

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 12, 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.)*

*(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 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**

## 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

*“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’ful 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.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

**R Thanks be to God.**

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

*(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.

*“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** 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**

**GATHERING**

*(Please remain standing as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN** *“Chief of Sinners Though...”* (vs.1,2,4) **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.**

Text: William McComb, 1793-1870

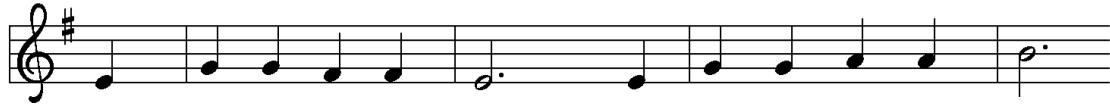
**GREETING**

**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** (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. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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** "Jonah in the Belly of a Whale" **Kids of the Kingdom**

by Bible Christian Kids Children's Music and arranged by Judy O McGookey

**FIRST READING** **Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

*(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**

**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**

## 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**

## 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

*"Worthy Is the Lamb" by Stephen Leddy*

*(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

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

### **Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL John 4:5-42**

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet." <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

***Rev. Stanley Sultemeier***

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* **HYMN NO. 650**

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Thank you to Rev. Stanley Sultemeier** for presiding over worship today while Pastor Kay is in Italy.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Doris Schneider and family in remembrance of Dennis Schneider's birthday today.

**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.

**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

### Lent & Easter Schedule:

Lent Services, Thurs, Mar 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

Saturday, April 8 @ 9:15AM Easter Egg Hunt (meet in Atrium) (public invited)

Sunday, April 9 @ 6:30AM Easter Sunrise Service on Cross Mountain

Easter Breakfast at Zion @ *time to be determined*

Easter Worship at Zion with Communion @ 9AM – Sanctuary

**Portals of Prayer for April – June** are available in the Narthex and Atrium.

**Thank you** for your Lent Contributions of \$175 on 3/2. **Attendance:** 6pm – 36

**Thank you** for your Contributions of \$6,254 given last week. **Attend:** 9am – 56

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Margaret Solbrig

**USHERS** – Perry & Cris Strackbein, Sandy Schmitzinsky, Karen Snowden

Jim & Emma Jane O'Neal, Dan & Judy McGookey, Donna Oehler

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Mar 12 **11:00am Fellowship Lunch – Fell Hall**

MON – Mar 13 **5:30pm Line Dancing – Fell Hall**

TUES – Mar 14 **5:30pm Choir Practice – Choir Rm**

THURS – Mar 16 **4:00pm Council Mtg – Conf Rm**

**5:15pm Lenten Meal**

**6:00pm Lent Service – Fell Hall**

SUN – Mar 19 **8:30am Coffee & Donuts**

**9:00am Worship with Communion**

*(Live on YouTube & Broadcast at 10:30am)*

**10:15am SS – Fell Hall & Adult SS – Sewing Rm**



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

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

**Podcast available [www.zion-lutheran.com](http://www.zion-lutheran.com) under sermons tab**

Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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