

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 15, 2023**

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P=Presider R=Responses

## BELLS

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, and fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering basket as you desire.)*

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

## PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Bringing in the Sheaves”* by George A. Minor & Knowles Shaw

*“Bring Them In”* by William A. Ogden & Alexcenah Thomas

*(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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**R Amen**

P Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

**R we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior. As an 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 Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**R Amen**

## BENEDICTION

P Wherever you go, may God go with you: may he go before you to show you the way...behind you to encourage you...beside you to befriend you...above you to watch over...and within you to give you peace. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

**R Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

**HYMN NO. 547**

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended.**

**Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face—our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,**

**embracing God’s children, the whole human race.**

**With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*“Follow On”* by Robert Lowry & W.O. Cushing

**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



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.

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*"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"* by Henri A.C. Malan & Frances R. Havergal

*"Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"* by J.S. Norris & E.W. Blandy

*(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 remain standing as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN** *"Brightest and Best of the..."* (vs.1,2,5) **HYMN NO. 303**

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
 dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
 Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
 guide where our infant redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
 maker and monarch and savior of all.**

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
 dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
 Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
 guide where our infant redeemer is laid.**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

**GREETING**

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.**

**Psalm** *(Read responsively)* **Psalm 40:1-11**

A I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

R **He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
 and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

A He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.  
 Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

R **Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,  
 who do not turn to the proud,  
 to those who go astray after false gods.**

A You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

**R Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.**

**Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

A Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**R I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

A I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

**R I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

A Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      *"Now the Feast and Celebration"*      **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**

*(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.

### **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**

*All are welcome to share the body and blood of Jesus that are present in the bread and wine of communion. If you do not wish to participate, you may still come forward for a blessing. As you come forward, please have your hands open to receive a wafer (the body of Christ). If you desire a gluten free wafer and/or white grape juice, please hold up two fingers to the server.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

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

## RESPONSE

*(Please be seated)*

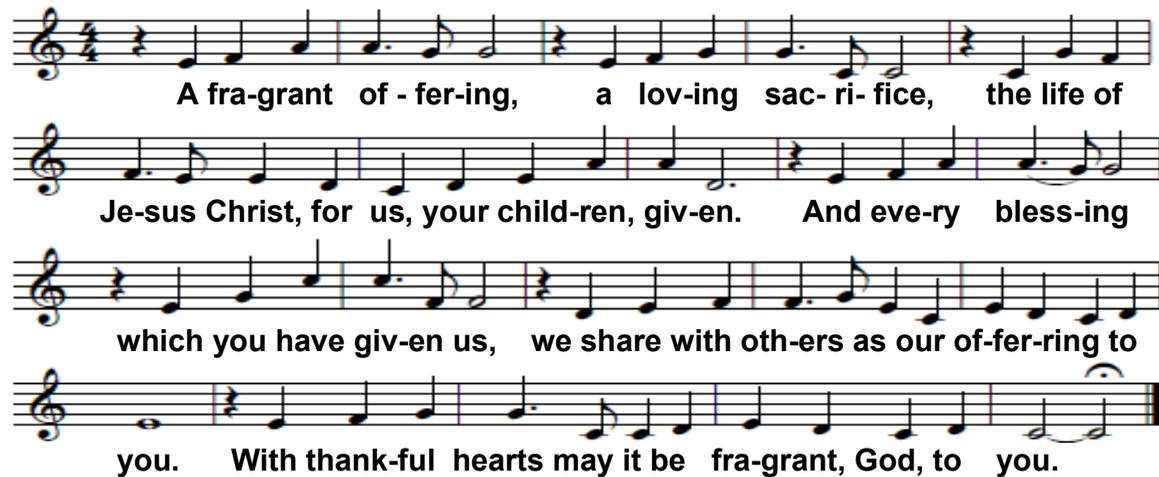
## OFFERING

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* ~Music: Indian Folk Song; Lyrics: Garo Christians & John Clark

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## OFFERING SONG

*"A Fragrant Offering"*



A fra-grant of - fer-ing, a lov-ing sac- ri- fice, the life of  
Je-sus Christ, for us, your child-ren, giv-en. And eve-ry bless-ing  
which you have giv-en us, we share with oth-ers as our of-fer-ring to  
you. With thank-ful hearts may it be fra-grant, God, to you.

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*(Please remain standing 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...

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**R And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Follow Me"* by Ira Stanphill

**Rhonda Behrends**

## FIRST READING

### Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

<sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**    *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*    **HYMN NO. 172**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**R Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**                      **John 1:29-42**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P The gospel of the Lord.

**R Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

***Rev. Stanley Sultemeier***

*(Please remain seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*    **HYMN NO. 789**

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

**We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

**Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

**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**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** The Family of Craig Johnson (father of Pastor Kay), our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**Thank you** to Rev. Stanley Sultemeier for presiding over worship today while Pastor Kay prepares for her father's funeral.

**The Special Concern** for January is Lutheran World Relief – Ukraine. Since conflict began in late February, millions of people have fled Ukraine, with millions more in dire need within their country. They are grateful for the thousands of Lutherans across the United States whose care and generosity have made it possible for them to respond immediately. Financial gifts are appreciated.

**Pastor Kay's father's** funeral will be held next Monday, January 16, 2023 at 10:00am in Grace Lutheran Church at 504 Avenue E in San Antonio.

**Preston Wilson's** memorial service will be on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 11:00am in Zion.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2022 immediately following the service in the Sanctuary.

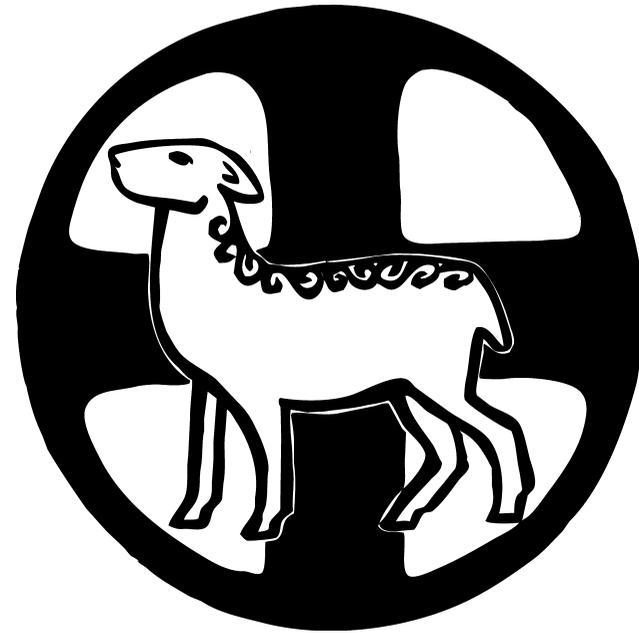
**The Flower Chart** is posted in the Narthex and the church office. Please sign up for your special Sunday. The beautiful flowers are a nice attribution to the Sunday services.

**Thank you** for your Contributions of \$4,798 given last week. **Attend:** 9am – 52

**ASSISTANT** – Margaret Solbrig; **USHERS** – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner; Marlin & Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt, Alma Sobey

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

|                |         |                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MON – Jan 16   | 10:00am | Pastor Kay's Fathers Funeral Service at Grace Lutheran Church in San Antonio<br><i>Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day</i> |
| TUES – Jan 17  | 5:30pm  | Chancel Choir—Choir Room<br><i>February Chimes Deadline</i>                                                                     |
| WED – Jan 18   | 5:30pm  | Evangelism Mtg – Conf Rm                                                                                                        |
| THURS – Jan 19 | 6:00pm  | Council Mtg—Conf Rm                                                                                                             |
| FRI – Jan 20   | 11:00am | Preston Wilson's Memorial Service                                                                                               |
| SUN – Jan 22   | 8:30am  | Coffee & Donuts                                                                                                                 |
|                | 9:00am  | Worship with Communion<br><i>(Live on YouTube @9am, Broadcast @10:30am)</i>                                                     |
|                | 10:15am | SS—Fell Hall & Adult SS—Sewing Rm                                                                                               |



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**Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 9:00AM**

**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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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson; Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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