

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

3rd Sunday after Epiphany January 24, 2021

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Follow Me” by Ira Stanphill

(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

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God’s promise of forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of goodness and lovingkindness,

R we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

P Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through ☩ Jesus Christ. 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

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

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.

R Amen

SENDING HYMN “Now Thank We...” **HYMN NO. 840**

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

R Thanks be to God.

“Follow On” by Robert Lowry & W.O. Cushing

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

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

How to make a financial offering:

- 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.

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

~ Music: Indian Folk Song; Lyrics: Simon Kama Marak

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray,

R Have mercy, O God.

GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN "Jesus, Come! For We Invite You" HYMN NO. 312
to the tune of NO. 275

**Jesus, come! for we invite you,
guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.**

**Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.**

**Jesus, come! in new creation,
heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;
give your unexpected glory,
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples—
come, our first and greatest Sign!**

**Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!**

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938; Text © 1982 Jubilate Hymns, admin. Hope Publishing Co.

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.

(Please remain standing as you are able)

KYRIE *(Spoken)*

HYMNAL p. 147

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

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

R 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.

R Lord, have mercy.

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

R Lord, have mercy.

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

R Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE *(Spoken)* "Glory to... **HYMNAL p. 148**

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

R 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 God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" **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.**

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.

**I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.**

**My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.**

**Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.**

**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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. (NRSV)

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON “Can You Hear Me Now?” **Rev. Lisa Hoelscher**

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

YTZ

Ray Salinas

WORD

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah’s dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question “On whom should God have mercy?”

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ² “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*Spoken responsively by verse*)

Psalm 62:5-12

L ⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**R ⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

L ⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**R ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah***

L ⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

**R ¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on
them.**

L ¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

**R ¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work. (NRSV)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹ I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sung*) **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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Claribel Hannemann, The Family of James Parks, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

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Today we receive new members: Peter Ray and Debbie Sultemeier. Son-in-law and daughter of Stan and Barbara Sultemeier.

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The Special Concern for January is the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. They are in desperate need for food and monetary donations. You may write your check out to Zion with Food Pantry in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

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Thanks be to God! Hill Country Memorial Hospital is now offering appointments to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. Please visit www.hillcountrymemorial.org/hill-country-covid/ or call 990-6648 to make an appointment. To sign-up as a volunteer, visit <https://www.hillcountrymemorial.org/covid-19-vaccine-volunteers/> for more information. HCM is using the Hill Country University Center as a vaccination location.

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Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$3,015, your Building Fund Contributions of \$25, and your Special Contributions of \$250 given the week of January 17.

WORSHIP LECTOR – Helen Rode

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Sunday, January 31, 2021

TIME: 1:00PM in PERSON & via ZOOM

PLACE: Zion Lutheran Church

PURPOSE:

- To elect Council Members to serve 2021-2024
- To elect 2021-2022 Synod Assembly Delegate
- To review and approve the 2021 Annual Budget
- To review and approve the Bylaw changes
- To review and approve the Annual Report of the Congregation

The Annual Mtg will also be available on ZOOM
Meeting ID: 833 6666 1719 Passcode: ZionFBG

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Budget Forums to discuss the 2021 Budget will be held on
Sunday, Jan 24 at 1PM in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom
Wednesday, Jan 27 at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.
Meeting ID: 833 6666 1719 Passcode: ZionFBG



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Third Sunday after Epiphany January 24, 2021

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

Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 10:30AM

(go to www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube)

Podcast available www.zion-lutheran.com under sermons tab

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Accompanist – Sheri Robinson; Director of Music – Ray Salinas

Videographer – Peter Ray

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