PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: Mike Roberts, The Family of Jim Schonaerts, our homebound and in senior living, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

Thank you to Robert Menking for presiding over worship today and to Stanley Sultemeier for consecrating the elements.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dan and Judy McGookey in celebration of their 48th Wedding Anniversary on November 18.

The Flowers on the Baptismal Altar are given to the Glory of God by Ann Armentrout in remembrance of her and Bill's 70th Anniversary on November 23.

You can still give a WELCA Thankoffering by using the blue envelope provided in the bulletin.

Today after church, the Worship Committee can use your help in decorating the Sanctuary for Advent.

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.)*

The 2027 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the hallway. Write your name down on the Sunday you wish to provide Altar Flowers.

Next Saturday, Nov 28 at 1pm, Emily Beyer would appreciate extra helping hands to help set-up the Christusbaum Tree Display in the courtyard.

Cookies & Volunteers are needed on Friday, Dec 4. If you wish to help bake or bring cookies, bag cookies, or serve hot cocoa for the Christmas Parade, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Atrium.

Thank you for your contributions of $1,954. **Attendance:** 35

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Harold Lotz & Patti Lotz

USHERS – Darlene Hartmann, Jeff & Dawn Bourgeois, Arleen Crenwelge, Arthur Haun, Kris Kneese, Audrey Mayer (Acolyte – usher)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Nov 22	**10:00am**	**Decorate Sanctuary for Advent**
	10:15am	Sunday School
WED – Nov 25	**9:00am**	**Laborers of Love – Arhelger House**
THURS – Nov 26		*Happy Thanksgiving!!!*
SAT – Nov 28	**1:00pm**	**Set-up Christusbaum Tree Display - Courtyard**
SUN – Nov 29	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm & Youth SS – Fell Hall



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fredericksburg, Texas

Thanksgiving Service – November 22, 2026

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

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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
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PRELUDE *"Simple Gifts" (An Appalachian Melody)* by Elder Joseph Brackett; Arr. Jonathon Robbins

SPECIAL MUSIC *"We Gather to Praise" / "Let's Just Praise the Lord"*

words & music by Wm. & Gloria Gaither ***Chancel Choir***

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* **HYMN NO. 693**

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

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** *"Now Thank We All Our God"* **HYMN NO. 840**

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Count Your Blessings" by Edwin O. Excell & Johnson Oatman, Jr.

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HYMN *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* **HYMN NO. 679**

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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"Praise and Thanksgiving" ~Music: Alsatian Round; Lyrics: Traditional Alsatian & Marie J. Post

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Heavenly Father, thank you for all the blessings you give us.

R During this Thanksgiving season, as we look at all you have done for us, we are overwhelmed. Most of all, thank you for sending your only Son to die for us. Thank you for raising him from the dead and that he now is seated with you in heaven. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, whereby we can feel your presence. May we always hunger to spend time with you. In Jesus' Name, Amen. *(Joan Walker Hahn)*

***LITANY OF THANKSGIVING** -Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

A In Your presence, O God, we make our Sacrament of Thanksgiving.
We begin with the simple things of our days:

R Fresh air to breathe, Cool water to drink,
The taste of food, The protection of houses and clothes,
The comforts of home.
For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day!

A We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that we have known:

R Our mothers' arms,
The strength of our fathers,
The playmates of our childhood,

A The wonderful stories brought to us from the lives of many who talked of days gone by when fairies and giants and diverse kinds of magic held sway;
The tears we have shed, the tears we have seen;
The excitement of laughter and the twinkle in the eye with its reminder that life is good.

R For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

A The fruits of the labors of countless generations who lived before us,

R without whom our own lives would have no meaning,

A The seers who saw visions and dreamed dreams;
The prophets who sensed a truth greater than the mind could grasp,
and whose words could only find fulfillment in the years which they would never see,

R The workers whose sweat has watered the trees,
the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations,

A The pilgrims who set their sails for lands beyond all horizons,
whose courage made paths into new worlds and far-off places,

R The savior whose blood was shed with the recklessness that only a dream could inspire and God could command.
For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

*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…Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, 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

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8:7-18

7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing
streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a
land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil
and honey, 9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack
nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.
10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has
given you. 11 "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep
his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you
today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them
13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is
multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

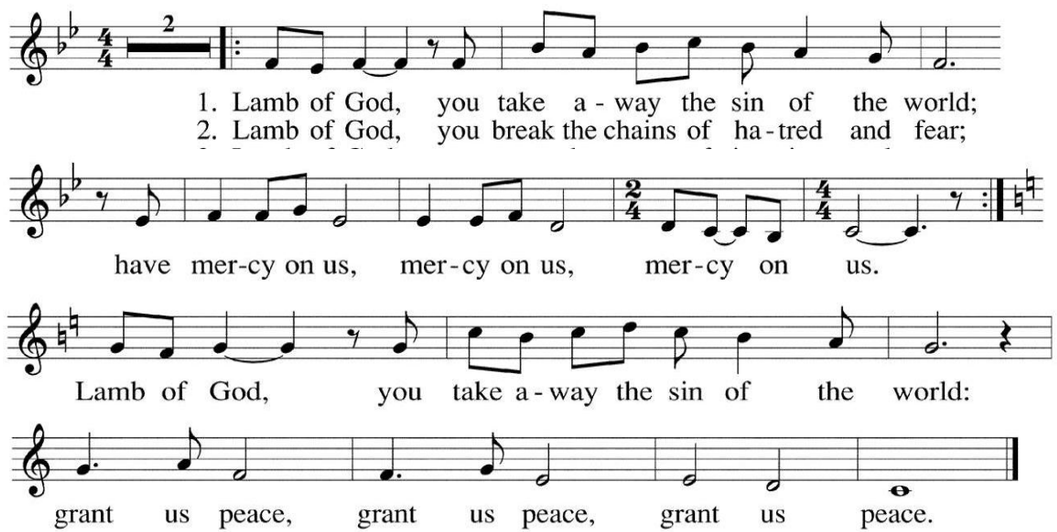
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

MEAL

OFFERING *"We Gather Together "* ~Dutch Folk Song/Hymn, 16th Century

***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, our duty and our joy……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.

the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. 16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

PSALM 65 *(Read responsively)*

L Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed,
R O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.
L When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
R Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
L By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
R By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.
L You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.
R Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
L You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
R You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
L You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
R The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;
L the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

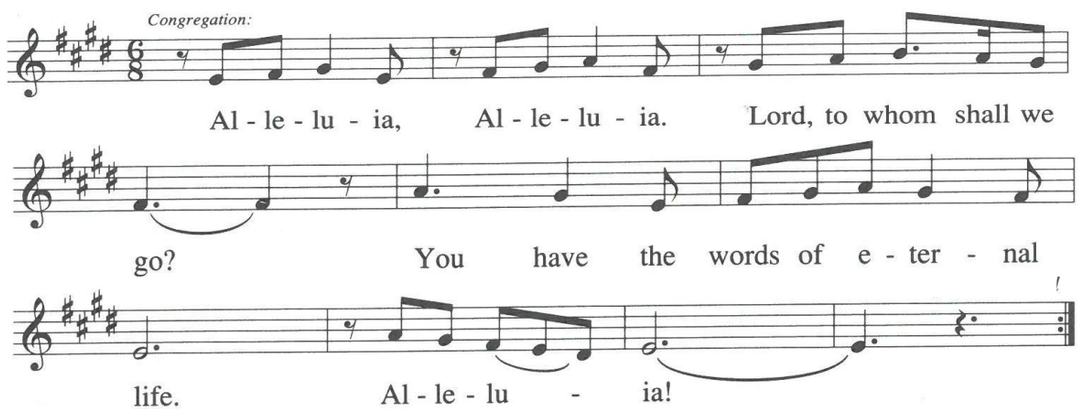
SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one
who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have
made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful
giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by
always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
9 As it is written, "He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness
endures forever." 10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will
supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your
righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which
will produce thanksgiving to God through us, 12 for the rendering of this ministry not
only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to
God. 13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the
confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with
them and with all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the
surpassing grace of God that he has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his
indescribable gift!

L The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria
and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached
him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy
on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the
priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he
saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He
prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?
18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he
said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Robert Menking*

*HYMN OF THE DAY *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* HYMN NO. 689

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

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