

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Emma Stotz, our homebound and in senior living, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of the God by Julia Seidensticker in memory of her family and friends.

The Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4 at 9:30am. Volunteers will be needed at 8:30am to help hide eggs and help with the snacks after the hunt.

Please bring fresh cut flowers with you to church Easter Sunday, April 5. You will have the opportunity to flower a cross as you enter the Sanctuary.

Thank you to the teams that volunteered for the mid-week Lenten Meals and Services • Hospitality/Evangelism team for the meals and members who donated dishes/food • cooked, set up, cleaned up • band/choir for the music • Council for ushering duties • Christi for setting up table supplies • and those who set up the displays, the slide show presentations, and skit performance.

Thank you for your Lenten contributions of \$55. **Attendance:** 39

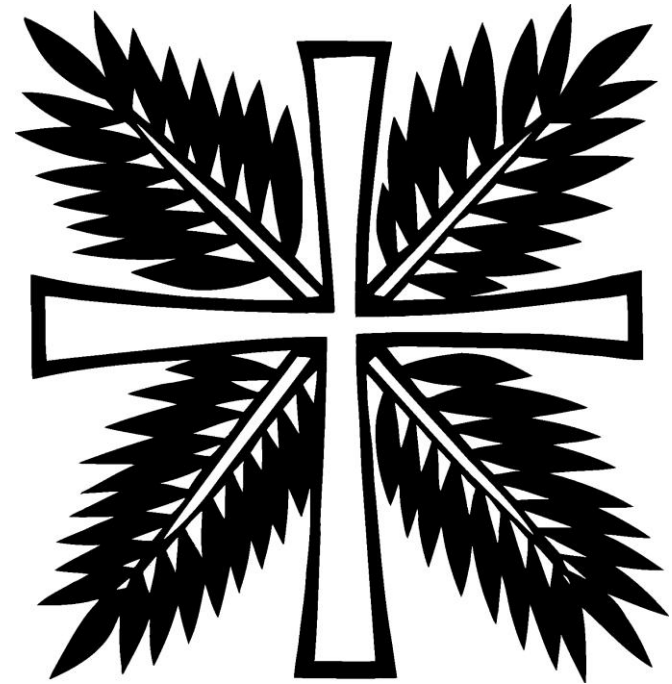
Thank you for your contributions of \$740 given last week. **Attendance:** 70

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Greg Oehler & Patti Lotz

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Mar 29	10:15am	Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm
	10:15am	Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall
MON – Mar 30	7:00am	Breakfast & Devotion – Holy Ghost
TUES – Mar 31	7:00am	Breakfast & Devotion – Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Choir Practice – Choir Room
WED – Apr 1	7:00am	Breakfast & Devotion – Bethany
		NO Men's Breakfast
	9:30am	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
	6:00pm	Parish Ed Mtg
	6:45pm	Property Mtg – Adult SS Rm
THURS – Apr 2	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
FRI – Apr 3	6:00pm	Good Friday Worship (Live on YouTube & KNAF)
SAT – Apr 4	9:30am	Easter Egg Hunt (meet in Atrium)
SUN – Apr 5	6:30am	Easter Sunrise Service – Cross Mountain
	7:30-8:30am	Easter Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
	9:00am	Easter Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall
		NO Adult Sunday School



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Palm Sunday – March 29 , 2026

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

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

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

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Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

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

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE “*The Trees of the Field*” by Stuart Dauermann & Steffi Geiser Rubin; based on Isaiah 55:12

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.*)

***ACCLAMATION** (*Repeated one or more times*)

P Blessed us is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

R Hosanna in the highest.

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Hear from the Gospel according to Matthew how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem...

*BLESSING OF THE PALM BRANCHES

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

(The people raise their palm branches.)

P We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

P May God, who gives everything, give you life without limit,
May Christ, who was poor and yet a King, heal you and set you free,
+ and may the Spirit make you overflow with peace and love.

**R Amen. We stammer our thanks, adoration, and love to God.
Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** “*My Song Is Love Unknown*” (vs.1,3,6) **HYMN NO. 343**

tune: Rhosymedre

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.**

**Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.**

**Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.
And for his death we thirst and cry.**

**Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.**

**This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend! I all my days could gladly spend!**

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “*King of Kings*” ~*Music: Ancient Hebrew Folk Song; Lyrics: Sophie Conty & Naomi Batya*



COMMUNION SONG*"Lamb of God (Your Only Son)"***HYMN NO. 336**

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Refrain

sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

"Lamb of God" Words and Music by Twila Paris ©1985 Mountain Spring Music and Straight Way Music

"Lead Me to Calvary" by William J. Kirkpatrick & Jennie E. Hussey

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"***HYMN NO. 344**

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
 to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
 now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. Refrain**

**The company of angels are praising you on high;
 creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. Refrain**

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
 our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. Refrain**

**To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain**

**Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
 great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. Refrain**

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Hosanna to the Son of David!

R Hosanna in the highest.

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

R Hosanna in the highest.

P Let us pray...Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

SHARING THE PEACE*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"* by Larry Shakley **Chancel Choir**

WORD**FIRST READING****Isaiah 50:4-9a**

L The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Philippians 2:5-11**

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"There in God's..."* (vs.1,2,3) **HYMN NO. 342**

CHOIR There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
 whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
 Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.

ALL Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suff'ring;
see where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood.

ALL Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives!
its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.

The Passion of our Lord according to Matthew **Matthew 27:11-54*****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"There in God's Garden"* (vs.4) **HYMN NO. 342**

See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!"
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing."

SERMON *Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf****HYMN** *"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"* **HYMN NO. 325**

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*ANNOUNCEMENTS****MEAL**

OFFERING *"Jesus Paid It All / O Sacred Head"* arr. by Brant Adams
French Horn/Piano Duet by Kevin Haug, Jr. & Jonathan Mollenkopf

***OFFERING SONG** *"Change My Heart, O God"* **HYMN NO. 801**

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953; Text © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*Spoken*)

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Lift up 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 God thanks and praise.***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE*****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

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