PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Leah Heiman (daughter of Rhonda Behrends), our homebound and in senior living, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The November Special Concern is Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

An Angel Tree has been put up in the Atrium. You have an opportunity to purchase items for our homebound and in senior living members! *(Take an angel, purchase items, then drop off items in the wagon.)*

Your 2027 Offering Envelopes can be picked up from the Atrium. (Council members, yours are in your mailboxes.)

A Veterans Day Evening – From Enemy to Friend – A story of war, forgiveness, and reconciliation will be held Wednesday, November 11 from 6:30–8PM at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. It is free and open to the public. All veterans and families welcome. Featuring speaker, Vietnam Veteran Paul Reed and Guest Artist, Singer-Songwriter, Sam Baker.

Thank you for your contributions of $5,188. **Attendance:** 57

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Greg Oehler & Arleen Crenwelge
USHERS – Glenn & Gina Koennecke, Yvonne Klaerner
Marlin & Laurie Hartmann, Margie Eckhardt (Acolyte – usher)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Nov 8	10:15am	Youth SS – Youth Choir Rm & NO Adult SS
	10:15am	**2nd Sunday Group Gathering – Library**
	11:00am	**Thanksgiving Meal – Fell Hall (FREE)**
MON – Nov 9	*10:00am*	*Theatre Mtg – Conf Rm*
TUES – Nov 10	**10:00am**	**Estate Planning Symposium – Fell Hall**
	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:30pm	**Mission Mtg - Library**
WED – Nov 11		*Office Closed*
	9:00am	**Laborers of Love – Arhelger House**
	9:30am	*Villages & 10:30am FBG NH Communion*
	11:30am	*Special Cemetery Board Mtg – Conf Rm*
	5:30pm	*Cemetery Board Mtg – Conf Rm*
		NO Evangelism/Fellowship Mtg
	6:30-8:00pm	*A Veterans Day Evening – St. Barnabas*
THURS – Nov 12	*9:30am*	*Knopp Retire & 10:30am Healthcare Communion*
	11:30am	**Finance/Investment Mtg – Adult SS Rm**
	2:00pm	*Game Day – FBG Nursing Home*
SUN – Nov 15	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fredericksburg, Texas

24th Sunday after Pentecost – November 8, 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 AND WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Veterans Salute Medley:

"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" by David T. Shaw

"You're a Grand Old Flag" by George M. Cohan

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home" by Louis Lambert

***GATHERING 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



THANK YOU VETERANS

FOR YOUR SERVICE

Especially Zion's Veterans

Carl Christiansen
Roger Dittmar
Dennis Finuf
(& Army Reserves)
David Hartmann
Jim O'Neal

Linvill Crenwelge
Paul Hannemann
(& National Guard)
Arthur Haun
(& National Guard)
Frank Quam
Doug Reitenga
Mike Roberts
Jim Schonaerts

Rocky Janssen
Susan Otto
Glenn Thompson

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

R Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *"Blessed Assurance"* **HYMN NO. 638**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. ***Refrain***

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. ***Refrain***

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It" by William J. Kirkpatrick & Fanny J. Crosby

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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

R Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

R we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

R Amen.

***KYRIE** *(from the Greek word "Lord" – Sung)* **HYMN NO. 157**

A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the…

R Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the…

R Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the…

R Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, and defend us, O God.

R Amen

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***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…O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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 *"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"* by A. Session ***KOTK***

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

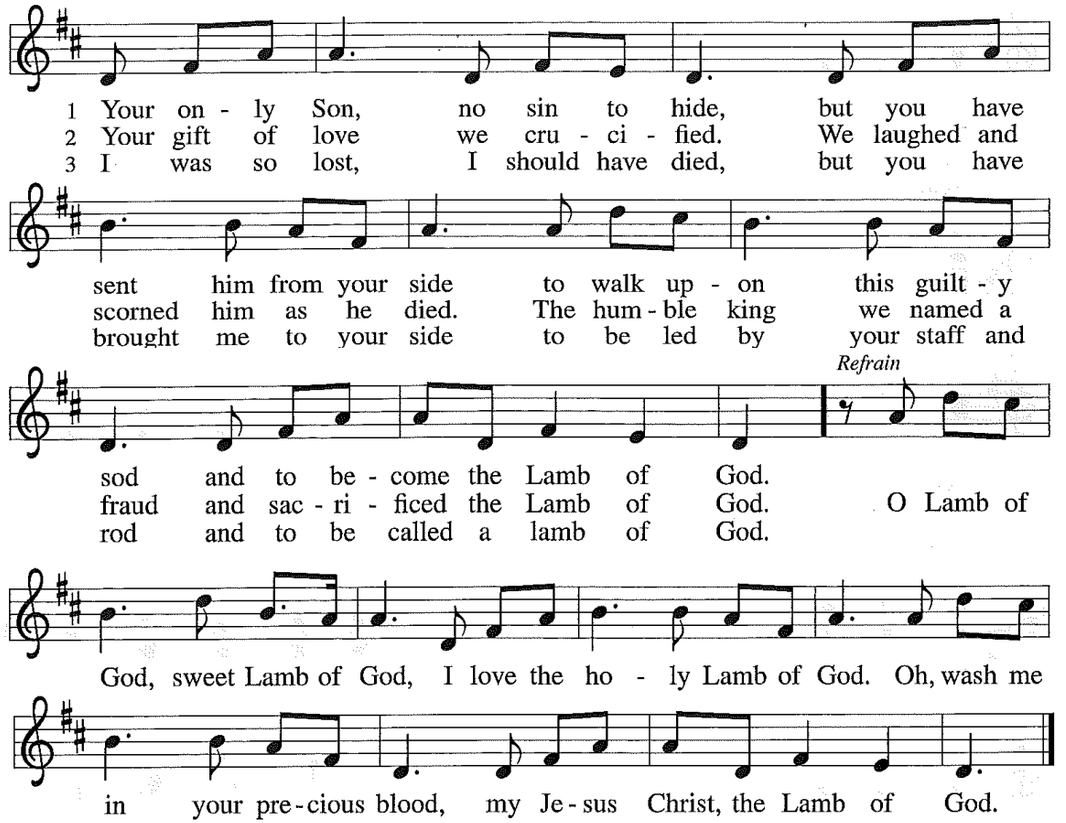
FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the
LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. 19 It will be as though a man fled from a
lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the
wall only to have a snake bite him. 20 Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not
light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? 21 "I hate, I despise your religious
festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. 22 Even though you bring me burnt
offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice
fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. 23 Away with the noise of your
songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. 24 But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG *"Lamb of God (Your Only Son)"* **HYMN NO. 336**



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"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" by George C. Stebbins & Adelaide A. Pollard

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

R Amen.

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.

P You are indeed holy… For as often as we eat from this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
(sung) Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

R *(sung)* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

P Send now your Holy Spirit… all glory and honor is yours, now and forever.

R Amen.

*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.**



PSALM 70 *(Read responsively)*

L Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

**R May those who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.**

L May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

**R But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
"The LORD is great!"**

L But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.

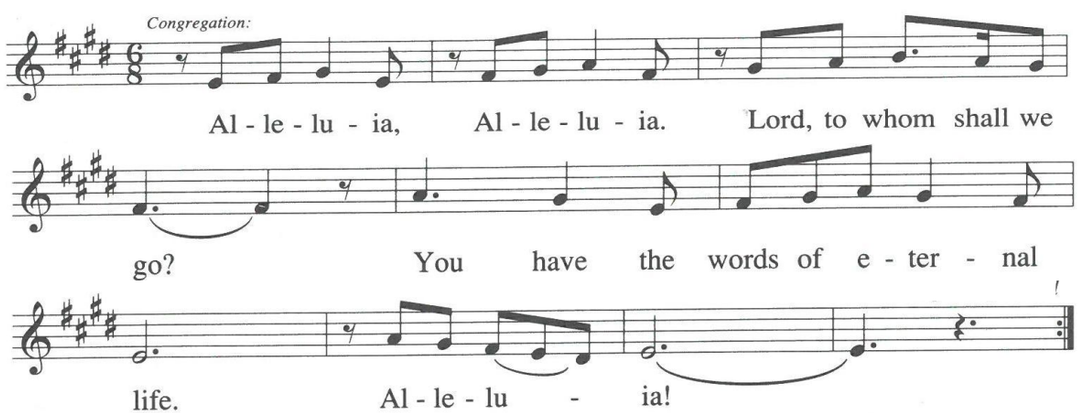
SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who
sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no
hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that
God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the
Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of
the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord
himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the
archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them
in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *"Women of the Bible"* ***Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf***

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Thy Word"*

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end *Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end *Refrain*

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***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

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

MEAL

OFFERING *"Soon and Very Soon"* by Andraé Crouch

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

