

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: The Family of Rev. Ardene Wuthrich, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Arthur Haun, Jr. in loving memory of his Oma Rosa Haun and his uncle Bill Maurer.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Breakfasts with Devotionals @ 7AM

Mon, April 14 at Holy Ghost, Tues, April 15 at Zion, Wed, April 16 at Bethany

Maunder Thursday, April 17 @ 6PM (with Communion)

Good Friday, April 18 @ 6PM

Easter Egg Hunt, April 19 @ 9:30AM

Easter Sunday, April 20

6:30AM Easter Sunrise on Cross Mountain

7:30-8:30AM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:00AM Easter Worship

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.

Easter Sunrise Service on Cross Mountain at 6:30am. ATV assistance up the hill will be available until 6:25am. Participants need to bring a flashlight, lawn chair, blanket and wear appropriate shoes as there is some gravel/dirt along the way. If weather becomes an issue the service will then take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your Lent contributions of \$77. **Attendance:** 6pm – 41

Thank you for your contributions of \$4,010 given last week. **Attendance** – 74

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Robert Menking

USHERS – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner

Marlin & Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt, Alma Sobey (Acolyte – Kneese)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Apr 6 10:15am Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall

MON – Apr 7 5:00pm *Line Dancing – The Hub*
6-9:00pm *Astronomers Mtg – Fell Hall*

TUES – Apr 8 5:30pm Choir Practice – Choir Rm

WED – Apr 9 9:00am **Laborers of Love – Arhelger House**
5:15pm **Lent Supper—Fell Hall**
6:00pm **Lent Service—Fell Hall**

THURS – Apr 10 8:30-5pm **Council Retreat – Hannemann Ranch**
5:15pm **Finance & Investment Mtg – Library**

SUN – Apr 13 9:00am **Worship with Communion (PALM SUNDAY)**
(Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)
10:15am Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fredericksburg, Texas

Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 6, 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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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.)*

TEMPLE TALK

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRELUDE “Behold The Man” by Jimmy Owens; Arr. Dino Kartsonakis

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please be seated or kneel)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

R Amen

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

R you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen

P Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever.

R Amen

*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** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” **HYMN NO. 697**

**Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus,
keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Refrain**

**Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Refrain**

**When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. Refrain**

Text: North American traditional

*DISMISSAL

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

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

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*"There Is a Balm in Gilead"***HYMN NO. 614**

***Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
 there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.***

**Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
 but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain***

**If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
 you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain***

**Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
 and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain***

Text: African American spiritual

"Just As I Am" by William B. Bradbury & Charlotte Elliott***BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION*****GATHERING HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This"****HYMN NO. 666**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

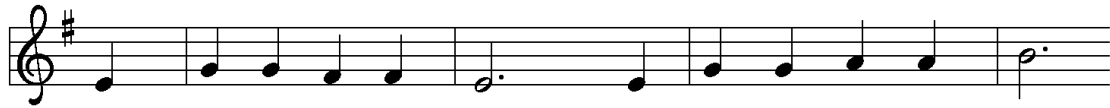
***GREETING**

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)

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...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

SPECIAL MUSIC "To You, I Lift My Soul" by Diane Hannibal **Chancel Choir**

WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 43:16-21**

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

***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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

"Holy Ground" by Geron Davis

*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.**

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944; Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

*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.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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. John, the 12th Chapter.

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

