

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 18, 2021**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## **BELLS**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC**

*“If That Isn’t Love”* by Dottie Rambo

*(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 God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*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**

**SENDING HYMN** “*Christ Is...*” (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 382**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him  
as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before him,  
rising up from griefs and tears.**

***Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!***

**Christ is risen! All the sadness  
of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
through the open gates of gladness  
he returns to life once more;  
death and hell before him bending  
see him rise, the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending,  
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain***

**Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever  
we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection!**

**Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain***

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

**L** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**R** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**L** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**R** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”* by James McGranahan & Philip P. Bliss

**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**

**GATHERING**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN** “*When Morning Gilds...*” (vs.1-4)

**HYMN NO. 853**

**When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
this rings my curfew call:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**When mirth for music longs,  
this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer  
has none that can compare  
with "Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known  
than "Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**There to the eternal Word  
the eternal psalm is heard:  
oh, Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let all of humankind in this their concord find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

**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.**

## **KYRIE** *(Sung)*

**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** *“Glory to God...”* **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. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.*

*“Face to Face with Christ, My Savior”*

by Grant Colfax Tullar & Carrie E. Breck

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P Hear us, O God.

**R your mercy is great.**

### **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**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Open Now Thy Gates..." (vs.1,2,4)

**HYMN NO. 533**

**Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.**

**Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.**

**To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
let me keep thy gift divine;  
howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
may thy word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life,  
as my comfort in all strife.**

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, 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 Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out. (NRSV)

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.  
**R Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**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.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**R Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup> Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. (NRSV)

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** "Qualities of Easter" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Claribel Hannemann, Alton Moellering, Bernard Scrogin, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God for His many blessings by Roy and Janet Sedwick.

**The Special Concern** for April 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. NO RSVP needed.

**The Worship Committee** wishes to thank the pastors, council members, Altar Guild, and all the others who did an awesome job of pitching in to make the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter Services so successful and meaningful, even with all the changes that had to be made. Blessings to you all.

**Thank you** for your Easter General Fund Contributions of \$5,060, and your Special Contributions of \$345 given this week.

**WORSHIP LECTOR** – Margaret Solbrig

**USHERS** – Wilfred Crenwelge, Peggy Jander,  
Paul Hannemann, Robert Menking

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Apr 19	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:30pm	Growing in Faith via Zoom
TUES – Apr 20		NO Bible Study
WED – Apr 21	9:00am	Daycare Chapel
SUN – Apr 25	10:30am	In-Person Worship
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube <a href="http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube">www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube</a>



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