

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 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.)*

P Let us pray.

R Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the faithful shepherds you have sent to Zion over the many years in this place. Thank you for their ministry done in your name. Bless their memory among us. We now wait in expectation for a new pastor. Wherever they may be, tend their heart, giving them courage to preach your Word, knowledge of your vision for the future, and the will to model consistent and godly living. Guard their family, that they may experience a healthy transition to our congregation. Bless them and us with genuine friendship. And bless the congregation that is left behind with a sense of your comfort and leading. Good and faithful God, prepare us for our new pastor. Set our hearts aright, encourage our faith, heal our divisions. Show us how to let go of what has gone before and, with open and eager hearts, take hold of what is coming. We pray all in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"There's Something About That Name" by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither
"Blessed Be the Name" ~Music: Unknown; Lyrics: William H. Clark & Ralph E. Hudson

(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

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 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (vs.1&3)**HYMN NO. 436**

**Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.**

**Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory. There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.**

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

R Thanks be to God.

"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" by John W. Peterson

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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"Now I Belong to Jesus" by Norman J. Clayton & *"Share His Love"* by William J. Reynolds

(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

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

GATHERING

(Please remain standing as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN *"Lord, Whose Love in..."* (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 712**

**Lord, whose love in humble service
 bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken,
 worked your mercy's perfect deed:
 we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
 consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
 in its height and depth and greatness
 dawns upon our quickened sight,
 making known the needs and burdens
 your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service,
 your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
 to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
 hope and health, good will and comfort,
 counsel, aid and peace we give,
 that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

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 112:1-9

A Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

R **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

A Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

R **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

A It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

R **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

A They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

R **Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

A They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

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!**

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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

(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)

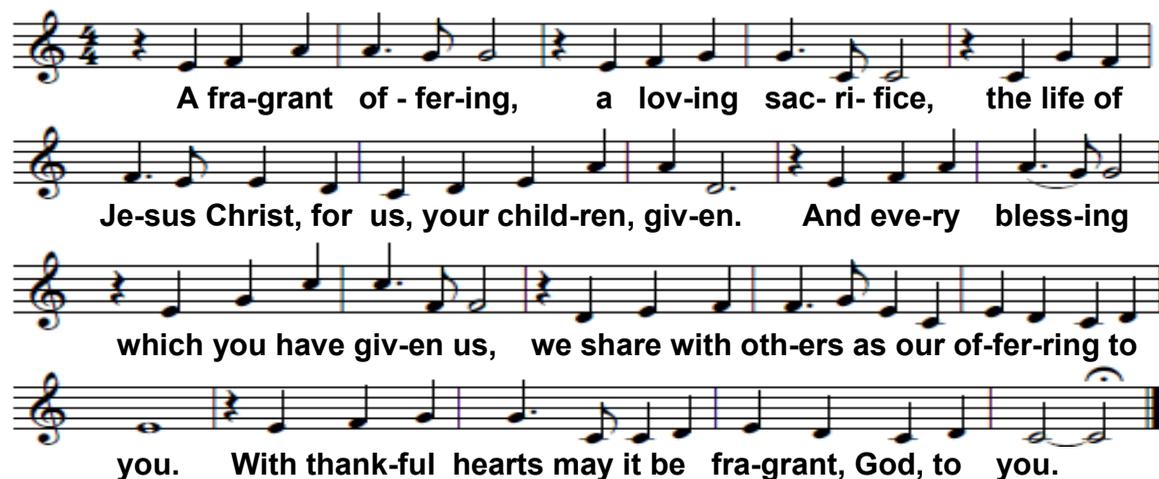
OFFERING

“Come, Let Us Reason” by Ken Medema

(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-ing 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. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Blessed Are They” by Lee Dengeer **Chancel Choir**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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 5th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Matthew 5:13-20**

¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 "This Little Light of Mine"

HYMN NO. 677

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Text: African American spiritual

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 Henrietta Priess, The Family of Carl Weden, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Stanley and Doris Ernst thanking God for all the many blessings he has bestowed on us over the years and the birth of a second great grandchild, Emmitt Allan Wells on January 2, 2023 in Windsor, Colorado.

Doris Ernst has retired as Chairperson for Evangelism Committee and wishes to thank the present as well as former members of the committee for all the years of help with the many projects they've done. Sandy Schmitzinsky is the new Chairperson. Evangelism is an important committee and vital to the life of Zion.

The Special Concern for February is the Hill Country Needs Council.

The Evangelism Committee invites you to a Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, February 12 at 11:00am. Turkey and Dressing plates will be \$7 each. YOU MUST RSVP BY THURSDAY, FEB 9 to the church office by calling 830-997-2195 or emailing zionfbg@gmail.com.

WHAT TO DO AFTER WORSHIP FOR AN HOUR? You can attend Sunday School at 10:15am, or bring your dominoes, cards, games & enjoy the fellowship.

We will provide Lenten meals each Thursday during Lent beginning Mar 2. If you would like to help bring soup, sandwiches or desserts, please sign up on one of the sheets in the Atrium or Narthex. (No meal on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22.)

Thank you for your Contributions of \$4,913 given last week.

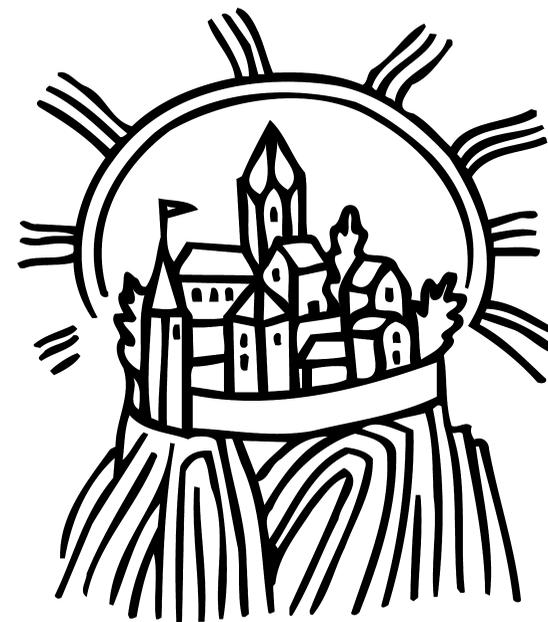
Attendance: 9am – 108

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig

USHERS – Wilfred Crenwelge, Arleen Crenwelge, Darlene Hartmann, Ron & Aleks Gant, Arthur Haun, Audrey Mayer

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TUES – Feb 7	5:30pm	Chancel Choir—Choir Room
WED – Feb 8	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	1:30pm	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
	5:30pm	Evangelism Mtg – Library
	5:30pm	Cemetery Mtg – Conf Rm
THURS – Feb 9		Don't forget to RSVP for the Feb 12 th Lunch
SUN – Feb 12	8:30am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:00am	Worship with Communion (<i>Live on YouTube @9am</i>)
	10:15am	SS – Fell Hall & Adult SS – Sewing Rm
	11:00am	Fellowship Lunch – Fell Hall



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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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