

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 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

*"Our God Reigns"* by Leonard W. Smith, Jr. & *"Awesome God"* by Rich Mullins

*(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**

*(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.*

## 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. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
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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"Father, I Adore You" by Terrye Coelho & "More Precious Than Silver" by Lynn Deshazu

*(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...

*(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!**

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**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**

**GATHERING**

*(Please remain standing as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN** *"Jesus Shall Reign" (vs.1,2,3,5)* **HYMN NO. 434**

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does  
its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, 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**

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**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**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**R** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R** **Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“For This Child”* by Kent Blount

**Judy McGookey**

**FIRST READING      Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

**P** Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *child* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R** **We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**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 Love You, Lord”* by Laurie Klein

*(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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P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**Parents & Sponsors I do.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**R I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**R 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**R 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**

P *Westin Frederick McGookey*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Westin*: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**R Amen**

P *Westin Frederick McGookey*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**R Amen**

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *father* and *mother* of *this child*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *child*.

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

L The Word of the Lord. **R Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

## GOSPEL

### Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

**Rev. Kay Johnson**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **HYMN NO. 631**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!**

**Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

*(Please be seated)*

## BAPTISM

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P I present *Westin Frederick McGookey* to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented *this child* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *him* to the services of God's house, and teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *he grows* in years, you should place in *his* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *his* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, *he* may lead a *godly life* until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

**Parents & Sponsors I do.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

P By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *those who are* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *all those who are* cleansed by this water and bring *them* forth as *inheritors* of your glorious kingdom.

P To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**R Amen**

*(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**

### **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** “O Savior, Precious Savior” (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 820**

**O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor, all other names above:  
we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.**

**In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow’r divine;  
the glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee, our glorious Lord and King.**

**Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above,  
in endless adoration and everlasting love;  
then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring,  
and evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**R Thanks be to God.**

“Victory in Jesus” by E.M. Bartlett



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### **Video on Zion’s YouTube Channel at 9:00AM**

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### **Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 10:30AM**

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