

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Dennis Crenwelge, Larry Henke, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rhonda Behrends in loving memory of her mother, Ann Marie Rainbolt.

New Member Class will be held next Sunday, March 30 at 10:15am in the choir room. If interested, please attend this class.

Lenten Services will be each Wednesday at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall with a meal beforehand at 5:15pm.

If you wish to bring soup, sandwiches or a dessert for the Lent Meals, please sign up on the sheet in the Atrium.

Items are needed to fill the Easter eggs for our egg hunt in April. Gray tubs will be in the Atrium and Narthex for you to put your items in now through April 13.

Misión De Candelilla will be taking a mission trip to the Big Bend area to help with some construction and VBS. If you are interested, sign up in the Atrium.

April – June Portals of Prayer can be picked up from the Atrium or Narthex.

Thank you for your Lent contributions of \$68. **Attendance:** 6pm – 38

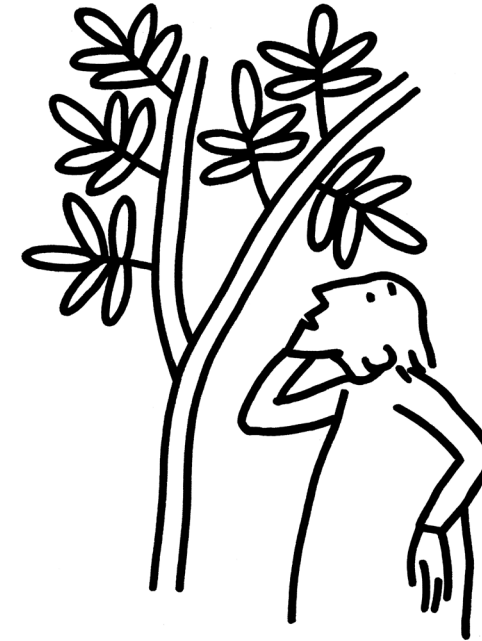
Thank you for your contributions of \$1,576 given last week. **Attendance** – 36

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Greg Oehler & Patti Lotz

USHERS – Perry & Cris Strackbein, Dan & Judy McGookey, Donna Oehler, Sandy Schmitzinsky, Karen Snowden (Acolyte – Kneese)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Mar 23	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall
MON – Mar 24	5:00pm	Line Dancing – The Hub
TUES – Mar 25	5:30pm	Choir Practice – Choir Rm
WED – Mar 26	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House NO Confirmation
	5:15pm	Lent Meal – Fell Hall
	6:00pm	Lent Service – Fell Hall
SUN – Mar 30	9:00am	Worship with Communion (Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall
	10:15am	New Member Class – Choir Rm EASTER LILY ORDER DEADLINE



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Third Sunday in Lent – March 23, 2025

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

(go to www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube)

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

Pastor – Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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Zion Lutheran Church
Fredericksburg, Texas
Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

P=Presider **R=Responses** *Please stand, as you are able

Our Mission Statement – *We Share the Joy. We Worship, Love and Serve.*

GATHERING

BELLS

WELCOME *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, tear it out, and place it in the offering plate.)*

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRELUDE *“I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary”*
by William J. Gaither, Gloria Gaither, & Dale Oldham

PSALM 68:1-8 *(Read responsibly)*

P O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**R So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

P Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

**R So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

P My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

**R when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,**

P for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**R My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Amen

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

R Amen

***SENDING HYMN**

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

HYMN NO. 624

**Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand to the promised land.**

**If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o’ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe to our home we go.**

**When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
heav’nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand in the promised land.**

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“I Am Thine, O Lord” by William H. Doane & Fanny J. Crosby
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COMMUNION HYMN*"Lamb of God"***HYMNAL p. 208**

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"***HYMN NO. 773**

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
 when my life is almost gone,**

hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
 and the day is past and gone,**

at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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"Only Believe" by Paul Rader

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**GATHERING HYMN***"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"***HYMN NO. 611**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad;
 I found in him a resting-place,
 and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live."**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till trav'ling days are done.**

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

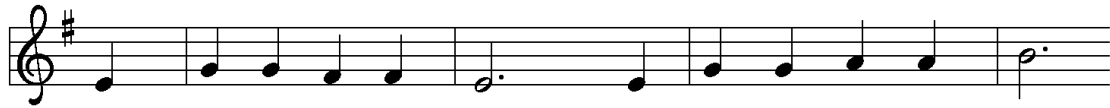
***GREETING**

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 Let us pray...Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Rescue the Perishing" by William H. Doone

Quartet

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-9

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Blessed are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

P ...we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

***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

***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. **If you desire a gluten free wafer and/or white grape juice, please hold up two fingers to the server.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Spoken)

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Lift 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 our thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight...join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



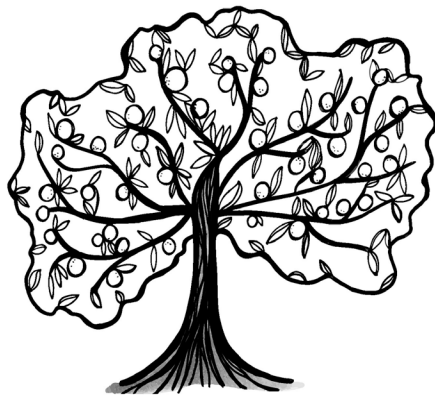
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,³ and all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."⁸ We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.¹⁰ And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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 13th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** **Luke 13:1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.' "

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf*

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Come to Me, All Pilgrims..."* (vs.1-4) **HYMN NO. 777**

**"Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."**

***Refrain:* Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.**

**"Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." *Refrain***

**"Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face."
*Refrain***

**"Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion,
turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain***

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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**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* by Frederick C. Maker & Elizabeth C. Clephane

***OFFERING SONG** *"Restore in Us, O God"* (vs.1&4) tune: Southwell

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

**Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.**

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