

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Stanley Ernst, Sheila Kaderli, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The WELCA will be collecting Personal Care Kit Items for LWR all month. You can leave the items in the Atrium. Items needed are: 1 light weight dark colored bath towel (20x40); 2 or 3 bars of soap; 1 adult toothbrush in original package; 1 sturdy comb; 1 metal nail clipper.

Your year-end Contribution Statements are available for pick-up in the Narthex. If you wish to have your statement emailed to you, let Christi know.

Special Concern for February is the Hill Country Needs Council.

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

Due to the weather, the Annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 8 immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary.

Today is Stanley and Doris Ernst's 51st Wedding Anniversary. Doris' 93rd Birthday is Wednesday, February 4! (*bulletin blurb was requested by them*)

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Harold Lotz & Patti Lotz

USHERS – Perry & Cris Strackbein, Dan & Judy McGookey, Donna Oehler, Sandy Schmitzinsky, Karen Snowden (Acolyte – usher)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Feb 1	10:15am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15am	Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall
MON – Feb 2	6-9:00pm	Astronomers Mtg – Fell Hall
TUES – Feb 3	5:15pm	Choir Practice – Choir Room
WED – Feb 4	8:00am	Men's Breakfast – Adult SS Rm
	9:30am	Knopp Assisted Living Communion
	9:30am	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
	10:30am	Knopp Nursing Home Communion
	6:00pm	Parish Ed Mtg – Library
	6:30pm	Property Mtg – Adult SS Rm
THURS – Feb 5	9:30am	Heritage Place Communion
	10:30am	Enchanted Rock Communion
SUN – Feb 8	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:00am	Annual Congregational Mtg – Sanctuary
		NO Sunday School

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

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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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 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* ~Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813 (Nettleton Tune) & *The Sacred Harp*, 1844 (Warrenton Tune); Lyrics: Robert Robinson; Arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 15)*

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.

*GATHERING HYMN *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* **HYMN NO. 705**

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!

**From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days,**

**Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;**

shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969



***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** *“Let Justice Flow like Streams”* **HYMN NO. 717**

**Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.**

**Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.**

**So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.**

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926; Text © 1984 Jane Parker Huber, admin. Westminster John Knox Press

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE *“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”*

by James McGranahan & Daniel W. Whittle

***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, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lieder ohne Worte* -Mendelssohn -Frühlingslied **Briana Reitenga**

FIRST READING Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us..." **HYMN NO. 708**

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain**

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. Refrain**

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain**

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. Refrain**

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"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" ~Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; Lyrics: James Montgomery

***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**

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12**

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blest Are They"

HYMN NO. 728

**Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.**

Refrain:

***Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!***

**Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.**

Refrain

**Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.**

Refrain

**Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.**

Refrain

**Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.**

Refrain

Text & Music: David Haas

*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

"Make Me a Blessing" by George S. Schuler & Ira B. Wilson

*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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