

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Carolyn Crenwelge, Janalee Hannemann, Diane Mayer, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God today by Jim and Emma Jane O'Neal in celebration of their birthdays and in honor of all who served to insure our freedoms in the USA.

July Special Concern...The Grace Center provides support and services for those impacted by domestic violence. Help break the cycle of domestic violence by donating.

Education Expeditions navigating the journey of aging – Tuesday, July 15 10am-1pm (lunch included) at Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Office, 38 Business Court. See more details on bulletin boards. Free Event – RSVP by 7/7.

Join Matt Papa with guests Zach and Maggie White for an evening of singing and worship on Friday, July 25 at 7pm at Trinity Church, 184 Providence Lane. Register to attend: OutreachFBG.com (see bulletin boards for more details.)

Thank you for your contributions of \$1,687 given last week. **Attendance:** 53

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Sandy Schmitzinsky

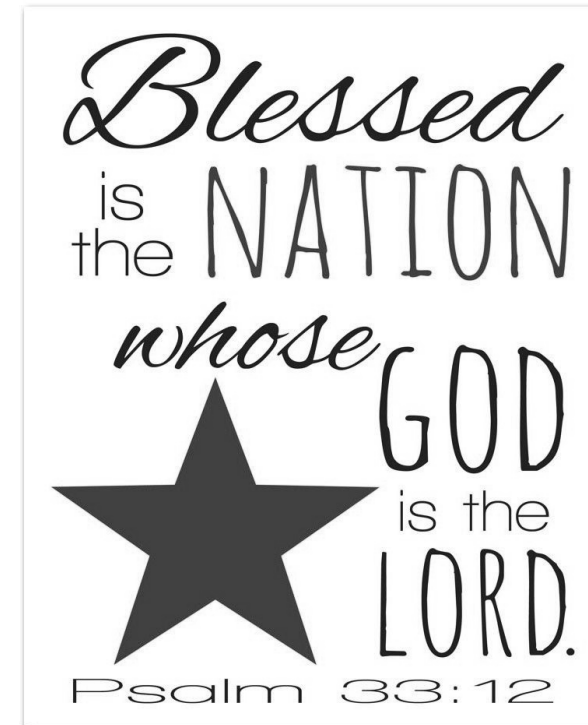
USHERS – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – July 6	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm NO Youth Summer SS
MON – July 7		<i>NO Line Dancing</i> 6-9:00pm <i>Astronomers Mtg – Fell Hall</i>
WED – July 9	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House NO Evangelism/Fellowship Mtg 5:30pm <i>Cemetery Board Mtg – Conf Rm</i>
THURS – July 10	8:30am 5:15pm	Garden Workday Finance & Investment Mtg – Library
SUN – July 13	9:00am	Worship with Communion <i>(Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)</i>
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

One Nation Under God – July 6, 2025

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

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

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

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Zion Lutheran Church

One Nation Under God

July 6, 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.)*

PRELUDE

“God Bless the U.S.A.” by Lee Greenwood

“America the Beautiful” by Samuel A. Ward & Katharine Lee Bates

* On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty. They declared that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. They had the wisdom to put on our money and in our pledge of allegiance that we trust in God; we are a nation under God. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nation's 249th birthday that we honor that Creator, praying for liberty, guidance and blessing.

*AN INDEPENDENCE DAY LITANY FROM THE PSALMS

A The earth is the Lord's,

R And all who dwell in it.

A God is king over the nations:

R God sits on his holy throne.

A He rules by his might forever.

R His eyes keep watch on the nations.

A Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

R For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.

A O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

R And make your face to shine upon us.

A May your ways be known upon the earth,

R Your saving power among all peoples.



“Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.”

Psalms 33:12

(Enjoy this coloring page)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A God, our loving parent, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

R **Amen**

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

R **Amen**

***SENDING HYMN**

"God Bless Our Native Land"

HYMN NO. 891

**God bless our native land;
firm may it ever stand
through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save
by thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise
to God above the skies,
on whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812-1883; John S. Dwight, 1813-1893

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

R **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"This Is My Country" by Al Jacobs & Don Raye
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***GATHERING HYMN**

"America, the Beautiful"

**O beautiful for spacious skies For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America!**

**God shed his grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America!**

**God mend thine every flaw Confirm thy soul in self-control
Thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life!
America! America!**

**May God thy gold refine Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!**

**O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!**

**God shed his grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

***CONFESSION**

P O Lord, no person is perfect and no nation is perfect. We come before you to confess our sin and to ask you to "mend our every flaw."

R **Lord, you are righteous, but we come before you covered with shame because we have sinned against you. We have judged others falsely, we have allowed anger and fear to shape our policies and our prejudices, we have not put others before ourselves, we have not spoken out against injustice, we have refrained from acting with mercy. Our nation is under you and we are your children, so we confess to you our sin.**

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Silence for private confession

P Oh Lord, as individuals and as a nation mend our every flaw. Make us righteous, obedient to your will, acting in kindness and goodwill for justice for all. People of God, be assured that God hears our confession. God acts with mercy and forgives our sin.

R Amen. Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we raise our plea
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, your loved ones go,
Protect them by your guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.**

**O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by your might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by your watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
And then shall rise with voices free
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

Verses 1, 4, William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.; Verses 2, 3, Robert N. Spencer, 1877–1961, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

HYMN NO. 779

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee” ~Music: Thesaurus Musicus, 1744; Lyrics: Samuel F. Smith



*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

"This Land Is Your Land" by Woody Guthrie

*OFFERING SONG *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"* (vs.2) **HYMN NO. 890**

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.**

***Refrain: Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(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 our thanks and praise.

P As one nation under God, we commit our allegiance to Christ our Lord, asking that we might be united as a people and as the body of Christ...Do this for the remembrance of me...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*THE LORDS 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

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom.

R Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

"God Bless America"
by Irving Berlin

Diane Mayer

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:4-14

⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. ¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

A The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING**Romans 13:1-10**

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval,⁴ for it is God's agent for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the agent of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer.⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience.⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's agents, busy with this very thing.⁷ Pay to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

A The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Mine Eyes Have Seen..."* (vs.1) **HYMN NO. 890**

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are
stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.**

Refrain:

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL Mark 12:13-17**

¹³ Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." ¹⁶ And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**SERMON**

Pastor Jonathan Mollenkopf

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"This Is My Song"

HYMN NO. 887

SOLOIST

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

ALL

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

ALL

**This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.**

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912-1993, sts. 1-2; Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, st. 3

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