

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** Bob Riggle, The Family of Emma Stotz, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of the God by Marlin and Laurie Hartmann in celebration of our Risen Lord!

**A Garden Workday** will be held on Saturday, April 11 at 8:30am to plant the spring garden. Breakfast tacos provided!

**Special Concern** for April is the Bethany Preschool.

**Thank you to everyone** who attended the Holy Week Breakfasts. Attendance: Holy Ghost – 40, Zion – 57, and Bethany – 80.

**Thank you** to all who brought fresh cut flowers to beautify the two crosses in church today.

**Thank you** to everyone who purchased Easter Lilies beautifying the Sanctuary.

**Thank you** to Christi for picking them up and nurturing them (with Perry's help).

**Thank you** to those who helped Christi place the lilies in the Sanctuary.

**Thank you** for your Lenten contributions of \$45. **Attendance:** 40

**Thank you** for your contributions of \$2,257 given last week. **Attendance:** 65

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Robert Menking & Lainey Riebesehl

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

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

|               |          |   |
|---------------|----------|---|
| MON – Apr 6   | 6-9:00pm | Astronomers Mtg – Fell Hall<br>Church Office Closed |
| TUES – Apr 7  | 5:30pm   | Choir Practice – Choir Room                         |
| WED – Apr 8   | 8:00am   | Laborers of Love – Arhelger House                   |
|               | 4:15pm   | Confirmation – Elijah's Cave                        |
|               | 5:30pm   | Cemetery Board Mtg – Conf Rm                        |
|               | 5:30pm   | Evangelism/Fellowship Mtg – Adult SS Rm             |
| THURS – Apr 9 | 11:30am  | Finance & Investment Mtg – Conf Rm                  |
| SAT – Apr 11  | 8:30am   | Garden Workday                                      |
| SUN – Apr 12  | 9:00am   | Worship with Communion                              |
|               | 10:15am  | Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm                   |
|               | 10:15am  | Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall                     |
|               | 10:15am  | Family Time Discussion – Choir Rm                   |

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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Fredericksburg, Texas

### Resurrection of Our Lord – April 5, 2026

**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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Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We exist to share the Joy of Jesus by providing multiple opportunities for all people to encounter God through diverse worship, authentic love and intentional acts of service. We Share the Joy. We Worship, Love and Serve.*

## GATHERING

### BELLS

### WELCOME

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**R He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)*

**PRELUDE** *"Hallelujah Chorus"* by George Frederick Handel; arr. Dino Kartsonakis

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 365**

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

*"Worthy Is the Lamb"* by Stephen Leddy

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**R Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*BENEDICTION

A God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**R Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *"Thine Is the Glory"* **HYMN NO. 376**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

***Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!***

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain***

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

### \*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

### POSTLUDE

*"And Can It Be"* by Thomas Campbell & Charles Wesley

**COMMUNION HYMN***"Lamb of God"* Text: ICET; Additional text and music by Marty Haugen, ©1990

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.

**HYMN***"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"***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! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;****Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.****Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,****shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?****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.****Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;****Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.****As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,****here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.****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."**

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

**\*EASTER LITANY** Easter Litany by Richard Wilcox, Spain, edited

A We do not make Easter happen, nor do we cause the sun to shine.

**R God does it all – God made our Savior rise!**

A By dawning light while God takes towel in hand to dry the dew,

**R We sing our glad "Hosannas,"**

A While darkness gives way to light, and death itself, by Easter miracle,

**R becomes the doorway to eternal life.**

A Lord, help us to believe this incredible good news.

**R Help us to live our Easter joy.**

A Strengthen our desire to share the joy of Jesus,

**R and empower us to worship, love, and serve in his name.****Alleluia, 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****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***

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

P Let us pray... God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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** "Because He Lives" by Wm. & Gloria Gaither **Chancel Choir**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:1-6**

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup> the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

*(Before the verses the Refrain is sung by the Choir and then by all.)*

*(All repeat the Refrain as marked.)*

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us re-joice and be glad in it.

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.

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ...  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*(sung)* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

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

P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love... now and forever.

**R Amen.**

**\*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**

White grape juice is in the cups in the center of the tray.



**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A In your mercy,  
R **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
R **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"* by Robert Lowry & Annie S. Hawks

**\*OFFERING SONG**

*"Now All the Vault of..."* (vs.4) **HYMN NO. 367**

**Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Presider: The Lord be with you. And al - so with  
 Congregation: you. Lift up your hearts. We  
 Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give  
 Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
 right to give God thanks and praise.

L O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

R **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

L The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

R **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

L the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

R **I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. (REFRAIN SUNG)**

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
 let us re - joice and be glad in it.

L The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

R **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

L This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

R **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. (REFRAIN SUNG)**

L The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

R **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **(REFRAIN SUNG)**

**SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**R** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** "Now All the Vault of..." (vs.1,2,3) **HYMN NO. 367**

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.; Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

**\*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.**