and Bible. These are symbols of our faith and unite us together in worship as the Body of Christ.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)*

### PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* by J.S. Bach & Hans L. Hassler; arr. Tedd Smith

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

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# 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](https://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.*

**ANTHEM** "Thy Word" by Amy Grant **Called By Grace**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us O God,

**C your mercy is great.**

## 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**

## BENEDICTION

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C Amen**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C Amen**

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**Deuteronomy 33:26-27 (NRSV)****Bible p. 190**

<sup>26</sup> There is none like God, O Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, majestic through the skies. <sup>27</sup> He subdues the ancient gods, shatters the forces of old; he drove out the enemy before you, and said, "Destroy!"

**HYMN** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" **HYMN NO. 774**

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;*

*Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;**

**O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?**

**I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman; Music: Anthony J. Showalter

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**C** **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**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.

**C** **Amen**

**OPENING HYMN** "Lord, Take My Hand..." **HYMN NO. 767**

**Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.**

**Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.**

**Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen**

**my steps toward home,**

**then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!**

**So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.**

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

**FROGGING TIME AT ZION (FTZ)**

**SOLO**

**Ray Salinas**

# WORD

**FIRST READING**            **Ezekiel 37:1-14**            **Bible p. 791**

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD." (NRSV)

A        The Word of the Lord.

**C        Thanks be to God.**

**Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)**

**Bible p. 1073**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**HYMN**            *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* **HYMN NO. 742**

**What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

Text: Joseph M. Scriven; Music: Charles C. Converse

**Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point out your chosen way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
and share your joy at last.**

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

**Philippians 2:5-8 (NRSV) Bible p. 1071**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

**HYMN**                   *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

**Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.**

**In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. Refrain**

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.  
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share. Refrain**

Text & Music: George Bennard

A The holy gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL John 11:1-45 (NRSV) Bible p. 980**

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

*Please listen to a narrative reading of the gospel.*

A The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE THROUGH HYMNS & TEXTS**

**Titus 2:11-15 (NRSV) Bible p. 1089**

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. <sup>15</sup>Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you.

**HYMN**                   *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* (vs.1&4) **HYMN NO. 810**

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.**

**O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.**

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

**Philippians 4:10-13 (NRSV)**

**Bible p. 1073**

<sup>10</sup>I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**HYMN**

*“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”* **HYMN NO. 697**

**I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.**

***Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

**Thro' this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. *Refrain***

**When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. *Refrain***

Text & Music: Anonymous

**John 20:19-20 (NRSV)**

**Bible p. 991**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

**HYMN**

*“In the Garden”*

**I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.**

***Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.***

**He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. *Refrain***

**I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling. *Refrain***

Text & Music: C. Austin Miles

**Luke 23:32-34 (NRSV)**

**Bible p. 965**

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [<sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

**HYMN**

*“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”* **HYMN NO. 599**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free  
and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
by anxious thoughts oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be  
and taste your promised rest.**

**SENDING HYMN** "God Be with..." (vs.1&3) **HYMN NO. 536**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Refrain: Till we meet, (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet again,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;**

**God be with you till we meet again. Refrain**

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

"Down at the Cross" by John H. Stockton & Elisha A. Hoffman

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**As the body of Christ,** we can gain strength from feeling connected to each other, and along those lines, we have a challenge for you. We would love to see pictures of your altar, and if you email us ([zionfbg@gmail.com](mailto:zionfbg@gmail.com)) a picture of your home worship space, we will share them with everyone. Many thanks to Florence Rogers who gave us this idea by sending us a picture of her home altar from last Sunday (as shown on cover).

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Adolph Bernhard, Melva Chancellor-Burnham, Claribel Hannemann, Rosalee Heimann, Peggy Janssen, Leola Landis, Gary McVey, 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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