

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Dennis and Carolyn Crenwelge, Frank Quam, 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 Ann Armentrout in remembrance of Bill Armentrout’s birthday on 8/5 and in honor of all the other members August Birthdays.

The August Special Concern is Der Stadt Friedhof. With your continued help and support many upgrades have been made or are in progress. A dedication will be Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2pm.

Zion WELCA is now collecting school supplies. See bus in Atrium for a list.

Sunday School Rally Day is Sunday, Aug 16 at 10:15am. We will play Bingo first, then eat a Potluck Lunch, then enjoy Ice Cream as you socialize. (Please sign up in the Atrium to bring a side dish to share for the Potluck. The Ice Cream & fixings will be provided) **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

Zion members, so I was nearing the end of marching in the 2026 4th of July parade at a temperature close to 90°, and pretty sure that hospitalization or at least medical treatment was not too much of a stretch for my imminent future, when, out of nowhere, at 426 W Main St, an angel appeared before me with an ice cold bottle of water. My goodness, what a blessing that was. Thank you so much for this generous contribution to our community. And at the perfect time and place- near the end of the parade. Your contribution was like the exclamation point to a LONG sentence. ~Sincerest thanks in Christ, Joy Oehler Culpepper

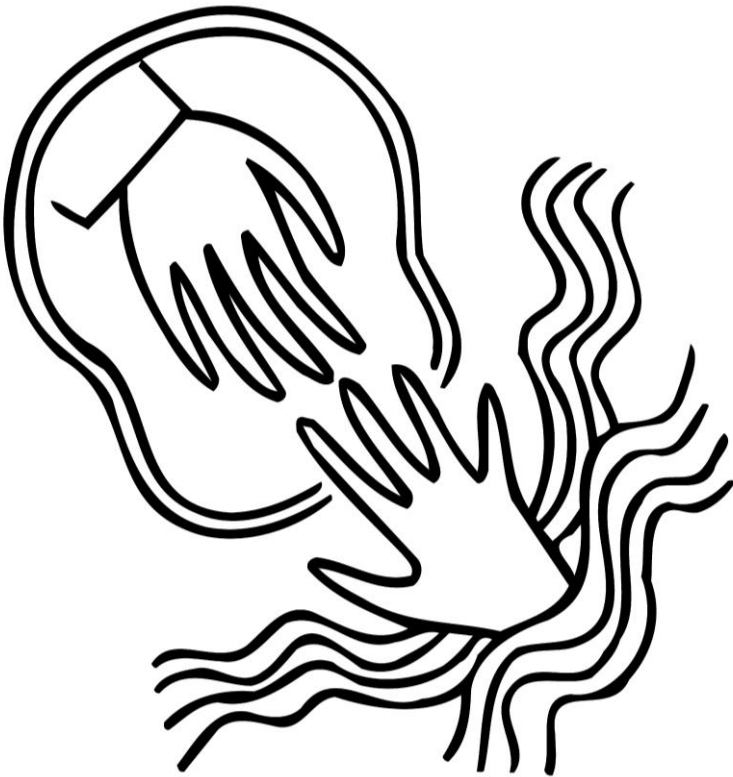
Thank you for your contributions of \$4,801. **Attendance:** 54

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Rhonda Behrends & Arleen Crenwelge

USHERS – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner
Marlin & Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt (Acolyte – usher)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Aug 9	10:15am	Adult Sunday School – Adult SS Rm
MON – Aug 10	10:00am	Theatre Mtg – Conf Rm
	6:15pm	Mutual Ministry Mtg – Conf Rm
WED – Aug 12	9:00am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	9:30am	Villages at Windcrest Communion
	10:30am	FBG Nursing Home Communion
	5:30pm	Cemetery Board Mtg – Conf Rm
	5:30pm	Evangelism/Fellowship Mtg – Adult SS Rm
THURS – Aug 13	9:30am	Knopp Retire & 10:30am Knopp Healthcare Comm
SAT – Aug 15	8-12:00pm	Vereins Quilt Guild – Fell Hall
SUN – Aug 16	9:00am	Worship with Communion & Baptism
	10:15am	SS Rally Day – Bingo, Potluck & Ice Cream



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC by Das ist Lustig,

BELLS, WELCOME, PRELUDE “How Great Thou Art” by Stuart K. Hine; Arr. Sheri Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Colossians 3:12-14)

A In humility and kindness, we gather.

R Bearing with one another in love.

A Forgiving where needed, celebrating what’s good.

R Bound together in perfect unity.

A Hand in hand, heart to heart –

R We worship in love and community.

***GATHERING HYMN** “When Peace like a River” **HYMN NO. 785**

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Refrain: It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain**

**He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

**Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. Refrain**

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

***SENDING HYMN** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” **HYMN NO. 774**

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,)
**safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,** (leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

***DISMISSAL**

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

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“I Have Come from the Darkness” by Marian Wood Chaplin

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HYMN

“Rock of Ages”

HYMN NO. 623

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” by Stephen R. Adams

***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** “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!” **HYMN NO. 848**

**Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**

**He sent his Son with pow'r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**

**Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
when lords and kings are known no more!**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

*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 defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Fruits of the Spirit” by Dan Forrest *Kids of the Kingdom* CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” ¹¹ The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” ¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

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

PSALM 85:8-13 (Read responsively)

L Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**R Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

*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”

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING *“Let My Light Shine”* by Dallas Holm
*OFFERING SONG *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*(vs.4) HYMN NO. 408

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

*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.

R Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
L The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
R Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33**

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

SERMON *Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf*

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **HYMN NO. 632**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (based on Romans 10:5-15)

A Let us proclaim the word of faith, confessing with our mouths and believing in our hearts.

R **We believe that Jesus is Lord. We believe that God raised him from the dead. We are saved by grace through faith for "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." We are sent to be the feet of those who bring this good news!**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Merciful God,

R **receive our prayer.**

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R **And also with you.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Brynlee Minshew

