

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Behold the Lamb” 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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Heavenly Father,

R we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. 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

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 *“God Loved the World”* (vs.1,2,4,5) **HYMN NO. 323**
to the tune of NO. 434

**God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives all sins that you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.**

**All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!**

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Go follow Jesus.

R We are available to follow him.

“At the Cross” by Ralph E. Hudson & Isaac Watts

HYMN*“What Wondrous Love Is This”* (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 666****What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!****What wondrous love is this, O my soul!****What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?****To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.****And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

“I Saw the Cross of Jesus” ~Music: Anonymous; Lyrics: Frederick Whitfield
“I Hear Thy Welcome Voice” by Lewis Hartsough*(Please stand as you are able)***BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION****P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.**R Amen****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION****A** Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.**R Amen****GATHERING***(Please stand as you are able)***GATHERING HYMN** *“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”* (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 599****Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free
and make me pure within.****Lord Jesus, think on me,
by anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be
and taste your promised rest.****Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
and share your joy at last.**

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, 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.**R And also with you.****KYRIE** *(Sung)***HYMNAL p. 147****A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.**R Lord, have mercy.****A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.**R Lord, have mercy.****A** 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.****A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.**R Lord, have mercy.****A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.**R Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Response Sung*) “*Glory to God...*” **HYMNAL p. 148**

A 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. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
R **Amen**

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ray Salinas

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God’s ways are not our ways.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

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**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to share the body and blood of Jesus that are present in the bread and wine of communion. If you do not wish to participate, you may still come forward for a blessing. As you come forward, please have your hands open to receive a wafer (the body of Christ). If you desire a gluten free wafer and/or white grape juice, please hold up two fingers to the server.

COMMUNION HYMN

“*Lamb of God*”

HYMNAL p. 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

“Come, Let Us Reason” by Ken Medema

(Please stand as you are able)

DIALOGUE *(Spoken)*

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

R We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

(Sung)

HYMN NO. 191 *(Holy, Holy...)*

R Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

R Amen

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMNAL p. 205



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"Are You Available?"

Rev. Ron Windecker

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hear I Am, Lord"

HYMN NO. 574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" Refrain

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" Refrain

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946; Text © 1981 OCP Publications, Inc., 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A 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**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Margaret Priess, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by John and Carolyn Weaver for all their blessings they have received.

The Special Concern for March is the Lutheran Disaster Response. Your gifts will support Ukrainians affected by the crisis.

Please note: all Lent Worship Services will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm.

Hill Country Conference WELCA Spring Retreat...Ladies: Need a day to recharge and find your purpose in life? The Women of the ELCA invite you to the Hill Country Conference Spring Retreat Saturday, March 26 at Ebert Ranch Camp in Harper. Cost is \$20 for lunch and materials but first-time attendees register for free. Registration forms are on the WELCA table in the Atrium. Deadline for registration is Monday, March 14. Those attending will meet in the church parking lot at 8am to carpool to Ebert Ranch.

There are still opportunities to give Altar Flowers in May, June and July.

Portals of Prayer for Apr-June are available on the table in the Narthex.

Thank you for your Lent Contributions of \$437. **Attendance:** 46

Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$2,285 and your Special Contributions of \$595 given last week. **Attendance:** 38 (**Lent 3/16 Attendance:** 46)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Rhonda Behrends

USHERS – Marlin and Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt, John and Carolyn Weaver

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Mar 20 9:00am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am **Sunday School – Fell Hall**
9:15am **Adult SS – Sewing Rm**
10:30am Worship with Communion
10:30am Service Broadcast on KNAF
10:30am Service Live on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube

MON – Mar 21 **Easter Lily Order Deadline & Chimes Deadline**
9:00am Staff Mtg

TUES – Mar 22 5:50pm Chancel Choir Practice – Fell Hall

WED – Mar 23 8:30am **Laborers of Love – Arhelger House**
5-5:45pm **Lenten Supper – Fell Hall**
(chicken noodle & broccoli & cheese soup/sandwiches)
6:00pm **Lent Worship – Fell Hall**

SUN – Mar 27 9:00am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am **Sunday School – Fell Hall**
9:15am **Adult SS – Sewing Rm**
10:30am Worship with Communion
10:30am Service Broadcast on KNAF
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