

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 5, 2023**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## BELLS

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, and fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering basket as you desire.)*

P Let us pray.

**R Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the faithful shepherds you have sent to Zion over the many years in this place. Thank you for their ministry done in your name. Bless their memory among us. We now wait in expectation for a new pastor. Wherever they may be, tend their heart, giving them courage to preach your Word, knowledge of your vision for the future, and the will to model consistent and godly living. Guard their family, that they may experience a healthy transition to our congregation. Bless them and us with genuine friendship. And bless the congregation that is left behind with a sense of your comfort and leading. Good and faithful God, prepare us for our new pastor. Set our hearts aright, encourage our faith, heal our divisions. Show us how to let go of what has gone before and, with open and eager hearts, take hold of what is coming. We pray all in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen**

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

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*"I'd Rather Have Jesus"* by Rhea F. Miller & George Beverly Shea; arr. Dino Kartsonakis

*(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**

## BENEDICTION

P Wherever you go, may God go with you: may he go before you to show you the way...behind you to encourage you...beside you to befriend you...above you to watch over...and within you to give you peace. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

**R Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** *"God Loved the World"* (vs.1,2,4,5) **HYMN NO. 323**

**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 in peace. Serve in love.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*"There Is Power in the Blood"* by Lewis E. Jones

**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.

*"Near to the Heart of God"* by Cleland B. McAfee  
*"One Day"* by Charles H. Marsh & J. Wilbur Chapman

*(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 Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**R Amen***Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**R Amen**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy. Holy God,

**R we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen**

P Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. 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 remain standing as you are able)***GATHERING HYMN** *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"***HYMN NO. 325**

**I want Jesus to walk with me;  
 I want Jesus to walk with me;  
 all along my pilgrim journey,  
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
 in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
 when my heart is almost breaking,  
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
 when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
 when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

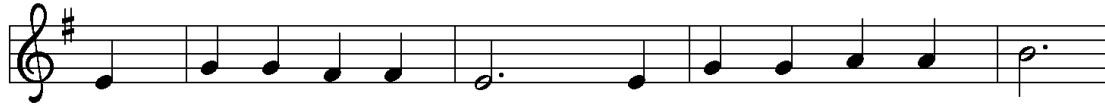
## GREETING

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 (from the Greek word "Lord" – Sung)

**HYMNAL p. 203**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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** "Born Again" **Rhonda Behrends & Julia Seidensticker**

by Andrew Culverwell; arranged by Charles Brown

## 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**

## 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**

P When we eat this bread, we share in the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

## 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.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R **And also with you.**

## RESPONSE

*(Please be seated)*

## OFFERING

*"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"* by George N. Allen & Thomas Shepherd

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**OFFERING SONG** *"As the Grain of Wheat"* (vs.2) **HYMN NO. 465**

### ***Refrain:***

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain***

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638

*(Please remain standing as you are able)*

## DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

R **And also with you.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world. Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

R **Amen**

## FIRST READING

### **Genesis 12:1-4a**

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

### **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup>For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Jesus, Remember Me"* **HYMN NO. 616**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

***Repeat***

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community; Text © 1981 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc.

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.  
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kay Johnson*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Baptized in Water"*

**HYMN NO. 456**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

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**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:** Kathy Haley, Dot Jenkins (mother of Susan Otto), Harper Presbyterian (the GCMA Church of the Week), our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Julia Weden and family in thanksgiving for God's blessings throughout their lives, and in loving remembrance of Carl Weden and Mary Jane Lyons.

**The March Special Concern** is the Food Pantry. They currently need canned meats, canned tomato products, and pasta. Leave your items in the Atrium wagon.

**A Fellowship Lunch will be held on Sunday, March 12 at 11am.** Chicken Fajitas will be \$12.50 per person. YOU MUST RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 9 by calling 830-997-2195 or email [zionfbg@gmail.com](mailto:zionfbg@gmail.com).

**We will provide Lenten meals** each Thursday during Lent. If you would like to help, please sign up on one of the sheets in the Atrium or Narthex

### Lenten Schedule:

Lent Services, Thurs, Mar 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 6PM (meal at 5:15PM) – Fellowship Hall  
Palm Sunday, April 2 @ 9AM – Sanctuary  
Maundy Thursday with Communion, April 6 @ 6PM – Sanctuary  
Good Friday, April 7 @ 6PM – Sanctuary

**Thank you** for your Ash Wed Contributions of \$400. **Atten:** 12pm–32 & 6pm-19

**Thank you** for your Contributions of \$2,200 given last week. **Attend:** 9am – 72

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Sandy Schmitzinsky

**USHERS** – Wilfred Crenwelge, Arleen Crenwelge, Darlene Hartmann  
Ron & Aleks Gant, Arthur Haun, Audrey Mayer

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TUES – Mar 7	5:30pm Chancel Choir—Choir Rm 6:30pm Call Committee – Conf Rm
WED – Mar 8	9:00am Laborers of Love – Arhelger House 5:30pm Evangelism Mtg – Library 5:30pm Cemetery Mtg – Conf Rm
THURS – Mar 9	RSVP for Fellowship Lunch on 3/12 5:15pm Lenten Meal 6:00pm Lent Service – Fell Hall 6:30pm Finance & Investment Mtg – Conf Rm Set your clocks forward 1 hour before bedtime
SAT – Mar 11	
SUN – Mar 12	8:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:00am Worship with Communion (Live on YouTube) 10:15am SS – Fell Hall & Adult SS – Sewing Rm 11:00am Fellowship Lunch – Fell Hall



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**Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 9:00AM**

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**Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 10:30AM**

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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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