

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**April 3, 2022**

P=Presider **R=Responses**

*“Let It Rain”*

by Michael W. Smith; arranged by Judy McGookey

**Judy McGookey**

## **BELLS**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC**

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* by J.S. Bach & Hans L. Hassler; arr. Tedd Smith

*(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**

*“Christ, the Life of All the Living”*

**HYMN NO. 339**

**Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving  
to the darkest depths of woe:  
through your suffering, death, and merit  
life eternal I inherit.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**You have suffered great affliction  
and have borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion,  
fully to atone for me;  
for you chose to be tormented  
that my doom should be prevented.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**Then, for all that bought my pardon,  
for the sorrows deep and sore,  
for the anguish in the garden,  
I will thank you evermore;  
thank you for the groaning, sighing,  
for the bleeding and the dying,  
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*“Down at the Cross”* by John H. Stockton & Elisha A. Hoffman

**HYMN***“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 Old Rugged Cross”* by George Bennard  
*“Glorify Thy Name”* by Donna Adkins

*(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** *“Chief of Sinners...”* (vs.1,2,4,5) **HYMN NO. 609**

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,  
died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,  
deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity.  
Love that found me—wondrous thought—found me when I sought  
him not.**

**Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
all my wants to him are known, all my sorrows are his own.  
He sustains the hidden life safe with him from earthly strife.**

**O my Savior, help afford by your Spirit and your word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;  
grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.**

Text: William McComb, 1793-1870

**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**

**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. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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**

*(Please be seated)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“*Hear Oh Lord*” **Judy McGookey**  
By Ray Repp; Arranged by Judy McGookey

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**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)*

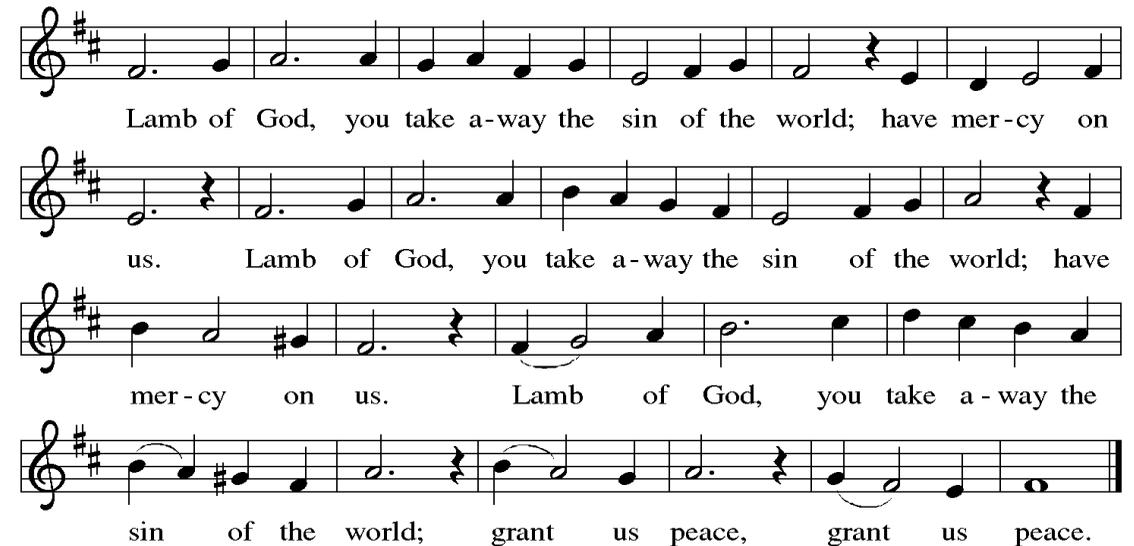
**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*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**



## 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

*(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**

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 3:4b-14

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** **John 12:20-33**

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** *"This Is Not What You Expected"* **Rev. Ron Windecker**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"* **HYMN NO. 618**

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.**

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

**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), Edgar and Margaret Priess, The Family of Jannabel Thompson (sister-in-law of Arthur Haun), Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Arthur Haun, Jr. in remembrance of his grandmother, Rosa Haun and his uncle, Bill Maurer's birthdays in April.

**The Special Concern for April** is Zion's Youth Ministry. Your gifts will help provide items needed for VBS Day Camp.

**Attention: We hope to go to two services in the future.** In order to do this, we need your help. Please prayerfully consider serving as a worship assistant, lector and/or usher. See Pastor Ron or Audrey Mayer for details. Thank you.

**We will have an egg hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 10am for any age children. Don't forget your Easter basket. We need treats to fill the empty eggs we already have.** Any small toys, candy, etc. you'd like to donate to fill the eggs can be left in the gray tubs in the Narthex or Atrium by April 15. Thank you.

**The Worship Committee** would like to thank Dwayne, Karen and Emily Beyer for putting up the Cross Mountain Banner, and a special shout out to Emily for the great design work she did on the banner. Blessings to you all! Thank you.

**Your 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Contribution Statements** are available in the Narthex.

**Thank you** for your General Fund Contributions of \$3,625 and your Special Contributions of \$600 given last week. **Attendance:** 61 (**Lent 3/30 Attendance:** 47)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Rhonda Behrends & Mary Wilson

**USHERS** – Jim & Emma Jane O'Neal, Arleen Crenwelge, Yvonne Klaerner, Florence Rogers, Doris Schneider

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Apr 3	9:00am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School – Fell Hall & Adult SS – Sewing Rm
	10:30am	Worship with Communion
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF & Live on YouTube
MON – Apr 4	9:00am	Staff Mtg
TUES – Apr 5	5:50pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Fell Hall
WED – Apr 6	8:00am	Men's Breakfast – Sewing Rm
	9:30am	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
	5-5:45pm	Lenten Supper – Fell Hall (lasagna/salad/bread)
	6:00pm	Lent Worship – Fell Hall
	7:00pm	Property Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – Apr 10	8:00am	Worship with Communion
	8:00am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	8:00am	Service Live on YouTube <a href="http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube">www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube</a>
	9:00am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School – Fell Hall & Adult SS – Sewing Rm



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Accompanist – Sheri Robinson; Director of Music – Ray Salinas

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