

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Glenn Koennecke, Bob Riggle, The Family of Brian O'Neal (son of Jim and Emma Jane O'Neal), our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

Special Concern for April is the Bethany Preschool.

Today after worship, we will dedicate the new Zion Historical Sign posted on Main Street. Please join us!

A Family Time Discussion will be held today at 10:15am in the Choir Room for the parents of kids and teens. We want to help our families with kids connect with God and each other. A pizza lunch will be provided after Sunday School for these families. It promises to be a fun family day at Zion!

The Mutual Ministry Committee meets next Monday at 6:15pm (not the Worship Committee...the April calendar was incorrect).

HEB apologizes for the bad batch of Easter lilies this year. They have given us a full refund. If you wish to receive your money back, please let Christi know, or she can put your money toward the purchase of a Poinsettia(s) in your name.

Thank you for your Maundy Thursday contributions of \$380. **Attendance:** 37

Thank you for your Good Friday contributions of \$75. **Attendance:** 44

Thank you for your Easter Sunrise contributions of \$297. **Attendance:** 69

Thank you for your Easter contributions of \$6,930. **Attendance:** 106

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Rhonda Behrends & Lauren Rich

USHERS – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY Apr 12	10:15am	Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm
	10:15am	Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall
	10:15am	Family Time Discussion – Choir Rm
MON – Apr 13	10:00am	Theatre Mtg – Conf Rm
	6:15pm	Mutual Ministry Mtg – Conf Rm
TUES – Apr 14	5:30pm	Choir Practice – Choir Room
WED – Apr 15	4:15pm	Confirmation – Elijah's Cave
FRI – Apr 17	10:30am	Emma Stotz Funeral & Reception
SAT – Apr 18	8-12:00pm	Vereins Quilt Guild Mtg – Fell Hall
SUN – Apr 19	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm
	10:15am	Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fredericksburg, Texas

Second Sunday of Easter – April 12, 2026

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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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 *“The Easter Song”* by Anne Herring

OPENING RESPONSES

A Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day

R To the rising of this life itself.

A Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

R The hand of God between us and each hand.

A The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

R The love of Christ between us and each love.

A O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day

R Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

***GATHERING HYMN** *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”* **HYMN NO. 857**

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord I love to sing your praises.

I’m so glad you’re in my life,

I’m so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b.1954; Music: Rick Founds

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

*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** *“Bind Us Together”*

***Refrain: Bind us together,
Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord;
bind us together in love.***

**There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing;
*Refrain***

**You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God’s chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.**

Refrain

Text & Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

R Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Christ Arose” by Robert Lowry

DEDICATION OF NEW HISTORICAL SIGN ON MAIN STREET

***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.

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 "Let Us Break Bread Together" **HYMN NO. 471**

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
 let us break bread together on our knees.**

**Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;
 let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
 let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual

***HYMN**

"Awesome God"

**Our God is an awesome God,
 he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r, and love –
 our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God,
 he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r, and love –
 our God is an awesome God!
 Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P God of life, do not darken your light to us,
 MEN God of life do not limit your joy in in us,
 Women God of life, do not shut your door to us,
 P God of life, do not refuse us your mercy,
ALL Lord, do not refuse us your mercy.

P Let us pray.
 (Please sit or kneel)
 P O God of life, eternity cannot hold you,
 nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness.
 Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence
 you can come close and repair us.

(Silence)
 P O God of life, grant us your forgiveness
**ALL For our careless thoughts,
 For our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech
 And the words with which we wounded.**

(Silence)
 P O God of life, grant us your forgiveness
**ALL For our false desires,
 For our hateful actions,
 For our wastefulness and for all we left untended.**

(Silence)
 P O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning,
 scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills;
 begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.
**ALL In you we place our hope, our great hope,
 our living hope, this day and evermore
 because we are forgiven by the cross of Christ. Amen**

***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...Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty

KOTK

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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 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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Merciful God,

R receive our prayer.

*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

"As the Grains of Wheat" (vs.2) **HYMN NO. 465**

Refrain:

***As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.***

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain***

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FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:
²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.²⁵ For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16 (*Read responsively*)

L Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**R I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

L As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

**R Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

L The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**R The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

L I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**R I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

L Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**R For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

L You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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**

¹⁹When 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.”

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.” ²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“By Grace We Have Been Saved”

**By grace we have been saved through faith and not by keeping law.
God’s saints believed by what they heard and not by what they saw.**

***Refrain: Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!***

**For all have sinned and fallen short. God’s plan, not one obeyed.
Christ has for all fulfilled the law. Believe, confess, be saved.**

Refrain

**God gave to earth a perfect love through Jesus on the cross.
While we were foes, Christ died for us.
We gained by God’s own loss. *Refrain***

**We know the wage of sin is death; thank God, we shall revive.
For just as Jesus rose again, we too are made alive. *Refrain***