

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 22, 2023**

---

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

*"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"* by Charles H. Gabriel & Civilla D. Martin

*(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 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**

Page 1

## 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** *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"* **HYMN NO. 536**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Refrain:**

***Till we meet, (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet again,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.***

**God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

**God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* ~Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl*, 1784; Lyrics: Isaac Watts

Page 10

**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.

"Lamb of God" Words and Music by Twila Paris ©1985 Mountain Spring Music and Straight Way Music, both administered by EMI Christian Music Publishing CCLI License #11089474

*"Learning to Lean"* by John Stallings

*(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**

**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**

**GATHERING**

*(Please remain standing as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates..." (vs.1,2,3,5) HYMN NO. 533**

**Open now thy gates of beauty,  
 Zion, let me enter there,  
 where my soul in joyful duty  
 waits for God who answers prayer.**

**Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before thee;  
 come thou also unto me;  
 where we find thee and adore thee,  
 there a heav'n on earth must be.**

**To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
 here thy seed is duly sown;  
 let my soul, where it is planted,  
 bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
 so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
 let thy will be done indeed;  
 may I undisturbed draw near thee  
 while thou dost thy people feed.**

**Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, 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.**

**KYRIE** (from the Greek word "Lord" – Sung)

**HYMN NO. 157**

A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**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 Lord.

**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 Lord.

**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**

*"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)*

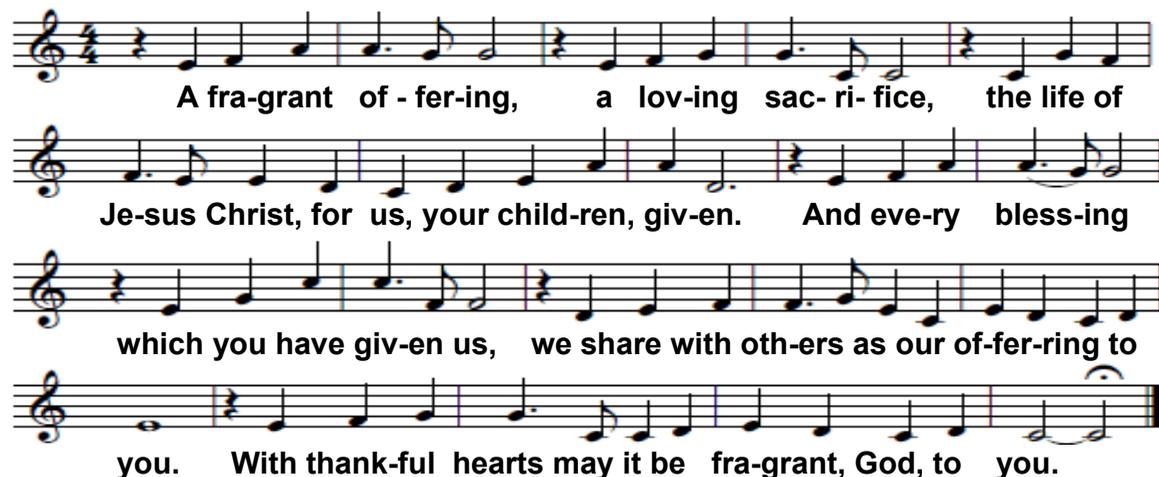
## OFFERING

*“The Light of the World Is Jesus”* by Philip P. Bliss

*(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.

Text and music from One Body, Alive! written by Jay Beech, ©1994 Augsburg Fortress. One License #A-721458

*(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. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*“In the Silence”* by Craig Courtney

**Chancel Choir**

Accompanied by Debbie Sultemeier, Flutist

## FIRST READING

### Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Paul and Janalee Hannemann.

**A Bible** will be presented to Isabella Knox today.

**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.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for next 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 \$1,170 given last week. **Attend:** 9am – 42

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Rhonda Behrends & Arleen Crenwelge

**USHERS** – Virginia Soell, Linvill & Connie Crenwelge, Roger Dittmar

Dwayne, Karen & Emily Beyer, Doris Schneider

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Jan 22	5:30pm	Line Dancing Class – Fell Hall
TUES – Jan 23	5:30pm	Chancel Choir—Choir Room
WED – Jan 25	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
SAT – Jan 28	10:30am	Private Baptism – Sanctuary
SUN – Jan 29	8:30am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:00am	Worship with Communion & Baptism (Live on YouTube @9am, Broadcast @10:30am) NO Sunday School
	10:00am	Annual Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Fredericksburg, Texas

426 W. Main – PO Box 1571 – Fredericksburg, TX 78624

(830) 997-2195 – [www.zion-lutheran.com](http://www.zion-lutheran.com) – email: [zionfbg@gmail.com](mailto:zionfbg@gmail.com)

Go Like Our Facebook Page @ <https://www.facebook.com/ZLCFBGTx/>

Follow Zion on Instagram @ <https://www.instagram.com/zlcfbgtx/>

## Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 22, 2023

**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**

Podcast available [www.zion-lutheran.com](http://www.zion-lutheran.com) under sermons tab

Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson; Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

Acknowledgments: New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #42721 Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. [www.giamusic.com](http://www.giamusic.com). 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission. OneLicense.net A-721458 THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®, NIV® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. Scripture quotations marked (CEV) are from the Contemporary English Version Copyright © 1991, 1992, 1995 by American Bible Society, Used by Permission.