

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The March Special Concern is the Good Samaritan Center.

Ash Wednesday is March 5. Worship times are at noon and 6pm. No meal will be served. This year's theme is "Facing the Cross."

World Day of Prayer sponsored by Holy Ghost Lutheran Church is on Friday, March 7 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.

If you wish to bring soup, sandwiches or a dessert for the Lenten Meals, please sign up on the sheet in the Atrium.

Misión De Candelilla will be taking a mission trip to the Big Bend area to help with some construction and VBS. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Atrium.

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

Thank you for your contributions of \$4,141 given last week. **Attendance** – 68

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig

USHERS – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner

Marlin & Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt, Alma Sobey (Acolyte – Kneese)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Mar 2 10:15am Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall

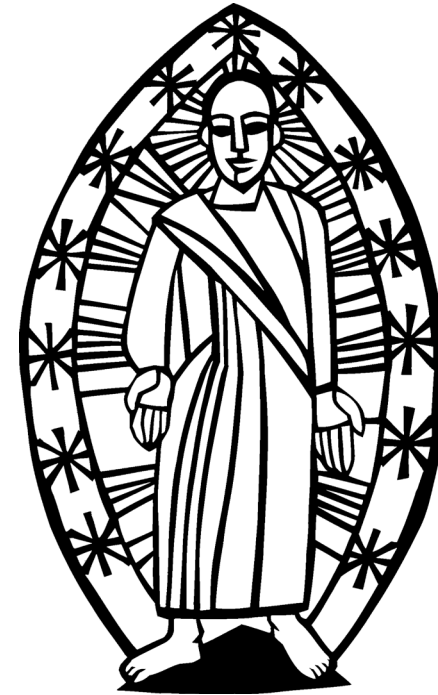
MON – Mar 3 5:00pm Line Dancing – The Hub
6-9:00pm Astronomers Mtg – Fell Hall

TUES – Mar 4 5:30pm Choir Practice – Choir Rm

WED – Mar 5 8:00am Men's Breakfast – Adult SS Rm
9:30am WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
NO Confirmation
NO Meal

6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary
NO Parish Ed Mtg/NO Property Mtg

SUN – Mar 9 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

Transfiguration of Our Lord – March 2, 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

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Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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Zion Lutheran Church
Fredericksburg, Texas
Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 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 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* arr. by Paul Manz

TEMPLE TALK

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

P We worship you, O God, with songs of praise.

**R We worship you with words of prayer
and with ears that listen for you to speak
your saving truth into our lives.**

P We worship you in the silent spaces
where we struggle for hope and for courage.

**R We long for a glimpse of your glory:
the glory that shines in the darkness
and the darkness cannot overcome it;**

P the glory that touches lives with a beauty so holy
that it heals the wounded soul; the glory that gives strength to the weary.

**R We, who stumble and fall so often,
worship you, longing for your light to shine upon us.**

P Dazzle us with your holy love, draw us into your purifying presence,
speak to us your transforming truth.

**R Then, grant us grace to live every moment changed by such
glory—daring to live with hope and courage and love reflecting
the life of Jesus, through whom your glory shines in the most
unexpected ways. Amen**

***BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

***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 Go now, and speak of what you have seen of God’s glory. Do not cling to the holy moments when heaven overshadows you, but as the Lord lives, listen to Christ and follow him from the places of revelation to the places of mission. And may God shine the light of glory into your hearts. May Christ be with you and never leave you. And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you.

R Amen

***SENDING HYMN**

“Beautiful Savior”

HYMN NO. 838

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”* by James McGranahan & Daniel W. Whittle

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*"O Savior, Precious Savior"***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.**

**O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,
 thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought:
 we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;
 we praise thee and confess thee, our gracious 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

"We Will Glorify" by Twila Paris

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* **HYMN NO. 834**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
 and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

P Let us pray...Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

***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**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“To Be Like Jesus”
words and music by Dick and Melodi Tunney. Arr. by Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir

WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

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

"Oh, How I Love Jesus" ~Music: Anonymous; Lyrics: Frederick Whitfield

***OFFERING SONG** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings"* **HYMN NO. 884**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also 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 is divided into parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's parts are on the first, third, and fifth staves, while the Congregation's parts are on the second, fourth, and fifth staves.

PSALMODY Psalm 99 (Refrain sung by choir first, then by the congregation)

The musical score for Psalm 99 is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD; wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.' The first staff is for the choir and the second staff is for the congregation.

- 1 The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.
- 2 **The LORD, | great in Zion, is high a- | bove all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.
- 4 **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in
Jacob. Refrain**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your | name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**
- 7 you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.
- 8 **O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for
their | evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th Chapter.

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

***GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36**

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"I Want to Walk as a Child..."

HYMN NO. 815

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934; Text © 1970, 1975 Celebration

***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