PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: 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 Ruby Koennecke and Craig and Kay Steinbring in celebration of Glenn and Gina Koennecke's 45th Wedding Anniversary, and in honor of Pastor Jonathan.

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 19. 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.

Directory Picture DAY #1 is tomorrow!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED…Emily Beyer can use some extra hands to help **redecorate** some of the trees for the Christusbaum Tree Display. She will be working on the trees on Sunday, October 18 at 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your contributions of $3,761. **Attendance:** 52

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Rhonda Behrends & Arleen Crenwelge

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Oct 11	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall
MON – Oct 12	*10:00am*	*Theatre Mtg – Conf Rm*
		DIRECTORY PICTURE DAY #1
	6:30pm	**Bible Study – Conf Rm**
TUES – Oct 13	5:30pm	Choir Practice
WED – Oct 14	**9:00am**	**Laborers of Love – Arhelger House**
	4:15pm	**Confirmation – Elijah's Cave**
	5:30pm	**Evangelism/Fellowship Mtg – Adult SS Rm**
THURS – Oct 15	**11:30am**	**Finance & Investment Mtg – Adult SS Rm**
SAT – Oct 17	*8-12:00pm*	*Vereins Quilt Guild – Fell Hall*
SUN – Oct 18	9:00am	Worship with Communion **with BAPTISM**
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall
	1:00pm	**Redecorate Christusbaum Trees – Fell Hall**

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fredericksburg, Texas

20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 11, 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 *"Sweet By and By"* by Joseph P. Webster & Sanford F. Bennett
"When We All Get to Heaven" by Emily D. Wilson & Eliza E. Hewitt

***GATHERING HYMN** *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

Refrain:

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes *Refrain*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
Fall all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Refrain*

Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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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** *"We're Marching to Zion"* **HYMN NO. 625**

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.

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*

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*

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

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

***DISMISSAL**

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Ring the Bells of Heaven"* by George F. Root & William O. Cushing

HYMN *"Rock of Ages"* (vs.1,3,4) **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.

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 Roses Never Fade" by Elsie Osborn, Jack Osborn, & Jim Miller

*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.

*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.

*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…Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, 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 *"Adam and Eve" & "Now May the God of Peace"* ***KOTK***

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done
wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. 2 For you have made the city
a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never
be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear
you. 4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their
distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of
the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry
place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was
stilled. 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich
food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all
peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; 8 he will swallow up death
forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the
disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and
rejoice in his salvation."

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

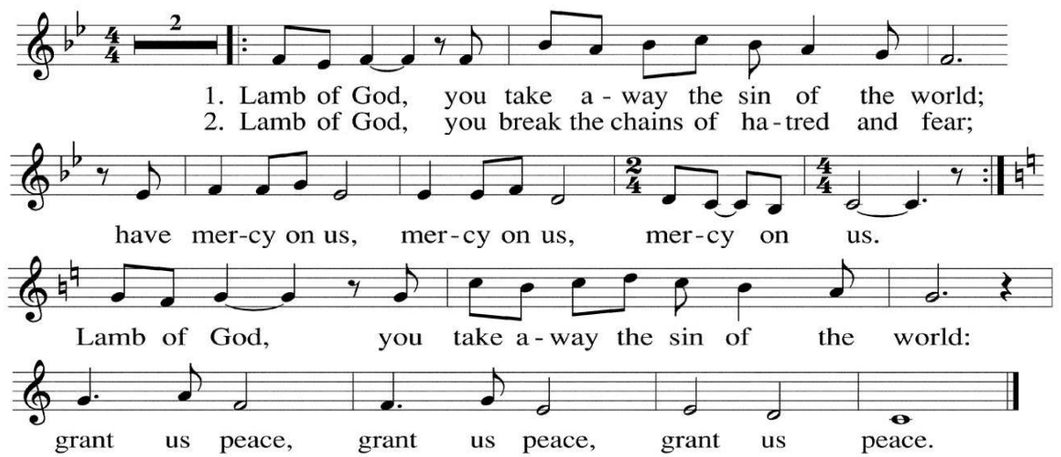
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

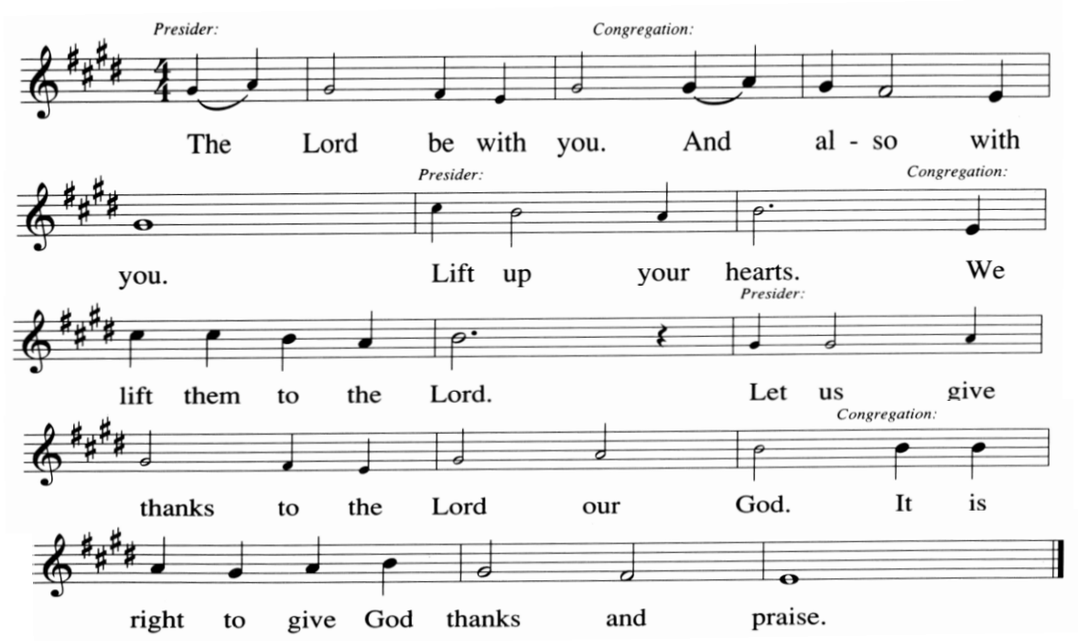
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

MEAL

OFFERING *"Heaven Came Down"* by John W. Peterson

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



PSALMODY *"Shepherd Me, O God"* **HYMN NO. 780**

(All sing refrain & Soloist sings verses)

SOLOIST Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

SOLOIST God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

**ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

SOLOIST Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

**ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

SOLOIST Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

**ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

SOLOIST You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

**ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

SOLOIST Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

**ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

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SECOND READING **Revelation 7:9-17**

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They
cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the
throne and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around
the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne
and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in
white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who
knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great
ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day
and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter
them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe
away every tear from their eyes."

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; Text © 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing, Changing Church, Inc., admin. Augsburg Fortress

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** **Luke 24:44-53**

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still
with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and
the psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the
scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer
and to rise from the dead on the third day 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of
sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my
Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power
from on high." 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands,
he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was
carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with
great joy, 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *"Heaven and Euthanasia"* ***Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf***

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"* **HYMN NO. 628**

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green;
there grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
as nowhere else are seen.

There trees forevermore bear fruit and evermore do spring;
there evermore the angels sit and evermore do sing.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!

Text: F.B.P., 16th cent.