

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 Dan and Judy McGookey in celebration of Collin's 34th birthday on February 19 and in thanksgiving for their families restored health.

The February Special Concern is the Needs Council Food 4 Kids Program.

The WELCA will collect Personal Care Kit items for Lutheran World Relief this month. Items needed for 1 kit are: 1 light weight dark colored bath towel (20x40), 1 adult toothbrush, 2/3 bars of soap, 1 sturdy comb, 1 metal nail clipper.

The Needs Council invites you to their Little Hearts Open House on Tues, Feb 18 from 4-6:30pm to meet the staff and learn more about their new child development center.

Opportunity to Love Your Neighbor: Attend a presentation at the historic Christian Methodist Episcopal church, 602 E Main St, to learn more about the history of this African American congregation and dreams of a Legacy Park adjacent to it on Saturday, February 22 at 11am.

Attention dads, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, coaches, mentors: Holy Ghost will be hosting "Raising a Modern-Day Knight" seminar on Saturday, March 8 from 9am – 2:30pm. \$15 each. Breakfast, snacks and lunch will be provided. RSVP to 830-997-2288.

Several Sundays are open if you wish to give Altar Flowers in March or April.

Thank you for your contributions of \$1,990 given last week. **Attendance** – 71
ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Sandy Schmitzinsky; **USHERS** – Darlene Hartmann, Arleen Crenwelge, Arthur Haun, Audrey Mayer (Acolyte – usher)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Feb 16	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall
MON – Feb 17	5:00pm	Line Dancing – The Hub
	6:30pm	Adult Bible Study – Conf Rm (or by Zoom)
TUES – Feb 18	5:30pm	Choir Practice – Choir Rm
WED – Feb 19	5:00pm	Confirmation – Elijah's Cave
	5:30pm	Game Day – Fell Hall
THUR – Feb 20	8-1:00pm	FBG Antiques Mtg – Fell Hall
	5:00pm	Council Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – Feb 23	9:00am	Worship with Communion (Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – February 16, 2025

Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 9:00AM

(go to www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube)

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

Pastor – Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf
Pianist – Sheri Robinson
Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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Zion Lutheran Church
Fredericksburg, Texas
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025

P=Presider **R=Responses** *Please stand, as you are able

Our Mission Statement – *We Share the Joy. We Worship, Love and Serve.*

GATHERING

BELLS

WELCOME *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, tear it out, and place it in the offering plate.)*

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRELUDE “He Touched Me” by William J. Gaither

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

R Amen

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

R you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen

P God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

R Amen

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Amen

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

P The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

R Amen

***SENDING HYMN** “Let Justice Flow like Streams” **HYMN NO. 717**

**Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.**

**Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.**

**So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.**

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926; Text © 1984 Jane Parker Huber, admin. Westminster John Knox Press

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Great Physician” by John H. Stockton & William Hunter

COMMUNION HYMN*"Lamb of God"*

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Text: ICET; Additional text and music by Marty Haugen, ©1990

COMMUNION HYMN*"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"***HYMN NO. 754**

**Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;
 but sweeter far your face to view
 and rest within your light.**

**No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
 a sweeter sound than your blest name,
 O Savior of us all!**

**O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O joy of all the meek,
 how kind you are to those who fall!
 How good to those who seek!**

**O Jesus, be our joy today; help us to prize your love;
 grant us at last to hear you say:
 "Come, share my home above."**

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

"Breathe on Me" by B.B. McKinney & Edwin Hatch

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**GATHERING HYMN***"Gather Us In"***HYMN NO. 532**

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,
 now is the darkness vanished away;
 see in this space our fears and our dreamings
 brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
 gather us in, the blind and the lame;
 call to us now, and we shall awaken,
 we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
 we are the old who yearn for your face;
 we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
 called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
 gather us in, the proud and the strong;
 give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
 give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
 call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
 give us to eat the bread that is you;
 nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 not in some heaven, light years away—
 here in this place the new light is shining,
 now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever,
 gather us in and make us your own;
 gather us in, all peoples together,
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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***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...

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...

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...

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... Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

P It is our duty and delight...join their unending hymn:

(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.

***EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION** (Sung)

P Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

R Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

P Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

R Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

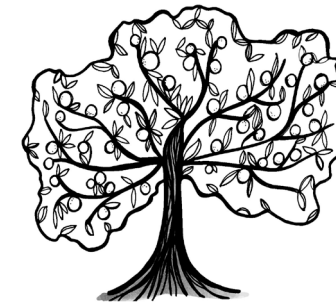
R Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

***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

***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. **If you desire a gluten free wafer and/or white grape juice, please hold up two fingers to the server.**



***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

"No, Not One" by George C. Hugg & Johnson Oatman, Jr.

***OFFERING SONG**

"As the Grains of Wheat"

HYMN NO. 465

***Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.***

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain***

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score includes markings for "Presider:" and "Congregation:".

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Blessed Are They"

by Lee Dengler

Chancel Choir

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L The word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia! Repeat

Repeat optional

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th Chapter.

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

***GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26**

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"O Christ, Your Heart..."

HYMN NO. 722

**O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**

**As once you welcomed those cast down
and healed the sick, the blind, so may all bruised and broken lives
through us your help still find.**

**Lord, join our hearts with those who weep
that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.**

**O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart,
become love's open doors.**

**We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

**O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church
that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!**

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***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**