

Lord, I believe

JOHN 9:38



Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

March 15, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Jim Eastep, Belle Hamman, ... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cabbage, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Dot Doolan, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Tammy Foltz, Diane Funkhouser, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica & Jim Lam, Dawn Lindhurst, Dave Kosek, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, Bob & Jane Perry, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Ed & Bea Provost, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Dan Strother, Keith Taylor, Judy Sharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word at Zion

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

The only book in the Bible that does not mention the word "God" is Esther



ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Jacob's Lenten altar flowers have been given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Don Heiderich, Pastor Larry Lineberger and Mr. David Bogda...some of Pastor Katie's mentors.

Spring Forward will meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon this week from 4 – 6 PM. We continue to welcome new students, so please pass along Jane Perry's contact information to anyone you know who might benefit! (540-477-2088). Our emphasis this year is science and math...rumor has it we'll be "rocking it" soon with a geological study!

Stubborn Hope: In a world that has so much to lament right now, come join us to embrace God's stubborn hope for His people! **Wednesday evenings at 6 PM** we gather for fellowship and good food, followed by a time of devotion, singing and prayer.

St. Jacob's is having a Chicken BBQ is NEXT Saturday, **March 21. Please help spread the word!! \$6.00** per half chicken and pre-orders can be left at 984-9260 or by signing up today!

Last Chance to get tickets in advance to the WRE Spring Bluegrass Concert – THIS Friday, March 20 at 7 PM at Antioch Church. Thanks to those who have already purchased from Pastor Katie! Cost is \$25.

Looking ahead... March 29 is not only a 5th Sunday, but Palm Sunday as well. We look forward to joining together at Zion for Sunday School at 9:45 and 11 AM worship as we read the Passion story from the Gospel of Matthew.

Thrivent is sponsoring a **free workshop on "Social Security: Timing Is Everything"** this coming Thursday March 19 at 6:30 pm. It will be held at the SC Parks and Recreation facility at 1195 Hisey Avenue, Woodstock. Key topics are: Timing of benefits; Implications for family; Future employment and income; and Timing taxes. This is a free event and you can register on the SC Parks website or speak to Pastor Katie.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Thanks to all those who have directed their Choice Dollars to our congregations! There is still time, if you haven't done so. The current deadline is March 31.

Septic Pump-Out Program: The Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, in partnership with DEQ, EPA and Onsite Wastewater Service is offering a no-cost Septic Pump-out program for eligible home owners and renters. Your household income must be less than 80% of the area median income, (AMI:\$87,500 = 80%:\$70,000) and you are asked to complete a short EPA SepticSmart training video. Pastor Katie has further information for those interested.



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
Sunday, March 15, 2026
8:30 & 11 AM

Welcome –

Confession

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit, One God, who forgives all our sin, whose

mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God's Forgiveness

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn # 843 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

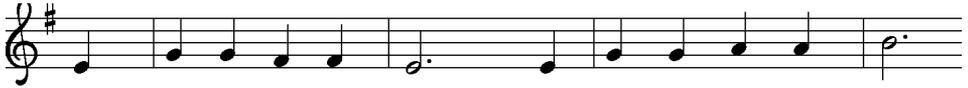


calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day



God's Word

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Acclamation for Lent



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9th Chapter,
beginning with the 1st verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is Read

The Gospel of the Lord. **+ Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Amazing Grace

Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Offering Hymn

Create in me a clean heart O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and
uphold me with Your free spirit.

Apostle's Creed

**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

Please respond...

Lord in Your mercy.....

Hear our prayer.



The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and

+ give you peace. Amen.





1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.





On Sunday,
March 8,
Zion celebrated
Steve Campbell's
80th birthday and
WRE Executive
Director, came to be
with us.

In memory of
Drema McMinn,
the family donated a car
load of items to the
Good Shepherd Program!



