

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please pray for our Synod Assembly next Saturday, May 3. Our delegates are Neal Burnham, Diane Mayer and Pastor Jonathan.

You are invited to attend the Essence Women's Choir Concert "Just for Fun" next Sunday, May 4 at 4:00pm in Zion's Fellowship Hall.

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.

The Worship Committee wishes to thank all those who did such an awesome job during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. This includes: Pastor, Perry, Cris, Dwayne, Karen, Emily, Laurie, Wilfred, Judy, Diane, Christi, the Altar Guild, the Choir, musicians, Council members, members of the Fellowship Committee, and to all the members who so graciously ushered and helped in any way. The services were great, though provoking. Holy Week was so special and meaningful. ~Blessings to all, Audrey Mayer

Thank you for your M. Thurs contributions of \$245. **Attendance:** 6pm – 39

Thank you for your Good Fri contributions of \$499. **Attendance:** 6pm – 53

Thank you for your contributions of \$3,567 given last week. **Attendance** – 118

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Sandy Schmitzinsky

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Apr 27	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm
	10:15am	Youth SS – Fell Hall
MON – Apr 28	5:00pm	Line Dancing – The Hub
TUES – Apr 29	5:30pm	Choir Practice – Choir Rm
WED – Apr 30	4:30pm	Confirmation – Elijah's Cave
SAT – May 3	10-12:00pm	Essence Women's Choir Practice – Fell Hall
SUN – May 4	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
	2-4:00pm	Essence Women's Choir Practice – Fell Hall
	4:00pm	Essence Women's Choir Concert – Fell Hall

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Second Sunday of Easter – April 27, 2025

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

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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
Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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.)*

P Christ is risen.

R He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

PRELUDE *“The Easter Song”* by Anne Herring

***GATHERING HYMN** *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today...”* **HYMN NO. 369**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

R Amen

***SENDING HYMN** *“The Day of Resurrection!”* **HYMN NO. 361**

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

R Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *“Christ Arose”* by Robert Lowry

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;



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*"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"* (vs.1&3)**HYMN NO. 392**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

**Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
 where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" by William H. Doane & Fanny J. Crosby

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

R Amen

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

R He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

R Amen

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

R Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

R Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

R Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day

is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen

One. Amen

***KYRIE** (from the Greek word "Lord" – Sung)

HYMN NO. 157

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

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...

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...

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

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

R Amen

Text and Music: Marty Haugen; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

***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**

***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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the
wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in
your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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 *“In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found)”* by Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend
Missy Roberts, soloist & Debbie Sultemeier, flute

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest
questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet
here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this
man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather
than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had
killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and
Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are
witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who
obey him.”

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

(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.

***EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION** (Sung)

P Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

R **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.**

***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.*



***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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

"Redeemed" by A.L. Butler & Fanny J. Crosby

***OFFERING SONG**

"There in God's Garden!" (vs.6) **HYMN NO. 342**

**All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in
mercy healing, strength, and pardon.**

Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!"

Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590-c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917-1982; Text © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score alternates between a Presider part and a Congregation part.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150 (*Read responsively*)

L Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

**R Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

L Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

**R Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

L Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**R Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat*

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

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

***GOSPEL John 20:19-31**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "That Easter Day with Joy..."

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.**

**O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

**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.

***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**