

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Dennis and Carolyn Crenwelge, Roy Sedwick, our homebound and in senior living, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Doris Schneider in remembrance of Dennis Schneider and Devon Vela, and in honor of her children and grandchildren.

Thank you to Robert Menking for presiding over worship today and to Rev. Stan Sultemeier for consecrating the elements.

Save Your empty Kleenex boxes, empty paper towel cardboard rolls, and empty salt boxes for Family Craft Night on 7/30. Leave those items in the Atrium.

Family Craft Day – for all ages – Thursday, July 30 – 6-8pm.

In late August or early September, we will have a sermon series called "Since you asked..." If there is something about the Bible or other topics you would like to hear preached about, let us know. Please submit your requests for sermon topics via email or by writing it on one of the index cards in the pews and putting in the offering plate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW....New Pictorial Directory Photos will be taken on Monday, October 12. (The sign-up process will be closer to that day.)

Pastor Jonathan will be on vacation July 13 – July 27. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office 830-997-2195.

Thank you for your contributions of \$1,910. **Attendance:** 52

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Robert Menking & Doug Reitenga

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY July 19	10:15am	Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm
MON – July 20	10:00am	Theatre Mtg – Conf Rm
WED – July 22	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	1:00pm	Phantom Concert Practice – Sanctuary
SUN – July 26	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm
		Youth SS Rally Day is Aug 16 with Potluck Lunch, Ice Cream Social & Games

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 19, 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

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 AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Bringing in the Sheaves” by George A. Minor & Knowles Shaw

“Bring Them In” by William A. Ogden & Alexcenah Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

A We are no longer strangers—

R But citizens in God’s household.

A Built together in love, grace, and truth—

R Connected by Christ, held by the Spirit.

A Let us come with joy, like children at home.

R We worship as one family in God.

***GATHERING HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” HYMN NO. 693**

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;

from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;

give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,

but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.

Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.

Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

***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 Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Serve the Lord with Gladness” by B.B. McKinney

HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

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,**

**In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.**

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

“I Will Serve Thee” by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

R **Amen.**

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

R **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

R **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

R **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

R **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “O Living Breath of God” **HYMN NO. 407**

**O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;
Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.**

**O living Breath of God,
by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;
O living Breath of God,
who to the creation gives life anew;
Come now, and fill our spirits;
pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,
breathe in us as we pray.**

**O living Breath of God,
bearing us to life through baptismal waters;
O living Breath of God,
sighing with creation for freedom's birth;
Come now, and fill our spirits;
pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,
breathe in us as we pray.**

*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...Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Nobody" **Cheryl & Millir Flink & Judy McGookey**
by Casting Crowns

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11-17 (Read responsively)

L Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**R I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.**

L For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

**R O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.**

L But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**R Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your maidservant.**

L Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

White grape juice is in the cups in the center of the tray.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lamb of God"

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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.

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MEAL

OFFERING

“To the Work” by William H. Doane & Fanny J. Crosby

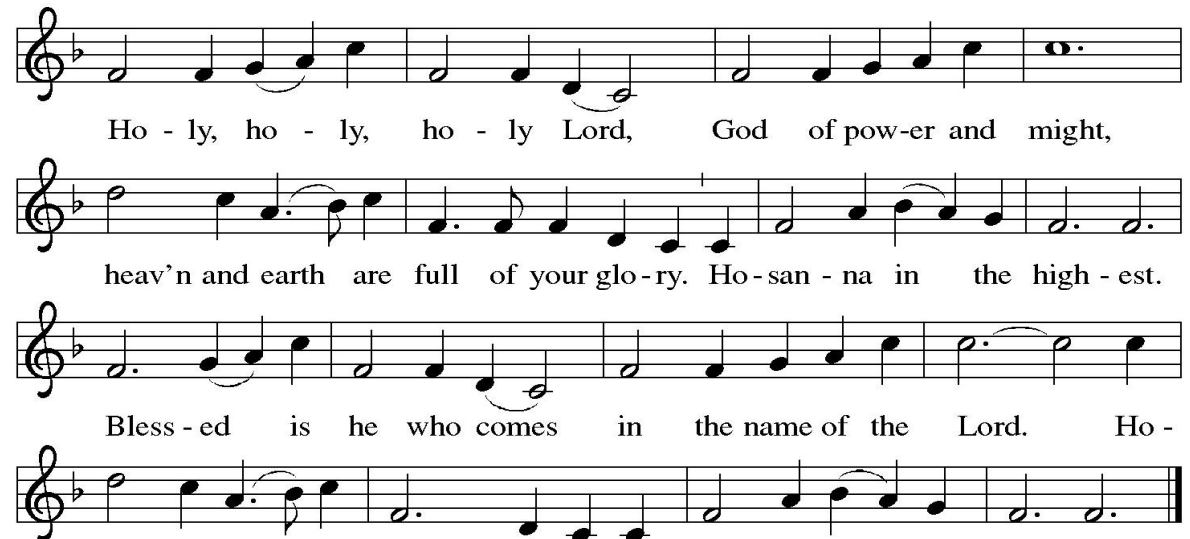
***OFFERING SONG** *“Spirit of the Living God”* Text & Music: Daniel Iverson **W&P NO. 129**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

***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...join their unending hymn:

(Sung) **HYMNAL p. 207** *(Holy, Holy...)*



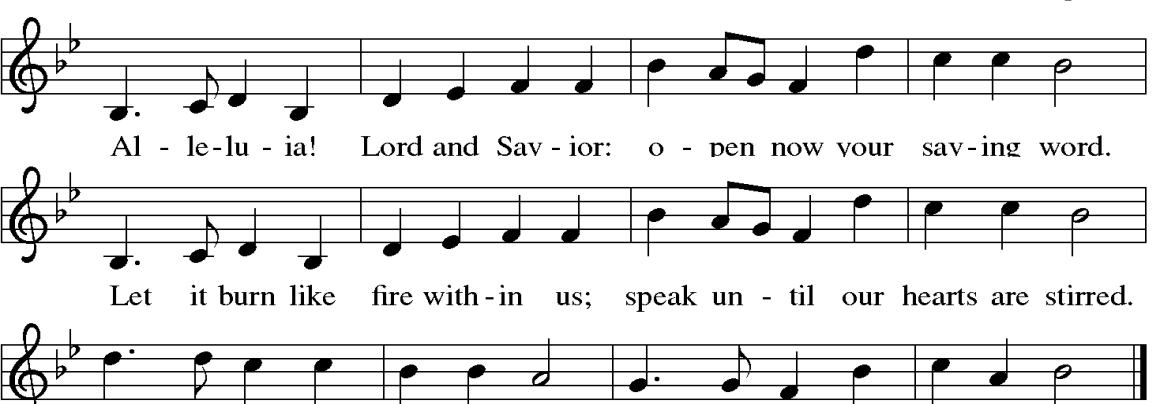
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

SECOND READING **Romans 8:12-25**

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

SERMON

Robert Menking

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"I Want to Walk as a Child..."* **HYMN NO. 815**

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.**

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934; Text © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

***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**

A God of grace,
R **hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R **And also with you.**