

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** Sheila Edwards, Sheila Kaderli, Betty Schmidt, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Arthur Haun, Jr. in loving remembrance of his wife, Kathy's and his mom Cecelia's January Birthdays.

**Sign up by January 11** to join us on a Mission Trip, March 17-21, 2026...5-day trip to San Vicente, Mexico, near Big Bend National Park.

**A Budget Forum** will be held on Sunday, January 18 immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary. (*Adult Bible Study will begin after forum.*)

**Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25 immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary.**

**Thank you** to everyone for your help taking down the Christusbaum decorations. It went so smoothly this year and I am so grateful for all the helping hands and support making this possible every year. ~Emily Beyer

**Thank you** for your contributions of \$4,465 given last week. **Attendance:** 55

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Margaret Solbrig & Briana Reitenga

**USHERS** – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner

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

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Jan 11	10:15am	Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm
	10:15am	Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall
MON – Jan 12	10:00am	Theatre Mtg – Conf Rm
	6:30pm	Bible Study – Conf Rm
TUES – Jan 13	5:30-7pm	Book Festival Orientation Mtg – Fell Hall
WED – Jan 14	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	5:30pm	Cemetery Board Mtg – Conf Rm
	5:30pm	Council Mtg – Adult SS Rm
THURS – Jan 15	10:30am	GCMA Mtg – Conf Rm
SAT – Jan 17	8-12:00pm	Vereins Quilt Guild – Fell Hall
SUN – Jan 18	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:00am	Budget Forum – Sanctuary
	10:15am	Adult Bible Study – Adult SS Rm ( <i>after forum</i> )
	10:15am	Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall

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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Fredericksburg, Texas

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*Baptism of Our Lord*

**January 11, 2026**

**Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 6:00PM**

(go to [www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube))

**Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 6:00PM**

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Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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P=Presider **R=Responses** \*Please stand, as you are able

## 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** *“Our God Reigns”* by Leonard W. Smith, Jr. & *“Awesome God”* by Rich Mullins

### CALL TO WORSHIP

A Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**R Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

A The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.

**R The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

A The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**R May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”* **HYMN NO. 310**

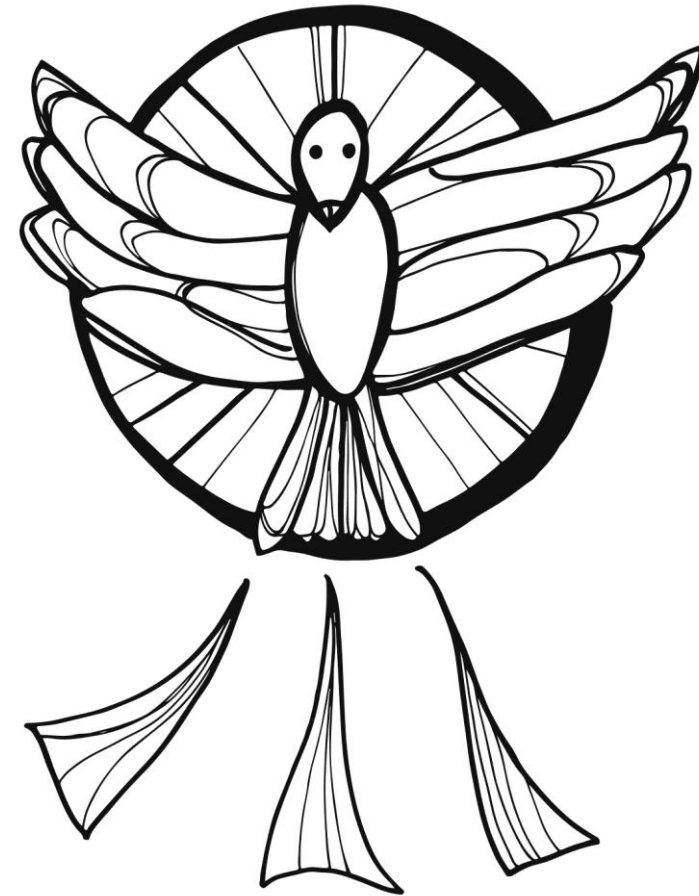
**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.



**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

**SENDING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P Wherever you go, may God go with you: may he go before you to show you the way...behind you to encourage you...beside you to befriend you...above you to watch over...and within you to give you peace. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

R Amen

**\*SENDING HYMN** "On Our Way Rejoicing" **HYMN NO. 537**

**On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?**

**Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

**Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. Refrain**

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

**\*DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

R We worship, love, and serve. Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE** "I Love You with the Love of the Lord" by Jim Gilbert

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

R Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

R **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

R Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Shine, Jesus Shine" **HYMN NO. 671**

**Refrain:**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze,  
Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the  
nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let  
there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness,  
shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the  
truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me:**

**Refrain**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your  
likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our  
lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me:**

**Refrain**

**\*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** God who sent the Light into our world, God who shone in the Bethlehem manger, God who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all.

**R** **And also with you.**

**P** O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**R** **Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *"Peace Like a River" & "Now May the God of Peace"* **KOTK**  
~composer unknowns ~by Jared Longshore

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING** **Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**R** **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*"Lamb of God"*

**HYMNAL p. 208**



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**

*"What Feast of Love"*

**HYMN NO. 487**

**What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?**

**What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?**

**This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.**

**Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?**

**What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?**

**This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.**

**Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!**

**What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?**

**What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?**

**This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.**

**Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!**

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*"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"* ~African-American Spiritual

**\*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 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**

**SECOND READING Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

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

**\*GOSPEL**                      **Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**                      *"Spirit of Gentleness"*                      **HYMN NO. 396**

***Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:**

**"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain***

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain***

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

***Refrain***

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.**

**With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

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**\*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**

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

*"I Love You, Lord"* by Laurie Klein

**\*OFFERING SONG** *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* (vs.5)      **HYMN NO. 798**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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