

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Carolyn Crenwelge, The Family of Dorothy Jenkins (mother of Susan Otto), Janet Sedwick, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Arthur Haun, Jr. in remembrance of his wife, Kathlyn Haun's death four years ago on July 31.

August Special Concern is Der Stadt Friedhof.

Each Sunday starting today, a different church committee will host an info and sign-up table near the choir room, beginning with Stewardship.

Pastor Kay Johnson will be preaching at Zion next Sunday, August 10. We will have a potluck lunch in her honor that day around 11am.

We invite all students and all who work for local schools to be in worship on Sunday, August 10 for a blessing. Students, please bring your backpacks with you.

Help Us "Stuff the Bus" with School Supplies! From now until Sept 7. You can pick up a list of items needed from the yellow bus in the Atrium.

Thank you for your contributions of \$1,601 given last week. **Attendance:** 44

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Greg Oehler & Arleen Crenwelge

USHERS – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Aug 4		<i>NO Line Dancing – The Hub</i>
	6-9:00pm	<i>Astronomers Mtg – Fell Hall</i>
MON – Aug 5	5:30pm	Ad-Hoc NonBudget Fund Mtg – Conf Rm
WED – Aug 6	8:00am	Men's Breakfast – Adult SS Rm
	9:15am	WELCA Bible Study – Villages at Windcrest
	9:30am	Knopp Assisting Living Communion
	10:30am	Knopp Nursing Home Communion
	6:00pm	Parish Ed Mtg – Library
		NO Property Mtg
THURS – Aug 7	8:30am	Garden Workday
	9:30am	Heritage Place Communion
	10:30am	Enchanted Rock Communion
SUN – Aug 10	9:00am	Worship with Communion (w/backpack blessing) <i>(Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am)</i>
		NO Adult SS & NO Youth Summer SS
	11:00am	Potluck Lunch with Pastor Kay

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – August 3, 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
8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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 “Lead Me, Lord” by John D. Becker

***GATHERING HYMN** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” **HYMN NO. 504**

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.**

**The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.**

**But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

*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** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” **HYMN NO. 774**

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Refrain: Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound” by William J. Kirkpatrick & Priscilla Owens
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***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lamb of God"

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

HYMN NO. 515

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!**

**You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

"I Gave My Life for Thee" by Philip P. Bliss & Frances R. Havergal

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*; Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg

***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,

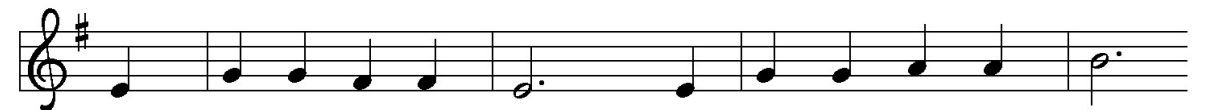
**R you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and
follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and
peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You
surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we
grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive 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 Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Abba" by Dawn Rodgers

Missy Roberts

***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

"Holy Is His Name" by John Michael Talbot

*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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

PSALM 49 (*Read responsively*)

L Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

R both low and high, rich and poor together.

L My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

R I will incline my ear to a proverb;

I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

L Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

R those who trust in their wealth

and boast of the abundance of their riches?

L Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;
there is no price one can give to God for it.

R For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice,

L that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.

R When we look at the wise, they die;

fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.

L Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

R Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;

they are like the animals that perish.

SECOND READING**Colossians 3:1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

L 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 12th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL*Luke 12:13-21**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**SERMON**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* **HYMN NO. 650**

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.