

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The August Special Concern is Der Stadt Friedhof. They are trying to raise money for the landscaping. A dedication will be Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2pm.

Mentors needed for kids — just one lunch hour a week. Make a difference by just being a consistent friend to an FISD elementary school student (no tutoring). For more information, contact Diana at FAB-FES@fisd.org, 972-765-4163 cell or the church office.

Preaching Series: “*Since You Asked...*” BEGINS on Sunday, September 20 ~ Dinosaurs and Origin Stories. See full list in September Chimes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW....New Pictorial Directory Photos will be taken on Monday, October 12. (The sign-up process will be in September.) There is no picture setting fee and all those who have their picture taken will receive a FREE 8x10. (*You do not have to be a member to have your picture taken....friends, family, neighbors are all invited to sign up.*)

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Robert Menking & Arleen Crenwelge

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Aug 30	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm
	10:15am	Youth SS – Fell Hall
MON – Aug 31	5:30pm	Banner Committee Mtg - Library
TUES – Sept 1	5:30pm	Choir Practice Resumes
WED – Sept 2	8:00am	Men’s Breakfast – Adult SS Rm
	9:00am	WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm
	6:00pm	Parish Ed Mtg – Library
	6:45pm	Property Mtg – Adult SS Rm
SUN – Sept 6	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm
	10:15am	Youth SS – Fell Hall

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fredericksburg, Texas

14th Sunday after Pentecost – Aug. 30, 2026

Theme: Take Up the Cross

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

WELCOME

APOSTOLIC GREETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” **HYMN NO. 661**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. **Refrain**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

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

R **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMNS

“Oh, How He Loves You and Me” (vs.1 sung twice)

Oh how He loves you and me Oh how He loves you and me
He gave His life What more could He give
Oh how He loves you Oh how He loves me
Oh how He loves you and me

CCLI Song # 15850 Kurt Kaiser

“Jesus Loves Me!” (vs.1,3) **HYMN NO. 595**

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! loves me still,
though I'm very weak and ill;
from his shining throne on high,
comes to watch me where I lie. **Refrain**

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

*DISMISSAL

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

R **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**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,**

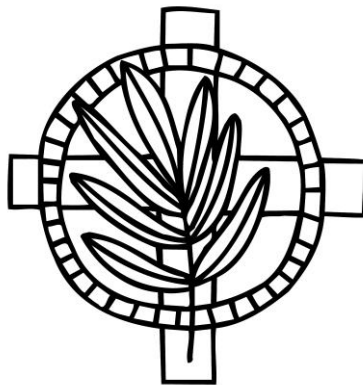
**In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.**

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

***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.**



FIRST READING (as a Call to Confession) **Jeremiah 15:15-21**

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A As much as we hate to admit it, we do not always follow Christ or love the Lord as we should. Let us confess all of our sins before God, as we sing.

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” (vs.1,2,4)

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way

Thou art the Potter I am the clay

Mold me and make me after Thy will

While I am waiting yielded and still

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way

Search me and try me Master today

Whiter than snow Lord wash me just now

As in Thy presence humbly I bow

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way

Hold o'er my being absolute sway

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only always living in me

Adelaide Pollard, from CCLI

A Through faith, Christ does fill your being. You have been washed clean of all your sin with water and the Word. The Holy Spirit can remind you that you are forgiven and loved by God.

R **Praise God that Jesus sets us free. Amen.**

PSALM 126:1-8 *(Read responsively)*

A Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

R **Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

A For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you

R **I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

A I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

R **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,**

A singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.

R **O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

HYMN *“We’re Marching to Zion” (vs.1-3)* **HYMN NO. 625**

SOLOIST Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

**Refrain: We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

(ALL STAND sing vs.2&3)

*ALL **Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heav’nly king,
but children of the heav’nly king
may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad. Refrain**

*ALL **The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav’nly fields,
before we reach the heav’nly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. Refrain**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain

MEAL

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings”* **HYMN NO. 884**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

***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 HYMNS *“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”* **HYMN NO. 325**

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

Text: African American spiritual

**"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

**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.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(based on Romans 10 and Matthew 16)*

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

R **We believe that Jesus is Lord. He suffered and was killed for our sins. On the third day God raised him from the dead. He defeated Satan and the grave. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will lose our life for Christ's sake. We take up our cross and follow him until he comes with his angels in the glory of the Father.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *with song: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"*
(vs.1 sung before prayers)

VS.1 **Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return sweet hour of prayer**

(Pause for spoken prayers, vs.3 sung after prayers)

VS.3 **Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless
And since He bids me seek His face
Believe His Word and trust His grace
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer**

CCLI Song # 32273 William Batchelder Bradbury | William W. Walford

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray...O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R **Amen**

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R **And also with you.**

WORD

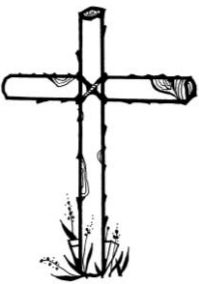
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING **Romans 12:9-21**

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L The word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**



HYMN *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* (vs.1-3) **HYMN NO. 656**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**

**Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

A The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL, part 1 **Matthew 16:13-20**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

HYMN *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing...”* (vs.1,3) **HYMN NO. 597**

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

***Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

GOSPEL, part 2 **Matthew 16:21-23**

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

SPECIAL MUSIC *“One Day at a Time”* by Kris Kristofferson and Marijohn Wilkin

Rhonda Behrends and Judy McGookey

GOSPEL, part 3 **Matthew 16:24-28**

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

MEDITATION

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“The Summons”* **HYMN NO. 798**

**"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?**

**"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**