

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 7, 2021**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## **BELLS**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC**

*"All Because of God's Amazing Grace"* by Stephen Adams

*(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 sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

**R 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**

P 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**

Thank you to everyone involved in the making of Christusbaum.

I am very grateful for all the support, encouragement, and hard work donated to make this possible.

-Emily Beyer

**SENDING HYMN**    *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

**HYMN NO. 631**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

**DISMISSAL**

**L**    Jesus invites us to walk with him to the Garden of Gethsemane

**R**    **Let us ever walk with Jesus!**

*“Are You Washed in the Blood”* by Elisha A. Hoffman

**GATHERING**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN**    *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”* (vs.1,2,4)

**HYMN NO. 347**

**Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Early hasten to the tomb,  
where they laid his breathless clay;  
all is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

**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 stand as you are able)*

## **DIALOGUE**

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.**

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

**R To see the depths of his love.**

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

**R To gaze upon the heights of his grace.**

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

**R We walk with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane.**

P Where he is betrayed by Judas.

**R And arrested by the Jews.**

P So that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.

**R Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**R And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, because Jesus walked into the perfect storm—betrayal, arrest, assault with a sword and then all his friends ran away—you are able to bring your perfect peace in the storms of our lives. Empower us to believe it and receive it; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

**R 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.*

*"This Is the Time I Must Sing" by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P Lord, in your mercy,

**R Grant us your peace.**

### **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**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil.**

***Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain***

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

## **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**

*(Please be seated)*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

***Ray Salinas***

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING Isaiah 53:1-6**

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering<sup>[a]</sup> and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces<sup>[b]</sup>  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all. (NRSV)

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22**

<sup>11</sup> So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Return to..." **HYMNAL p. 142**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL Matthew 26:47-56**

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." <sup>49</sup> At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup> Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" <sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. (NRSV)

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** "Places of the Passion: Gethsemane"

**Rev. Ron Windecker**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" **HYMN NO. 597**

**My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Claribel Hannemann, Alton Moellering (husband of Dorothy Moellering), Stan Sultemeier, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

**The Special Concern** for February is the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.

**Zion is now offering In-Person Worship** each Sunday along with the service still being live on the radio and YouTube. If you wish to attend the Sunday Worship Service, please RSVP to the church office by the Thursday before.

**You are invited to participate** in a weekly self-guided devotion in the Sanctuary each Wednesday through March 24 from 11:30am – noon & 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Devotion handouts will be available in the Narthex and will be emailed as well.

**Easter Lilies** are now available to purchase for \$8 each. Please fill out the insert or call the church office to order yours.

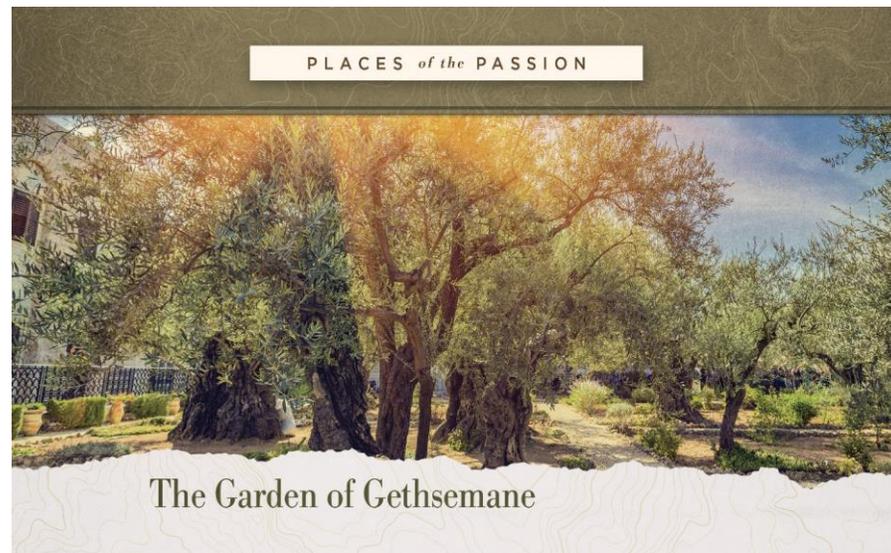
**Don't forget** to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 13.

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$4,570, and your Special Contributions of \$776 given this past week.

**WORSHIP LECTOR** – Sandy Schmitzinsky

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Mar 8	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:30pm	Growing in Faith via Zoom
TUES – Mar 9	9:30am	Deanery Mtg via Zoom
	6:00pm	Bible Study via Zoom & In-Person in the Conf Rm
WED – Mar 10	9:00am	Daycare Chapel
	1:30pm	WELCA Bible Study via Zoom
SUN – Mar 14		<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>
	9:00am	In-Person Worship (Please RSVP)
	9:00am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	9:00am	Service Live on YouTube
		<a href="http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube">www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube</a>



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