

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

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

"In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles

(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.

(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

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 *"That Easter Day with Joy..."* (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 384**

**That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**

**O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

R Thanks be to God.

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!" by Philip P. Bliss

(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"



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Text: ICET; Additional text and music by Marty Haugen, ©1990

HYMN "O Living Bread from Heaven" (vs.1&4) HYMN NO. 542

**O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
 The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
 O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
 My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.**

**Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
 my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
 where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.**

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

"The Savior Is Waiting" by Ralph Carmichael

P Most merciful God,

R we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. 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 stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" (vs.1,3,4) HYMN NO. 408

**Come, thou almighty King,
 help us thy name to sing; help us to praise;
 Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
 Ancient of Days.**

**Come, holy Comforter,
 thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
 Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart,
 never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

**To thee, great One in Three,
 eternal praises be hence evermore!
 Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
 and to eternity love and adore.**

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, 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 (from the Greek word "Lord" – Sung)

HYMN NO. 157

A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, and defend us, O God.

R Amen

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

HYMN NO. 167

Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. Refrain

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain**

**For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

(Please remain standing 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

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

Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" by James H. Fillmore & Jessie B. Pounds

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING SONG *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings..."* **HYMN NO. 884**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"My Jesus" by Anne Wilson

Judy McGookey

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],
³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMNAL p.205



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 "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.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Lacota Franklin (friend of Susan Otto), Kathy Haley, Fredericksburg Church (the GCMA Church of the Week), our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The April Special Concern is Disaster Response for the tornadoes that hit the Mississippi area.

You're Invited to a 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch on Sunday, April 30 at 11am to honor our High School Graduates, Emily Beyer and Cade Lehne. If you wish to bring a dish to share, please sign up on the sheet in the Atrium. Gifts for our seniors may be placed in the laundry basket in the Atrium.

There are plenty of opportunities to give Altar Flowers in May, June and July. Call the church office 830-997-2195 to sign up.

Your First Quarter Contribution Statements are on the table in the Narthex.

Thank you for your Contributions of \$1,388 given last week.

Attendance: 9am – 55

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Rhonda Behrends

USHERS – Dwayne, Karen & Emily Beyer
Roger Dittmar, Doris Schneider

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – April 24	1:00pm Cemetery Mtg – Conf Rm 5:30pm Line Dancing – Fell Hall
TUES – April 25	5:30pm Chancel Choir – Choir Rm
WED – April 26	9:00am Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
SUN – April 30	8:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:00am Worship with Communion <i>(Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)</i> 10:15am SS – Fell Hall 10:15am Adult SS – Sewing Rm 11:00am Potluck Lunch Honoring Zion's HS Seniors: Emily Beyer & Cade Lehne <i>(sign up to bring a dish to share in the Atrium)</i>



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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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