

Were not our hearts burning within us?

LUKE 24:32



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Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Burgess Dellinger, Donna Mumaw, ... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Keith Cabbage, Roe Dias, Cleo Didawick, James Drake & family, Jim Eastep, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Tammy Foltz, Diane Funkhouser, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica Lam, Goldie Lam, Jim Lam, Dave Kosek, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, 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, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We will further give thanks for Weekday Religious Education as they conclude their 3rd year this week. Thanks to everyone for your support!
Keep the prayers going up!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: – Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 26

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.
Conference call: (425) 436-6395 Toll Free: (844)-854-2222
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DID YOU KNOW ?

The last named prophet in the Old Testament was Malachi.
(Malachi 4:5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Forward, our after school program, will only meet on Thursday, since elections are on Tuesday and the schools are closed. On Thursday we look forward to having Russ Kohrs with us as he explains the wonders of geology!

Wednesday in the Word began a study of the Book and will continue for the next months. We completed the first three chapters and will plan to discuss Chapters 4 – 6. There is a chair waiting for you!

Eating for good causes! There are a lot of opportunities to enjoy a good meal in April!

April 25 - Hamburg Ruritan & Bethel Lutheran **fundraiser breakfast**, 7-10 AM, for Sonny Hovatter's medical expenses. Free will donation to eat in and \$15 for carry-out.

April 25 – 4 PM until ? – **Pork Tenderloin Supper** at Wakeman's Grove. \$15 for carry-out and free-will for those who stay and eat.

News from Shenandoah Valley Local Ministries: Luke's Backpacks – School Year Wrap-up! As we wind down the school year for Luke's Backpack, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has faithfully volunteered and donated food and funding. Because of your generosity, we have been able to meet every request without reducing the amount of food in each bag — an incredible community achievement. We are currently seeking volunteers to help double-bag plastic grocery bags in preparation for next year's food packing. If you're interested, we'd love your help! If you're interested in helping in either way, please let Pastor Katie or Nancy Young (540-333-1180).

Save the Dates & Join in the Festivities!!

Thursday, May 7 is the National Day of Prayer and Christ – UCC has invited us to join with them in worship at 7 PM. **Power in the Spirit** is a Thursday night thru Saturday noon Virginia Synod gathering for believers of all ages. **July 16 – 18** at Roanoke College the time will be filled with Bible Study, Worship and workshops! More information is on vasynd.org

Two Church Pews (one short and one long) are looking for a new home, and we're concerned that their current storage isn't the best for their finish. If you have any ideas, please speak with Pastor Katie or Lawrence Funkhouser.

Spring Trash Collection continues! Pastor Katie has orange bags, fluorescent vests, and pickers if you would like to support **St. Jacob's Women's group** in their annual participation in the SC Spring Clean-up, which runs through Memorial Day weekend.



*Palm Sunday - March 29, 2026
The last time our churches shared worship together!*

3rd Sunday of Easter

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Welcome -

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

- Word of Forgiveness -

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



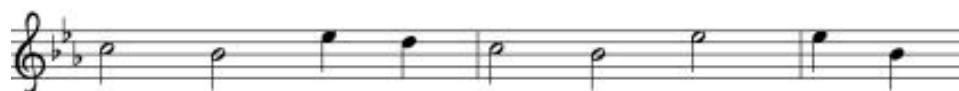
Gathering Hymn #367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Hymn of Praise

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How Great Thou Art

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Today's Readings Insert

God's Word



Acts 2:14, 36-41
Psalm 116
1 Peter 1:17-23



Thanks to everyone
who came out to
Friday's
Hymn Sing!

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Gospel

Luke 24:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter, beginning with the 13th verse **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Reading

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

Sermon

Hymn

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Day of Arising

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

Offertory Prayer

God of grace, Your love reaches to the heavens, and
Your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what
we offer to Your service: our time, our gifts, our abilities,
and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and
generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

Offertory

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

Lord in Your mercy....,
Hear our prayer.



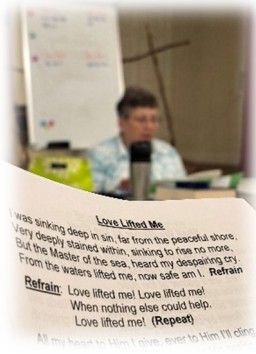
The Lord's Prayer

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 make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you, + and give you peace. **Amen**



Sending Hymn # 774 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarm;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day.
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen



Sending

Go in peace and live in
His hope!

Thanks be to God!



It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

Gospel

John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know

the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and

goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm

Psalm 23; tone 11



The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.
²The LORD makes me lie down
¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.
³You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along
right pathways
¹ for your name's sake.
⁴Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall ¹ fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they ¹ comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is ¹ running over.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell
in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.