

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** Hilmar Feuge, Peggy Jander, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**You are invited to attend** the Essence Women's Choir Concert "Just for Fun" TODAY 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.

**Thank you** for your contributions of \$2,826 given last week. **Attendance** – 65

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Rhonda Behrends

**USHERS** – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner

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

## MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – May 4	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
MON – May 5	5:00pm	Line Dancing – The Hub
	5:15pm	Mutual Ministry Mtg – Conf Rm
	6-9:00pm	Astronomers Mtg – Fell Hall
TUES – May 6	5:30pm	Choir Practice – Choir Rm
WED – May 7	8:00am	Men's Breakfast—Adult SS Rm
	9:30am	WELCA Bible Study —Conf Rm
	9:30am	NH Communion – Knopp Assisted Living
	10:30am	NH Communion – Knopp Nursing
	4:30pm	Confirmation—Elijah's Cave
	6:00pm	Parish Ed Mtg—Library
	6:30pm	Property Mtg— Adult SS Rm
	6:30pm	"Acts" Bible Study—Conf Rm
THURS – May 8	9:30am	NH Communion – Knopp Retirement
	10:30am	NH Communion – Knopp Healthcare & Rehab
	5:15pm	Finance & Investment Mtg – Library
SUN – May 11	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

*Happy Mother's Day!!!*

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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Fredericksburg, Texas

## Third Sunday of Easter – May 4, 2025

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

*(go to [www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube))*

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

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Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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**Zion Lutheran Church**  
Third Sunday of Easter

**May 4, 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

*“Because He Lives”* by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

### \*GATHERING HYMN

*“Lift High the Cross”*

**HYMN NO. 660**

**Refrain:**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

**All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain***

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain***

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956  
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## 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

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

**HYMN NO. 661**

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

***Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

**I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain***

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

### \*DISMISSAL

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

**R Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

*“Hallelujah, What a Savior!”* by Philip P. Bliss

**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***"Amazing Grace" (vs.1-4)***HYMN NO. 779**

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
 I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
 and grace my fears relieved;  
 how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
 and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
 he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

*"The Savior Is Waiting"* by Ralph Carmichael

**\*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**

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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**

**\*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. Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints  
we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show  
yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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** "Songs my Mother Taught Me" ~Antonin Dvorak

**Briana Reitenga, violin & Sheri Robinson, pianist**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord,  
went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus,  
so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring  
them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching  
Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground  
and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"<sup>5</sup> He  
asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are  
persecuting."<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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)

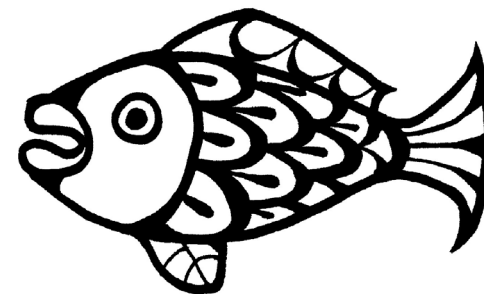
P Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

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**

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

**\*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 al - so 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 and a Congregation. The Presider's parts are on the first, third, and fifth staves, while the Congregation's parts are on the second, fourth, and fifth staves.

<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**R** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 30** (Read responsively)

**L** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**R** **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

**L** O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**R** **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

**L** For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**R** **As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

**L** By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

**R** **To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:**

**L** "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

**R Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!**

**O LORD, be my helper!"**

**L** You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**R so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.**

**O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

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

**\*GOSPEL John 21:1-19**

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** "Praise the One who Breaks..." **HYMN NO. 843**

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.**

**Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.**

**Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.**

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955; Text © 1987 Hope Publishing Company

**\*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**