

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you to Bishop Sue Briner for visiting our church and presiding today.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Arthur Haun, Jr. on this Mother's Day in remembrance of his mom, Cecelia, his wife, Kathlyn, and his granddaughter, Hope; and in honor of all the mothers in church today.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, and those who give motherly care!

VBS will be June 16-20 from 8am to 11:30am. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Atrium.

The Global Leadership Summit will again be hosted by Holy Ghost Lutheran Church August 7-8. Register online or use the QR code on the flier on the bulletin board. <https://globalleadership.org/summit/> Use code 25TEAMGLS for a discount!

Thank you for your contributions of \$5,800 given last week. **Attendance** – 57

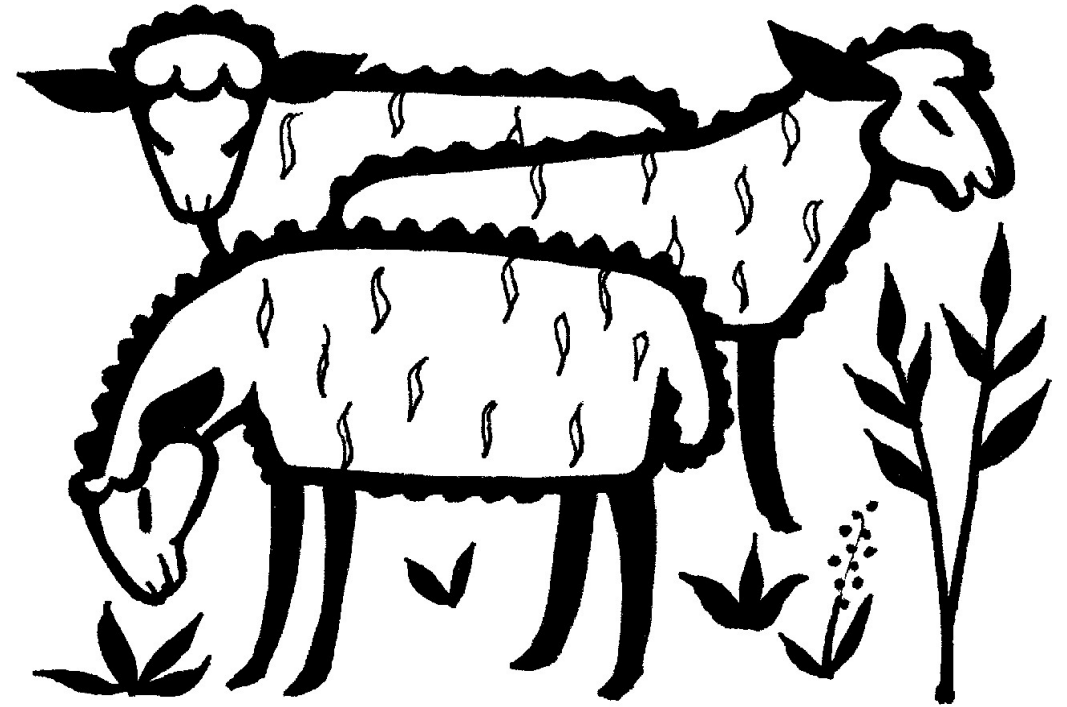
ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Robert Menking

USHERS – Dwayne, Karen & Emily Beyer, Roger Dittmar (Acolyte – Kneese)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – May 11		<i>Happy Mother's Day!!!</i>
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall
MON – May 12	10:00am	Theatre Mtg – Conf Rm
	5:00pm	Line Dancing – The Hub
TUES – May 13	5:30pm	Choir Practice – Choir Rm
WED – May 14	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	9:30am	NH Communion – Villages of Windcrest
	10:30am	NH Communion – FBG Nursing
	4:30pm	Confirmation—Elijah's Cave
	5:30pm	Evangelism/Fellowship Mtg – Adult SS Rm
	5:30pm	Cemetery Board Mtg – Library
	6:30pm	“Acts” Bible Study—Conf Rm
THURS – May 15	5:00pm	Council Mtg – Conf Rm
SAT – May 17	8-12:00pm	Vereins Quilt Guild – Fell Hall
SUN – May 18	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
	6:00pm	Baccalaureate Service – Holy Ghost

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 11, 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
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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

Piano/Organ Duet ~*Sheri Robinson & Jonathan Mollenkopf*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” by George J. Elvey, Matthew Bridges, & Godfrey Thring; Arr. Mosie Lister

***GATHERING HYMN** *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”* **HYMN NO. 789**

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

**We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

**Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

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**

“Beautiful Savior”

HYMN NO. 838

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

***DISMISSAL**

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

R Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

by Heinz Werner Zimmermann & Marjorie Jillson; based on Luke 12:32

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*"O Living Bread from Heaven"* (vs.1-3)**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.**

**My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
 and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
 for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
 the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.**

**You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
 And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
 My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown;
 and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.**

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

"Shepherd of Love" by John W. Peterson

***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 peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal
covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will,
and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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

“Oh Be Careful”

Kids of the Kingdom

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is
Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she
became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room
upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was
there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.”
³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the
room upstairs.

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)

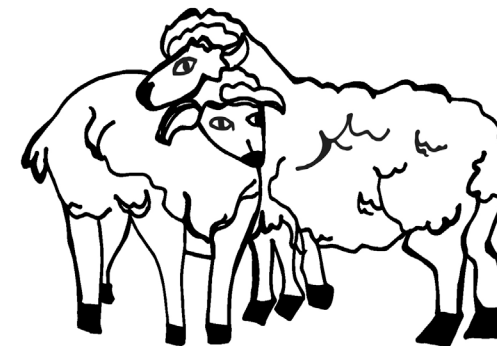
P Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

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

"Gentle Shepherd" by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

***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 features 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.

All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L The Word of the Lord. **R** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (*Read responsively*)

L The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

R **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

L he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

R **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life
long.**

SECOND READING **Revelation 7:9-17**

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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 10th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL John 10:22-30**

²²At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

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

SERMON

Bishop Sue Briner

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "Because He Lives"

**God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives**

***Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living Just because He lives***

**How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives *Refrain***

**And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns *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**