

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** Ruby Koenneke, our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Kavin and Yvette Hanz of Hockley, Texas in celebration of their wedding Friday, February 27, 2026 in Zion Lutheran Church.

**If you wish** to bring food for the Lent Meals, please sign up in the Atrium.

**Special Concern** for March is Stand with Ukraine.

**Congratulations** to Wilfred Crenwelge 1<sup>st</sup> place winner on "High Attendance" Sunday last week and to Jeff and Dawn Bourgeois 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners.

**Thank you** for your Ash Wednesday contributions of \$405.

**Thank you** for your contributions of \$2,385 given last week. **Attendance:** 80

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Greg Oehler & Margaret Solbrig

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

## MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

|               |               |  |
|---------------|---------------|--|
| TODAY – Mar 1 | 10:15am       | Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm                |
|               | 10:15am       | Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall                  |
| MON – Mar 2   | <b>5:15pm</b> | <b>Mutual Ministry Mtg – Conf Rm</b>             |
|               | 6-9:00pm      | <i>Astronomers Mtg – Fell Hall</i>               |
| TUES – Mar 3  | 5:30pm        | Choir Practice – Choir Room                      |
| WED – Mar 4   | <b>8:00am</b> | <b>Men's Breakfast – Adult SS Rm</b>             |
|               | <b>9:30am</b> | <b>WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm</b>               |
|               | <b>5:15pm</b> | <b>Lent Supper – Fell Hall</b>                   |
|               | <b>6:00pm</b> | <b>Lent Service – Fell Hall</b>                  |
|               |               | NO Parish Ed Mtg                                 |
|               | <b>6:45pm</b> | <b>Property Mtg – Adult SS Rm</b>                |
| FRI – Mar 6   | 10:30am       | <i>World Day of Prayers – St. Mary's</i>         |
| SAT – Mar 7   |               | <i>Set your clocks forward 1 hour before bed</i> |
| SUN – Mar 8   |               | <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>               |
|               | <b>8:30am</b> | <b>Prayer Time – Library</b>                     |
|               | <b>9:00am</b> | <b>Worship with Communion</b>                    |
|               | 10:15am       | Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm                |
|               | 10:15am       | Youth Sunday School – Fell Hall                  |

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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Fredericksburg, Texas

*Lent – A Season of Prayer*

**Second Sunday in Lent – March 1, 2026**

**Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 9:00AM**

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

**Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 10:30AM**

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Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We exist to share the Joy of Jesus by providing multiple opportunities for all people to encounter God through diverse worship, authentic love and intentional acts of service. We Share the Joy. We Worship, Love and Serve.*

## GATHERING

### BELLS

**WELCOME AND PRAYER** *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, and fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering basket as you desire.)*

*(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)*

**PRELUDE** *“They’ll Know We Are Christians”* by Our Love by Peter Scholtes; based on John 13:35  
*“O How He Loves You and Me”* by Kurt Kaiser

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* **HYMN NO. 666**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

## SENDING

### \*BENEDICTION

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

R **Amen**

### \*SENDING HYMN

*“Lift High the Cross”*

**HYMN NO. 660**

#### **Refrain:**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

**All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956  
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### \*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.

R **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*“I Love Thee”* ~Anonymous, Jeremiah Ingalls' *Christian Harmony*, 1805

**Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.**

***Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. *Refrain***

**Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. *Refrain***

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” by William H. Doane & Elizabeth Prentiss

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**R Amen**

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**R Amen**

**P** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Gracious God,

**R have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**R have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**R have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**R have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**R have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**R have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**R have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**R Amen**

\***KYRIE** (from the Greek word “Lord” – Sung)

**HYMN NO. 157**

**A** In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...

**R Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the...

**R Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the...

**R Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, and defend us, O God.

**R Amen**

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**\*APOSTOLIC 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** Let us pray...O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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** “Lord I Stretch My Hands to You” by Jay Althaus **Chancel Choir**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-4a**

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 121 (Read responsively)**

**L** I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

**R My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

**L** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**R He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**L** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**R The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**

**L** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**R The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

**\*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**

**COMMUNION HYMN** “Lamb of God”



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;  
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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# MEAL

## OFFERING

"When God Dips His Love in My Heart" by Cleavant Derricks

### \*OFFERING SONG

"Change My Heart, O God" **HYMN NO. 801**

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**You are the potter; I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

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### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

you. Lift up your hearts. We

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight...join their unending hymn:

(Sung)

**HYMN NO. 191** (Holy, Holy...)

**R Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

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## SECOND READING

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup>For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L The word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

Optional Repeat

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

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

### \*GOSPEL

**John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

