

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Second Sunday of Easter      April 19, 2020**

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P=Presider    **R=Responses**

## **BELLS**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC**

*“The Easter Song”* by Anne Herring

### **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 may be 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**

**HYMN** “*Blest Be the Tie That...*” (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 656**

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.**

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

## 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 May you serve God with gladness and be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**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!

## GATHERING

**HYMN** "All Hail the Power..." (vs.1,3,5,6) **HYMN NO. 634**

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, you heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call  
the God incarnate,  
man divine and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate,  
man divine and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.**

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6

## 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.

**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. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**R** **Amen**

**ANTHEM**

*Called By Grace*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING** **Acts 2:14a, 22-32** **Bible p. 994**

*After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God’s plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

**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.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR OUR GIFTS**

**P** Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things. We lift up to you all medical personnel, first responders, and civic leaders for their willingness to serve through difficult times. Grant them wisdom and energy to face whatever lies before them. For these blessings and much more, O God,

**R** **we give you thanks and praise.**

**P** By your Word you call your people to serve in all times and places. We lift up to you the faithful people of Zion Lutheran Church: our council, music leaders, technology crew, and the abundant generous disciples in our midst. For these blessings and much more, O God,

**R** **we give you thanks and praise.**

**P** Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness in ways familiar and new. We lift up to you the means by which the church reaches out to your people: the radio, our YouTube channel, video conferences, and phone calls. For these blessings and much more, O God,

**R** **we give you thanks and praise.**

**P** Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**R** **Amen**

## NICENE CREED

P Let us profess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**R We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**R And also with you.**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>22</sup> “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. (NRSV)

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

## SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9 Bible p. 1105

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (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.

A The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL John 20:19-31 Bible p. 991**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

<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. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. (NRSV)

A The gospel of the Lord.  
**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** “Peace be with You. Do not be afraid!”

**Rev. Ron Windecker**

**HYMN** “I Know That My...” (vs.1,2,8) **HYMN NO. 619**

**I know that my Redeemer lives!  
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
 He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
 he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;  
 he lives eternally to save;  
 he lives exalted, throned above;  
 he lives to rule his church in love.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!**

## 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.

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**In our Hearts and Prayers:** our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, The Family of Adolph Bernhard, Melva Chancellor-Burnham, Claribel Hannemann, The Family of 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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**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!

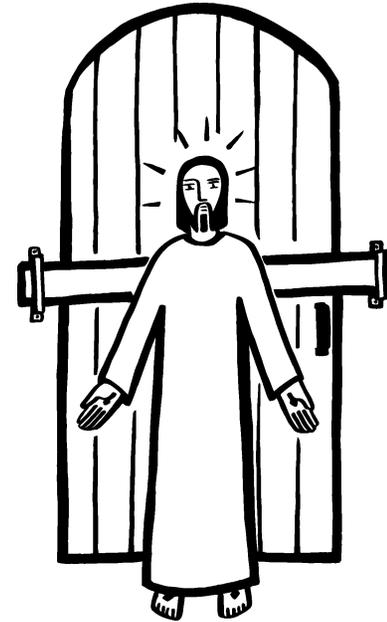
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**The Final Pictorial Directory Proof** was submitted to Lifetouch just before the virus pandemic began, so printing production is on hold.

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**The April-June Portals of Prayer are available.** If you need a copy, please contact the church office.

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**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$6,553, your Building Fund Contributions of \$45, your Zion Camping Scholarships of \$250, your Food Pantry Contribution of \$200, and your Contributions towards postage of \$170 given this past week.

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**We had 182 views** of our Easter Sunday video on our YouTube channel.

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**Weekly Devotion Videos will be on Zion's YouTube Channel each Wednesday – 4/15, 4/22, 4/29 & 5/6**  
(go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) & search 'Zion Fredericksburg, TX')



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