

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” by Lowell Mason & Isaac Watts; Arr. S. Robinson

(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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

HYMN NO. 759

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!**

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

DISMISSAL

A Remember Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

R We will follow and serve him. Praise be to God.

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” ~Music: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835; Lyrics: Joseph Hart

HYMN

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

HYMN NO. 515

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!**

**You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

“Room at the Cross” by Ira F. Stanphill

“Worthy the Lamb” by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

(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 *“Savior When in Dust to Thee”* (vs.1-3)

**Savior, when in dust to thee Low we bend the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies, Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O by all thy pains and woe Suffered once for man below,
Bending from thy throne on high, Hear our solemn litany!**

**By thy helpless infant years, By thy life of want and tears,
By thy days of sore distress In the savage wilderness,
By the dread mysterious hour Of the insulting tempter’s power;
Turn, O turn a favoring eye, Hear our solemn litany! Amen.**

**By thine hour of dire despair, By thine agony of prayer;
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, the torturing scorn;
By the gloom that veiled the skies O’er the dreadful sacrifice;
Listen to our humble cry, Hear our solemn litany!**

Robert Grant, 1779-1838

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 *(Response 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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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 "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount..." **Zion Gospel Singers**

Words and music by Dale Oldhsm, Gloria Gaither and William Gaither; directed by Rhonda Behrends

WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

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

Hear us O God,
your mercy is great.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” by William H. Doane & Fanny J. Crosby

(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

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ’s resurrection. This is Paul’s strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;^[a] even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,^[b] we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,^[c] not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL **Luke 15:1-7**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

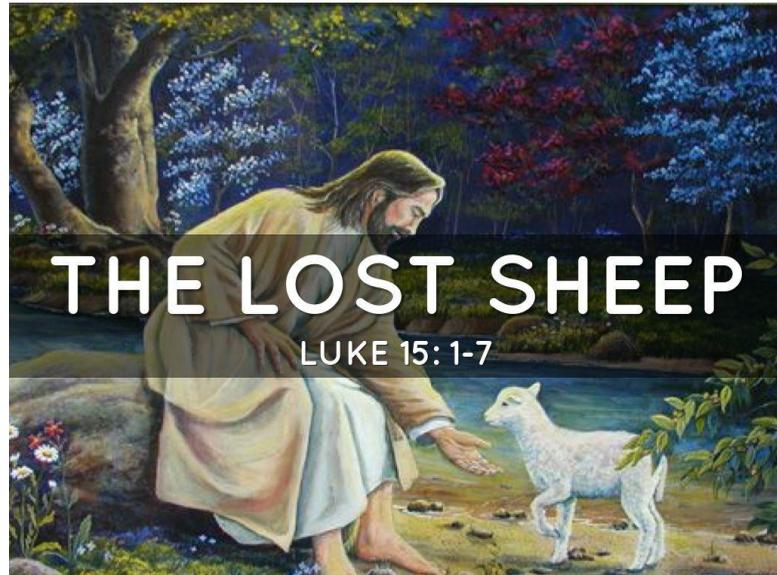
P The gospel of the Lord.
R **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"A Time of Transition"

Rev. Ron Windecker



HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"* **HYMN NO. 754**

**Jesus, the very thought of you
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view
and rest within your light.**

**No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than your blest name,
O Savior of us all!**

**O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,
O joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fall!
How good to those who seek!**

**O Jesus, be our joy today;
help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say:
"Come, share my home above."**

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

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, Dottie (great-granddaughter of Julia Hahn's friend), Margaret Priess, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Zion's 170th Anniversary this September.

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

We will have an egg hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 10am for any age children. Don't forget your Easter basket. **We have plenty of empty eggs. Now we need treats to put inside of them.** Gray tubs will be placed in the Atrium and the entrance to the church to put your treats in. Ideas for treats include: candy, balloons, hair clips, tattoos, band-aids, erasers, bouncy balls, necklace, bracelet, little farm animals, little action figures, googly eyes, anything else you can find that is small. The Dollar stores have a lot of items that will fit inside a small egg! Please leave your treats inside the tubs by Wednesday, April 13 at 5:00pm.

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 \$349 on 3/16. **Attendance:** 46

Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$1,788 and your Special Contributions of \$700 given last week. **Attendance:** 68 (**Lent 3/23 Attendance:** 53)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig & Diane Mayer

USHERS – Dwayne, Karen & Emily Beyer, Glenn & Gina Koennecke

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – 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
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube
MON – Mar 28	9:00am	Staff Mtg
	6:00pm	Bible Study – Conf Rm
TUES – Mar 29	5:50pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Fell Hall
WED – Mar 30	5-5:45pm	Lenten Supper – Fell Hall (king ranch chicken/salad/bread)
	6:00pm	Lent Worship – Fell Hall
SUN – Apr 3	9:00am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School – Fell Hall
	9:15am	Adult SS – Sewing Rm
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