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 Diane Mayer in honor of her loving family and Zion family.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP OFF YOUR ANGEL TREE ITEMS IN THE WAGON IN THE ATRIUM.

Tomorrow, Nov 30 at 5:45pm, Emily Beyer would appreciate extra helping hands to help set-up the Christmas Parade Float at Beyer's Fertilizer & Feed. Food will be available for those who help decorate!

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.

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

Thank you for your contributions of $1,520. **Attendance:** 55

ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Robert Menking & Briana Reitenga

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Nov 30	***5:45pm***	***Set-up Parade Float – Beyer's Feed (helpers will be fed)***
TUES – Dec 1	5:30pm	Choir Practice
WED – Dec 2	**8:00am**	**Men's Breakfast – Adult SS Rm**
	2:00pm	**WELCA Bingo & Cookie Exchange – Fell Hall**
	6:00pm	**Advent Midweek Service – Sanctuary**
FRI – Dec 4	**9:00am**	**Drop Off Cookies / Help Bag Cookies – Kitchen**
	5:30pm	**Cookies & Hot Cocoa served before Parade – Courtyard**
	6:30pm	**Christmas Light the Night Parade** *(you may watch it from the Pars porch or balcony)*
SAT – Dec 5	*2:00pm*	*German Service – Holy Ghost (Pastor J on organ)*
SUN – Dec 6	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Adult SS – Adult SS Rm
	10:15am	**Youth/Choir Pageant Rehearsal – Sanctuary**
	11:45am	**Lunch for Pageant Performers – Fell Hall**

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fredericksburg, Texas

First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2026

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
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P=Presider **R=Responses** *Please stand, as you are able

Our Mission Statement – *We Share the Joy. We Worship, Love and Serve.*

GATHERING

BELLS

WELCOME *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, tear it out, and place it in the offering plate.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

PRELUDE *"Still, Still, Still"* ~Music:Austrian Carol; Lyrics – Georg Götsch; arr. Chip Davis

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* **HYMN NO. 244**

**Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.**

**The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.**

**The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.**

**Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!**

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

R Amen

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ☩ bless you now and forever.

R Amen

***SENDING HYMN** *"Soon Very Soon"* **HYMN NO. 439**

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.**

**No more cryin there, we are going to see the King,
No more cryin there, we are going to see the King,
No more cryin there, we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**

**No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.**

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945; Music: Andraé Crouch

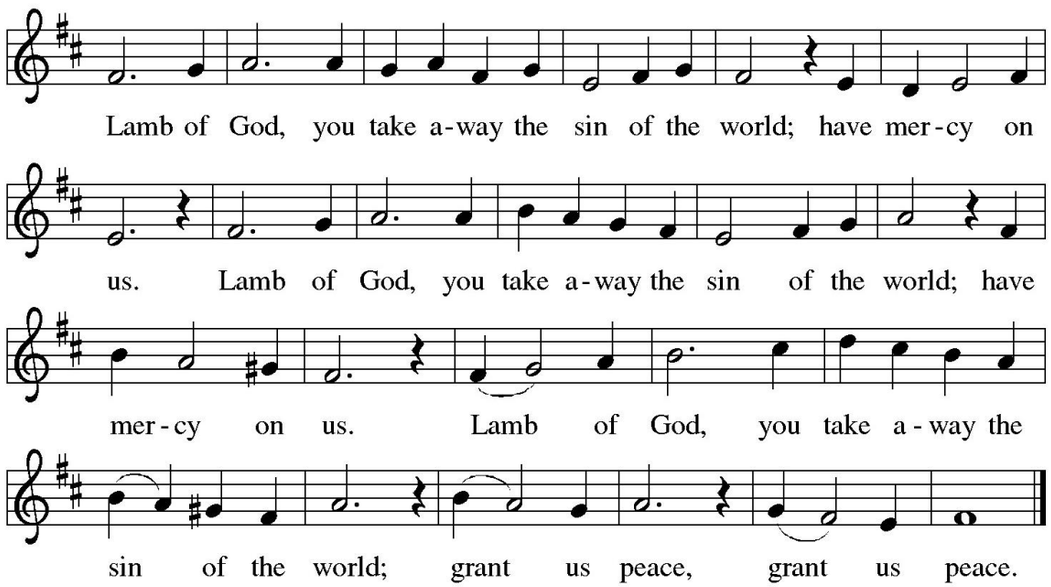
***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"How Great Our Joy"* ~Traditional German Carol

COMMUNION HYMN **HYMNAL p. 154**



HYMN *"Love* Divine*, All Loves Excelling"* (vs.1-3) **HYMN NO. 631**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" ~Polish Carol

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.

R Amen.

P A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Comforting God,

R we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

P "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!

R Amen. Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH *"Christ, Be Our Light"* (vs.1) **HYMN NO. 715**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

(The first candle is lit.)

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

R Amen.

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sussex Carol" *by Marty Parks*

Briana Reitenga, violin & Sheri Robinson, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—[2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. [4] From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. [5] You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. [6] We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. [8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

MEAL

OFFERING *"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"* ~17th Century French Provençal Carol

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(sung to tune: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"* NO.283*)*

P The Lord God be with you.

R And with you his servant.

P O come let us lift up our hearts to the Lord.

R With hearts uplifted thanks to him we render; with joy we come before him, in gratefulness implore him, with thankful hearts adore him… e - vermore!

P It is indeed right… and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *(sung to tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* NO. 270*)*

R Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!
Hail, Hosanna God most high! Blest is he who now draws nigh!
In the name of God the King, hallelujahs glad we sing:
Hail, Hosanna! Praises due be forever, Lord, to you!

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, …Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

R Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup… We look with hope for his coming.

R Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. … Bring the gift of peace on earth.

R Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, … one God, 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**

SERMON *"Wake Up"* ***Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf***

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"My Lord, What a Morning"* **HYMN NO. 438**

Refrain: **My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;**
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. ***Refrain***

You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. ***Refrain***

You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. ***Refrain***

Text: African American spiritual

CHRISTMAS CREED *"In God the Father We Believe"* *tune: "O Little Town of Bethlehem*

In God the Father we believe The Lord of hosts his name.
All things from him their form receive;
By his strong Word they came.
By him was all created In earth and heav'n above.
He made them all, things great and small,
By his great pow'r and love.

In God's Son Jesus we believe; Who came at God's own hour,
Whom Virgin Mary did conceive By Holy Spirit's pow'r.
He suffered and was buried Was raised at God's own call
To reign on high, and to draw nigh At last as Judge of all.

In Holy Spirit we believe And in Christ's church on earth.
The saints, united, faith receive, A gift of precious worth.
He sanctifies and keeps us By his empow'ring love.
Forgiven, we the grave shall free To live with God above.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

HYMN *"Lost in the Night"* (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 243**

Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
plaintively sighing with hearts full of anguish.
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?

Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?

Light o'er the land of the needy is beaming;
rivers of life through its deserts are streaming,
bringing all peoples a Savior redeeming.
Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!

Text: Nordic hymn; tr. Olav Lee, 1859-1943, alt.
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PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19 *(Read responsively)*

L Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
R before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
L Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
R O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
L You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
R You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
L Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
R But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
L Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
R Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

HYMN *"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"* (vs.1,3) **HYMN NO. 265**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

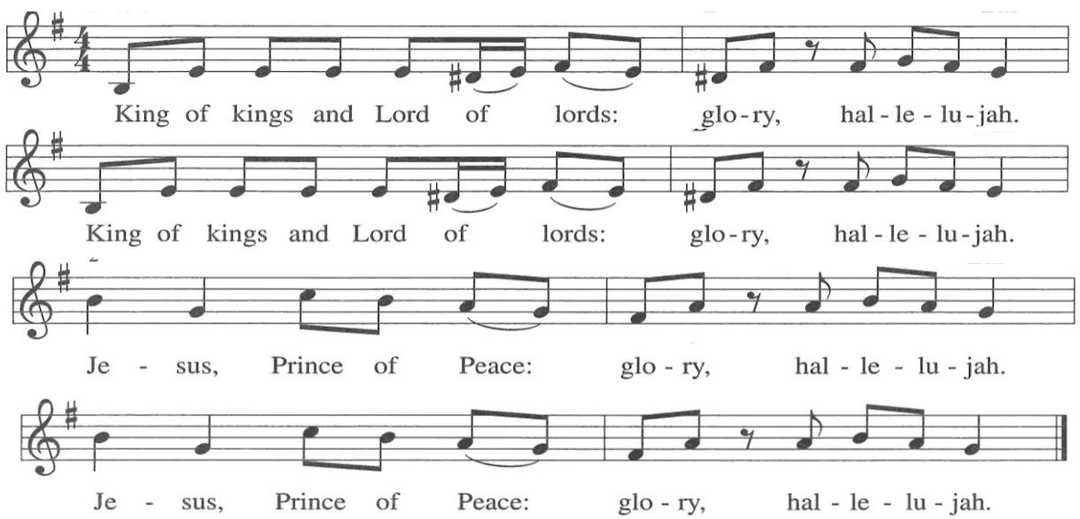
Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give
thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given
you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened
among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were
called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"King of Kings"* *WP #80*



P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th Chapter.
R Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** **Mark 13:24-37**

24 "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon
will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in
the heavens will be shaken. 26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in
clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather
the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see
these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell
you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 "But
about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will
come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his
slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else
he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to
all: Keep awake."

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

HYMN *"People, Look East"* (vs.1-3) **HYMN NO. 248**

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Star, is on the way.

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