PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Mike Roberts, 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 Arthur Haun, Jr. given in loving memory of his and Kathlyn's wedding anniversary on Oct 5.

The October Special Concern is Lutheran Disaster Response.

Your 3 Contribution Statements are available in the back of the church.

Oct – Dec Portals of Prayer are available for pick up in the Narthex or Atrium.

Adult Bible study continues – Mondays at 6:30pm now through Oct. Ever feel like you need wisdom? Come explore the book of James to grow in God's wisdom. Pr. Jonathan will lead this study and reference a book by Max Lucado. Meet in the Conference Room or by Zoom.

Because we filled up our 1st Picture Day, we have been able to secure one more picture day…**If you did not get signed up to take your picture for our new church directory, please contact Christi at 997-2195.** 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.)*

Mike and Missy Roberts would like to thank you for all your prayers, well wishes, and concern, while Mike has been navigating some health issues. He has been very touched by your notes, texts, and even a visit from the Pastor while he was in the hospital. Mike is a very blessed man and very grateful to be a part of the loving Zion Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your contributions of $2,571. **Attendance:** 63

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Harold Lotz & Patti Lotz; **USHERS** – Perry & Cris Strackbein, Dan & Judy McGookey, Donna Oehler, Sandy Schmidtzinsky

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Oct 4	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall
MON – Oct 5	*6-9:00pm*	*Astronomers Mtg – Fell Hall*
	6:30pm	**Bible Study – Conf Rm**
TUES – Oct 6	5:30pm	Choir Practice
WED – Oct 7	**8:00am**	**Men's Breakfast – Adult SS Rm**
	9:00am	**WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm**
	6:00pm	**Parish Ed Mtg – Library**
		NO Property Mtg
SAT – Oct 10	*11-3:00pm*	*Private NonMember Birthday Reception – Fell Hall*
SUN – Oct 11	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall

The Trinity & Jesus' Life

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fredericksburg, Texas

19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 4, 2026

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

(go to www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube)

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

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Glorify Thy Name"* by Donna Adkins

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

R Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

R we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

R Amen.

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

R Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

R Amen.

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

R Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* **HYMN NO. 365**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica,* 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

***DISMISSAL**

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* by John B. Dykes & William Whiting

HYMN *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"* **HYMN NO. 413**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

"Worthy of Worship" by Mark Blankenship & Terry W. York

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

R Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"* **HYMN NO. 412**

Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.

Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death,
God rolls away the stone.

Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!

Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.

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***PSALM 110:1-4** *(Read responsively)*

A The LORD says to my lord,
"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

R The LORD sends out from Zion your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your foes.

A Your people will offer themselves willingly
on the day you lead your forces on the holy mountains
From the womb of the morning, like dew, your youth will come to you.

R The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

*HYMN OF PRAISE HYMN NO. 167

Refrain: Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. *Refrain*

Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*

For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray…Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Where Would I Be"* by Peter Burton ***Judy McGookey***

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! Text and Music: Marty Haugen, 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

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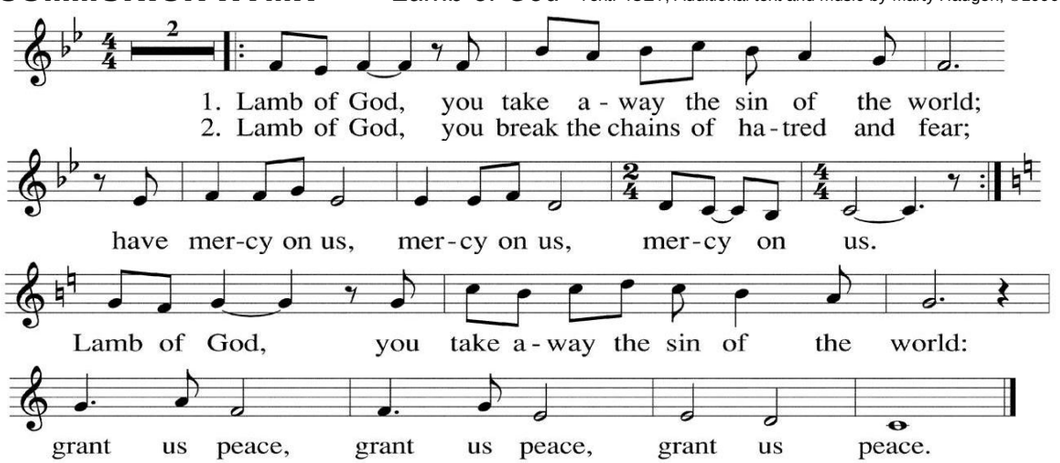
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All are welcome to share the body and blood of Jesus that are present in the bread and wine of communion. If you do not wish to participate, you may still come forward for a blessing. **If you desire a gluten free wafer and/or white grape juice, please hold up two fingers to the server.**

COMMUNION HYMN *"Lamb of God"* Text: ICET; Additional text and music by Marty Haugen, ©1990



***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.

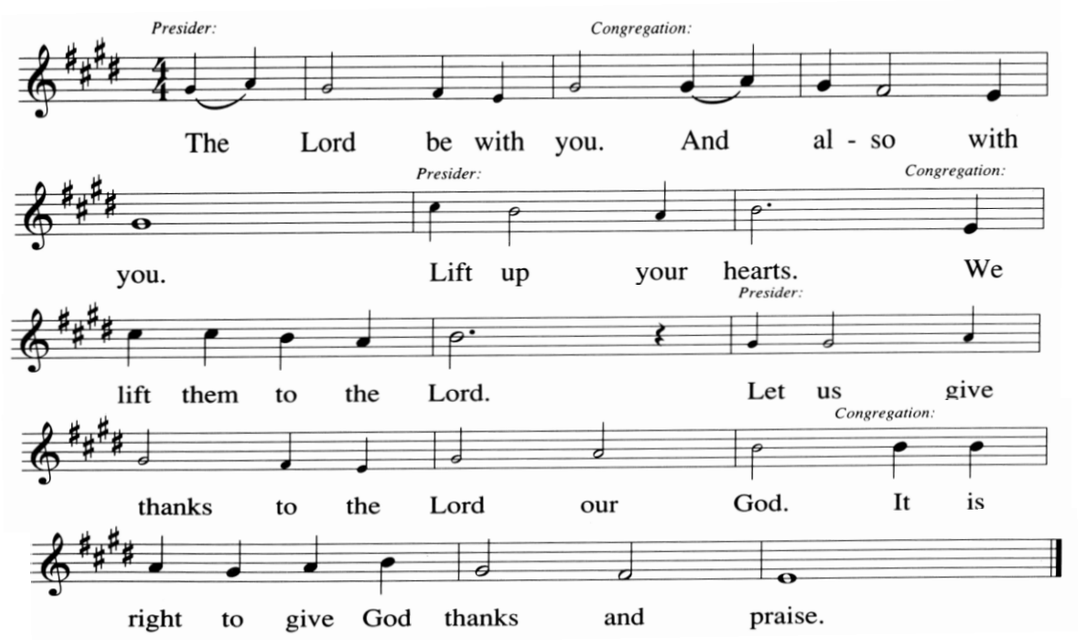
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

MEAL

OFFERING *"Holy, Holy"* by Jimmy Owens

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING Job 33:1-4

1 "But now, hear my speech, O Job,
and listen to all my words.
2 See, I open my mouth;
the tongue in my mouth speaks.
3 My words declare the uprightness of my heart,
and what my lips know they speak sincerely.
4 The spirit of God has made me,
and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

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

SECOND READING 1 John 4:1-4

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. 4 Little children, you are from God and have conquered them, for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

L The word of the Lord.
R Thanks be to God.



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Lord, Let My Heart Be…"* **HYMN NO. 512**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
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P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 3rd Chapter.
R Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL John 3:25-36**

25 Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew.
26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the
Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." 27 John
answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven.
28 You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have
been sent ahead of him.' 29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of
the bridegroom who stands and hears him rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's
voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. 30 He must increase, but I must
decrease." 31 The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the
earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes
from heaven is above all. 32 He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one
accepts his testimony. 33 Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that
God is true. 34 He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the
Spirit without measure. 35 The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his
hands. 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son
will not see life but must endure God's wrath.

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

SERMON *"The Trinity and Jesus' Life"* ***Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf***

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"* **HYMN NO. 451**

(Soloist sings vs.1, All sing vs.2&3)

SOLO We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

ALL
In the water and the witness,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning
from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

ALL
Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen

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