

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you to Rev. Stanley Sultemeier for presiding over worship today.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Doris Schneider in honor of Zion's Youth and Choir.

Pastor Jonathan will be on vacation Thursday, July 17 – August 1. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please call the church office 830-997-2195 it will ring to Christi's cell 24/7.

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.

Help Us "Stuff the Bus" with School Supplies! From now until Sunday, September 7, the Zion WELCA will be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief and the local Needs Council. You can pick up a list of items needed from the yellow bus in the Atrium. (The list will also be in the August Chimes.)

Let's work together to bless students near and far!

Thank you for your contributions of \$2,439 given last week. **Attendance:** 56

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Rhonda Behrends

USHERS – Darlene Hartmann, Arleen Crenwelge, Arthur Haun, Kris Kneese, Audrey Mayer (Acolyte – Minshew)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – July 20	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm NO Youth Summer SS
MON – July 21		<i>NO Line Dancing – The Hub</i>
WED – July 23		NO Game Day
THURS – July 24	8:30am	Garden Workday
SUN – July 27	9:00am	Worship with Communion <i>(Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)</i>
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm NO Youth Summer SS

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 20, 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
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 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 *“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

***GATHERING HYMN** *“Lord, Speak to Us, That We...”* **HYMN NO. 676**

**Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand’ring and the wav’ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung’ring ones with manna sweet.**

**Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o’erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

*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 love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

R Amen

***SENDING HYMN** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’...”* (vs.1,2,4,6) **HYMN NO. 634**

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel’s chosen race

now ransomed from the fall,

hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget

the wormwood and the gall,

go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”* by Charles H. Gabriel & Rufus H. McDaniel

***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

HYMN NO. 742

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

“In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came” by Charles H. Gabriel

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

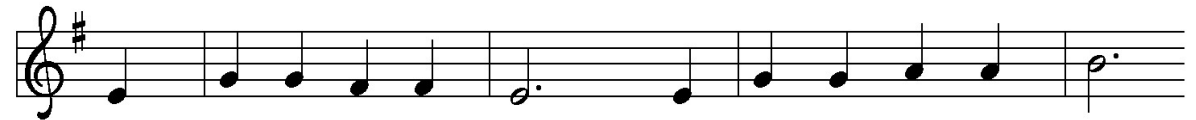
R you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

R Amen

***KYRIE**

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

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1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***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 Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Why Me, Lord"

Dan & Judy McGookey

***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 God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....join their unending hymn:

(Sung)

HYMNAL p. 207 *(Holy, Holy...)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***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

*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

*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

"This Is the Time I Must Sing" by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

*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

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

A The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 *(Read responsively)*

A O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**R Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;**

A who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

**R in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

A who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND READING**Colossians 1:15-28**

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

A The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*HYMNAL p.205**

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL*Luke 10:38-42**

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**SERMON*****HYMN OF THE DAY***"Borning Cry"***HYMN NO. 732**

**"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.**

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

**I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;**

in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

**"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,**

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

**"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."**

**"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."**

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937; Text © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker