

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Mary, Did You Know?” by Mark Lowry & Buddy Graves; Arr. Dan Coates

(Please stand, kneel or remain seated)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Holy God,

R we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen

P I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

R Amen

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

R Amen

SENDING HYMN

“We Three Kings”

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

***Refrain: Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!***

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. *Refrain***

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshipping God Most High.
*Refrain***

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
*Refrain***

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Rejoice in the newborn King.

R Thanks be to God.

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” ~Music: A Spring Carol, c. 14th Century; Lyrics: Joseph Simpson Cook

COMMUNION HYMN*"Lamb of God"***HYMNAL p. 154**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMN*What Child is This" (vs.1&3)***HYMN NO. 296****What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?****Whom angels greet with anthems sweet****while shepherds watch are keeping?****This, this is Christ the king,****whom shepherds guard and angels sing;****haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!****So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;****come, peasant, king, to own him.****The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.****Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;****joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

*"The Holly and the Ivy" ~18th Century English Carol**"Away in a Manger" ~Music: William J. Kirkpatrick; Lyrics: North American, 19th Century**(Please stand as you are able)***BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

R Amen**GATHERING***(Please stand as you are able)***GATHERING HYMN***"Shine Jesus Shine"***Refrain:****Shine, Jesus, shine****Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire****Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with love and mercy;
send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light!****Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain****As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain****GREETING**

A 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.

DIALOGUE

A Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**R For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.**

A He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

R He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

A He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

**R He hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before his cold?**

A He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

**R He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

A He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD! (*Psalms 147:12-20*)

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Response Sung*) “Glory to God...” **HYMNAL p. 148**

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**R Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our
prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your
incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we
do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“God With Us” (Emmanuel)
by Mercy Me, arranged by Judy McGookey

Judy McGookey

**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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my
body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is
the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

"He Is Born" ~Traditional French Carol, 18th Century

(Please stand as you are able)

DIALOGUE *(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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

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WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

⁷ For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

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⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMNAL p. 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"Let's Have a Great New Year!" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Bright and Glorious..."* (vs.1-4)

HYMN NO. 301

**Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining. All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav'n above, beckon us to heav'n above.**

**On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light;
all the stars above were paling. all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh, as the wondrous star drew nigh.**

**Sages from the East afar, when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king, to the child, the newborn king.**

**Him they found in Bethlehem, yet he wore no diadem;
there they saw a maiden lowly with an infant pure and holy
resting in her loving arms, resting in her loving arms.**

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-1970, alt.
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Ashley Klaerner, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

The Special Concern for January is Lutheran Disaster Response.

The Worship Committee will be taking down decorations TODAY after the service, if you'd like to stay and help them. Thank you in advance.

Budget Forums to discuss the 2022 Budget will be on Sunday, Jan 23 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and on Wednesday, Jan 26 at 6pm in the Sewing Room.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan 30 immediately following worship service in the Sanctuary.

The 2022 Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Sign-up for the special dates you'd like to give the altar flowers.

The Jan – Mar Portals of Prayer are available to pick-up in the Narthex.

Thank you for your Christmas Eve Contributions of \$6,469.

Attendance: 12/24 @4pm – 33, 12/24 @ 5:30pm – 152

Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$2,667 given on 12/26.

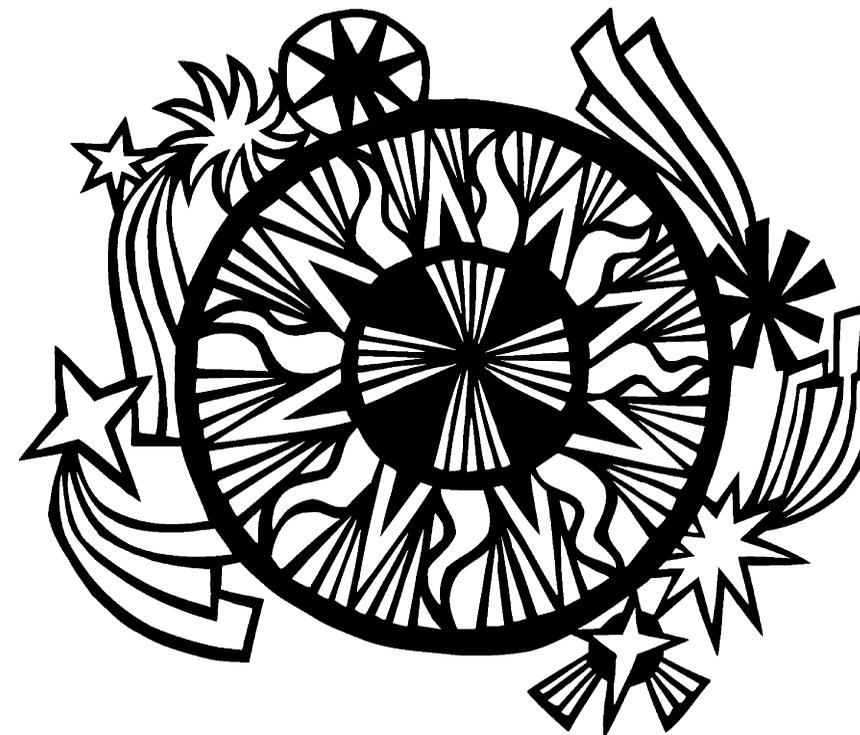
Attendance: 41

WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig & Jim O'Neal

USHERS – Jim & Emma Jane O'Neal, Arleen Crenwelge, Yvonne Klaerner, Florence Rogers, Doris Schneider

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Jan 2	9:00am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:30am	In-Person Worship with COMMUNION
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube
	11:30am	Take Down Decorations
MON – Jan 3	9:00am	Staff Mtg
TUES – Jan 4	5:50pm	Choir Practice – Fell Hall
WED – Jan 5	8:00am	Men's Breakfast – Sewing Rm
	9:30am	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
	7:00pm	Property Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – Jan 9	9:00am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School
	8:00am	In-Person Worship
	8:00am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	8:00am	Service Live on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube



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Accompanist – Sheri Robinson; Director of Music – Ray Salinas

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