

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 Pastor Kay Johnson for presiding over worship today while Pastor Jonathan is in Nordheim.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Robert and Janice Menking in honor of their wedding anniversary, their children, and their many blessings.

We will have a POTLUCK BRUNCH TODAY around 10am.

The GCMA is hosting a School-to-School Prayer Service at 5pm TODAY beginning at the FBG Elementary School.

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

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.

Next Sunday, August 17, please stay after worship for an informational forum in the Sanctuary and hear about the ELCA churchwide assembly report.

August Special Concern is Der Stadt Friedhof.

Thank you for your contributions of \$3,860 given last week. **Attendance:** 53

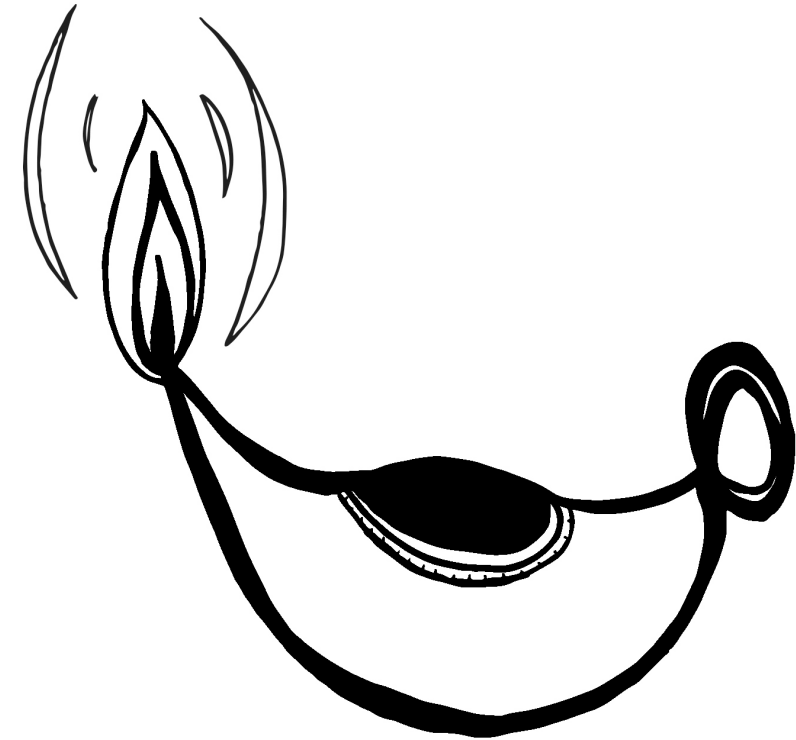
ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig

USHERS – Dwayne, Karen & Emily Beyer, Roger Dittmar (Acolyte – usher)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Aug 11	10:30am	Theatre Mtg – Conf Rm NO Line Dancing – The Hub
WED – Aug 13	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	9:30am	Villages at Windcrest
	10:30am	FBG Nursing Home Communion
	5:30pm	Evangelism/Fellowship Mtg – Adult SS Rm
	5:30pm	Cemetery Board Mtg – Conf Rm
THURS – Aug 14	8:30am	Garden Workday
	9:30am	Knopp Retirement/10:30am Healthcare Comm
	5:15pm	Finance/Investment Mtg – Library
SAT – Aug 16	8-12:00pm	Vereins Quilt Guild Mtg – Fell Hall
SUN – Aug 17	9:00am	Worship with Communion (Live on YouTube at 9am & Radio Broadcast at 10:30am) NO Adult SS & NO Youth Summer SS
	10:15am	Informational Forum (Churchwide Assembly)

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fredericksburg, Texas

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – August 10, 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
9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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 *“Rejoice in the Lord Always”* ~Music: Unknown; Lyrics: Based on Philippians 4:4; Arr. Dino Kartsonakis

***GATHERING HYMN** *“Faith of Our Fathers”* **HYMN NO. 813**

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.

**Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

**Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real.**

Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

**Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright.**

Faith for today, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

**Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross until the world is made anew.**

Faith born of God, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2-4
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***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** *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”* **HYMN NO. 545**

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.**

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Majesty”* by Jack Hayford

***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**

COMMUNION HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk..." (vs.1,2,3) **HYMN NO. 818**

**O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

"Day by Day" by Oscar Ahnfelt & Caroline V. Sandell-Berg

***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,

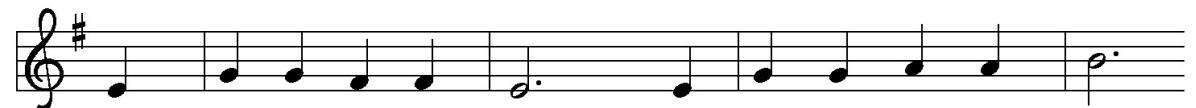
R you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. 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 Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Go”

KOTK

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

“Lead Me, Lord” by John D. Becker

Rhonda Behrends

***OFFERING SONG**

“Praise God, from Whom All...”

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 (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**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* **HYMN NO. 502**

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

***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.**

BACKPACK BLESSING PRAYER

** Invite those who are not part of school to raise their hand/s in blessing.*

P God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day.

We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas.

We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled.

We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect.

May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School.

P *We also give you thanks for teachers, aides, administrators, lunch ladies, custodians, school board members, and volunteers.*

May they serve with kindness, truth, excellence, justice, and compassion.

P May students and staff all be guided by your love.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33 (Read responsively)

A Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

R The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

A From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—

**R he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.**

A A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**R The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.**

A Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

**R to deliver their soul from death
and to keep them alive in famine.**

A Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

R Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.

A Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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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 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON