

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** 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 Jaxon and Lainey Riebesehl in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary and Lainey's birthday this month.

**All are invited** to participate in the MLK Day service held Monday, January 19, noon at the CME Church, 520 E Main St.

**Special Concern for the month is Mision De Candellila.**

**A Budget Forum** will be held TODAY immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary. (*Adult Bible Study will begin after forum.*)

**Annual Reports are available for pick up in the Narthex or Atrium.**

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

**Thank you** for your contributions of \$3,241 given last week. **Attendance:** 63

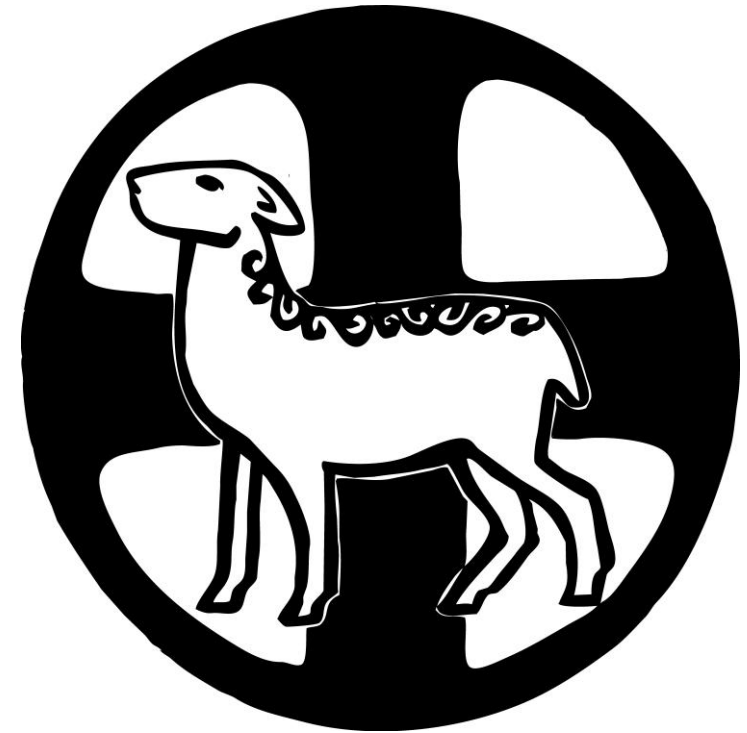
**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Robert Menking & Lainey Riebesehl

**USHERS** – Dwayne, Karen & Emily Beyer, Roger Dittmar (Acolyte – Bonnie M.)

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Jan 18	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Budget Forum – Sanctuary</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	Adult Bible Study – Adult SS Rm ( <i>after forum</i> )
	<b>10:15am</b>	Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall
MON – Jan 19	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Bible Study – Conf Rm</b>
TUES – Jan 20	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice – Choir Room</b>
WED – Jan 21	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Security Policy Task Force Mtg – Conf Rm</b>
THURS – Jan 22	<b>2:00pm</b>	<i>Game Day – FBG Nursing Home</i>
	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Committee Mtg – Conf Rm</b>
SUN – Jan 25	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Annual Congregational Mtg – Sanctuary</b>
		NO Sunday School
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<i>Zesch's Retirement Reception – Fair Grounds</i>

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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*  
Fredericksburg, Texas

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

**January 18, 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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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** *“Stepping in the Light”* by William J. Kirkpatrick & Eliza E. Hewitt

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Psalm 40:1-3; 8-10)*

A I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**R He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

A He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

**R I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”**

A I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

**R I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *“Listen! You Nations”*

***Refrain:***

***Listen! you nations of the world: listen to the Word of the Lord.  
Announce it from coast to coast; declare it to distant islands.***

**The Lord who scattered Israel will gather his people again;  
and he will keep watch over them  
as a shepherd watches his flock. *Refrain***

**With shouts of joy they will come, their faces radiantly happy,  
for the Lord is so gen’rous to them;  
he showers his people with gifts. *Refrain***

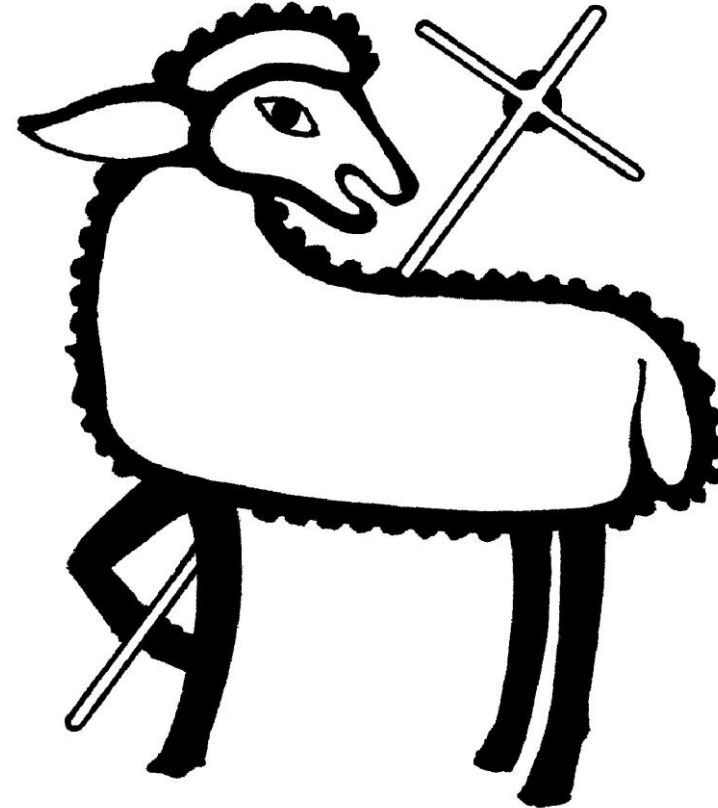
**Young women will dance for joy,  
and men young and old will make merry.**

**Like a garden refreshed by the rain, they will never be in want again.**

**Break into shouts of great joy: Jacob is free again!**

**Teach nations to sing the song: “The Lord has saved his people!”**

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**\*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** "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" **HYMN NO. 314**

**Arise, your light has come!**

**The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come!**

**Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come!**

**All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come!**

**The mountains burst in song!**

**Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

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**\*DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

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

**POSTLUDE**

*"Send the Light"* by Charles H. Gabriel

**\*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** Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "How Great Is Our God" ~by Chris Tomlin **Greg & Donna Oehler**

(Congregations sings the 2nd "How Great" during the chorus)

How Great, **HOW GREAT**, Is our God, sing with me. (loud)

How Great, **HOW GREAT**, Is our God, all will see. (louder)

How Great, **HOW GREAT**, Is our God. (loudest)

**FIRST READING** **Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**L** The Word of the Lord. **R Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—

**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** "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the..." (vs.1-4) **HYMN NO. 696**

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me ":**

**As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

"The Light of the World Is Jesus" by Philip P. Bliss

**\*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**

<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

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

**\*GOSPEL**

**John 1:29-42**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

<sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

P The gospel of the Lord.

**R Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**      *"Lamb of God (Your Only Son)"* **HYMN NO. 336**

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ,  
the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love we crucified,  
we laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble king we  
named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ,  
the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your  
side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ,  
the Lamb of God.**

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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**

*"Open Our Eyes, Lord"* by Robert Cull

**\*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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