

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary"

by William J. Gaither, Gloria Gaither, & Dale Oldham

(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

SENDING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”
(vs.1-4) **HYMN NO. 543**

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.; Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

DISMISSAL

L Jesus invites us to walk with him to the high priest’s courtyard, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

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

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”
Music: Walker’s *Southern Harmony*; Lyrics: Joseph Hart

GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN “Lead Me, Guide Me” (vs.1-3) **HYMN NO. 768**

***Refrain: Lead me, guide me along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

**I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain***

**Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain***

**I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain***

Text & Music: Doris Akers, 1922-1995

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 follow Christ to the courtyard.**

P It belongs to the High Priest Caiaphas—but Peter is there and so are others.

R **Peter denies Jesus three times.**

P But all is not lost. After his collapse God's grace is amazing.

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. Merciful and mighty Father, like Peter we can make great boasts such as when he says, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" When we fail and fall, and get lost in guilt, restore to us the joy of our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

"Come Unto Jesus" by Dallas Holm

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord, in your mercy,

R **hear our prayer.**

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

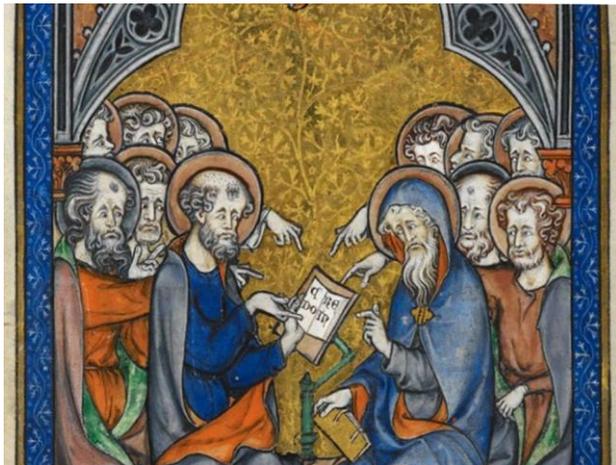
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

R **Amen**

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 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

KOTK

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WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 53:8-12**

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹ They made his grave with the wicked

and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence,

and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING **James 2:8-13**

⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹¹ For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. (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 26th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Matthew 26:69-75

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” ⁷¹ When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!”

At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. (NRSV)

P The gospel of the Lord.
R **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON “Places of the Passion: The Courtyard”
Rev. Lisa Hoelscher

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN “Our Father, We Have...” (vs.1-3) **HYMN NO. 606**

**Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.**

**And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.**

**O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.**

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), The Family of John Sobey, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

The Special Concern for March 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. Deadline for orders is today.

Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$3,145, and your Special Contributions of \$220 given this past week.

WORSHIP LECTOR – Jim O’Neal

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Mar 15		NO Staff Meeting NO Growing in Faith
TUES – Mar 16	6:00pm	Bible Study via Zoom & In-Person in the Conf Rm
WED – Mar 17		NO Daycare Chapel 6:00pm Council Mtg – Conf Rm & Zoom
SAT – Mar 20	9-12:00pm	Zion Women Conf Mtg via Zoom in Fell Hall
SUN – Mar 21	10:30am	In-Person Worship (Please RSVP)
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube

PLACES of the PASSION



The High Priest's Courtyard

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