

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** Montynne Brown, Margaret Solbrig, our homebound and in senior living, our FBG community, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Jarris Hawkins in celebration of his mom, Denise Hawkins' birthday today, and in honor of all the great moms, thank you all for everything you do.

**Happy Mother's Day** to all the mother's, and those who give motherly care.

**Your 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter** Contribution Statements are available on the table in the back of the church (Narthex). Please look them over for errors.

**VBS is June 1 – 5 from 8 – 11:30am.** Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards. For youth who have completed grades K – 5<sup>th</sup>. FREE!

**Duncan Holmes on piano at Zion** – Sunday, June 14 @ 4PM...A talented blind pianist who performs a wide variety...with Pr. Jonathan Mollenkopf on organ for some hymns.

**Thank you** for your April 12 contributions of \$4,073. **Attendance:** 62

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Sandy Schmitzinsky & Lauren Rich

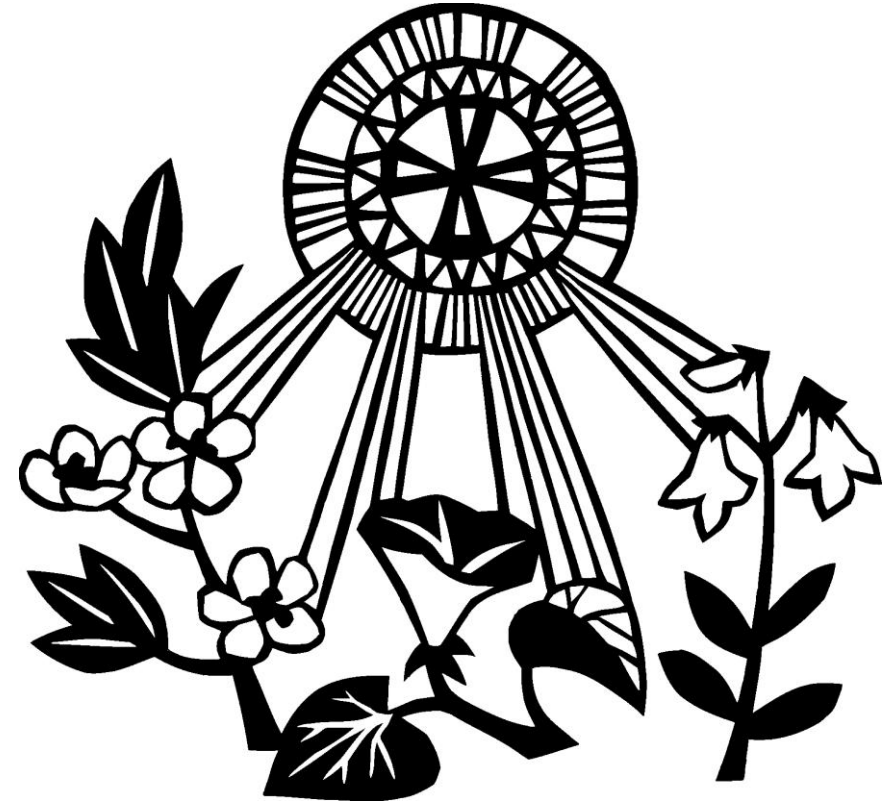
**USHERS** – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner

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

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY May 10	10:15am	Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm
	10:15am	Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall
TUES – May 12	4:30pm	Care Team Mtg – Library
	5:30pm	Choir Practice – Choir Room
WED – May 13	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	9:30am	Villages at Windcrest Communion
	10:30am	FBG Nursing Home Communion
	4:15pm	Confirmation – Elijah's Cave
	5:00pm	Cemetery Mtg – Conf Rm
		NO Evangelism/Fellowship Mtg
THURS – May 14	9:30am	Knopp Retirement Communion
	10:30am	Knopp Healthcare & Rehab Communion
SAT – May 16	8-12:00pm	Vereins Quilt Guild – Fell Hall
	12:00pm	Nonmember Wedding – Sanctuary
SUN – May 17	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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 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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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!**

### PRELUDE

*“Pass It On”* by Kurt Kaiser

### SKIT

*“When God Created Mothers”* by Erma Bombeck

### \*GATHERING HYMN *“Crown Him with Many...”* (vs.1-4) **HYMN NO. 855**

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

## \*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

P 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

*“Blessed Assurance”*

**HYMN NO. 638**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

***Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.***

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

### \*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

### POSTLUDE

*“Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”* ~Traditional

**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***"Baptized in Water"***HYMN NO. 456**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
 cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
 heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
 faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
 dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
 one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
 thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
 marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
 born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
 joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

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*"The Bond of Love"* by Otis Skillings**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P God of life, do not darken your light to us,  
 MEN God of life do not limit your joy 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.

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.**

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**

**For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God; to make all things new.**

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**

### **\*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 ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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**

*"Books of the Bible"*

**KOTK**

by BibleBooksSong.com; revised/arranged by Judy O. McGookey

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

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**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.*



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**\*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**

*"This Is My Commandment"* ~Traditional

**\*OFFERING SONG**

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

**Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
we 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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**\*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 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 part and a Congregation part.

<sup>29</sup> "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 66:8-20** (Read responsively)

L Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,

R **who has kept us among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.**

L Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

R **I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.**

L If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.

R **But truly God has listened;  
he has heard the words of my prayer.**

L Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

**SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL John 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

**SERMON**

**Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “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

**\*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.**