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Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

January 26, 2025

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<https://elpva.org/>



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: February 2 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 Worship – Service of the Word at Zion – Hymnbook Sunday

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion at St. Jacob's

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 ?

There are four Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

A LITTLE HUMOR

The Bible says men should always make the coffee - HEBREWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Super Bowl is right around the corner....so get your donations for Luke's Backpack "Foodraiser" in! As the days have gotten "chili" and you are "stewing" about the "souper" bowl, consider donating cans of chili, beef stew or soup to help replenish our shelves. Please leave your donations on the front pew at either church from now until February 9.

St. Jacob's will have their Annual Meeting NEXT Sunday, February 2, following the 11 AM service, weather permitting. We will review the 2024 financial reports and continue the discussion on property matters.

Zion will have their Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 9, following the 11 AM service. The 2024 financial reports will be presented and discussion on replacing the Social Hall doors will be presented.

Spring Forward will meet this Tuesday & Thursday at 4PM, as we look forward to helping them with their school work and inviting them to continue their exploration of the solar system and beyond! For more information, call Jane Perry (540) 477-2088.

Wednesday in the Word will meet from 6 – 7:30 PM. We began a study of the Book of Leviticus and left off at chapter 6:8. This week we'll do a brief review from last week, before continuing the ways God provided the Israelites ways to atone for their sin.

Check out WHSV Channel 3 on Monday morning to see Luke's Backpack highlighted!!

Aluminum Recycle is **next weekend** at Zion and your donations of bagged cans is greatly appreciated! You can leave your contribution in the little white cabinet in the back parking lot and we'll be sure to include them.

Bluegrass Benefit Concert for Bible Break – Weekday Religious Education! On Saturday, March 29 at 4:30, The Larry Stephenson Band and Five of a Kind will be playing at Antioch Covenant Brethren Church in Woodstock. Tickets can be purchased at iTickets.com for \$25 or call 540-975-3335 for more information.

Bad weather again?? We might be in for another spell next weekend, so remember if the decision is made to not worship in-person, you still have the option of dialing into the 11 AM Call-In service with the numbers provided in this bulletin. **How will I know if the churches are closed?** You can call Zion's answering machine (540-984-8764) and listen to the message, or watch closings on WHSV Channel 3, or check out our website. Make the best decision for you!



**4th Sunday after
Epiphany**
Edinburg
Lutheran Parish
January 26, 2025

Welcome - Pictures today are from January 23, 2022 – the last time we had these lessons.

During Covid, we had returned to worshipping in our sanctuaries in November 2021, and since those in-person could easily spread out, most opted not to wear masks.

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 ELW 510 *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*
St. Jacob's ELW 533 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
seek to us, Your love outpouring.

Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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!

Hymn of Praise ELW 843 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the one true love incarnate;
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.



Prayer of the Day

Today's Readings Insert

God's Word



Nehemiah 8:1-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th Chapter,
beginning with the 14th verse **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Reading

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



Sermon

Hymn

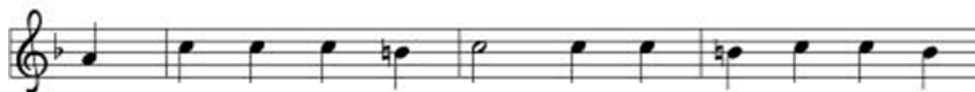
ELW 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from a
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing,



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.



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.**

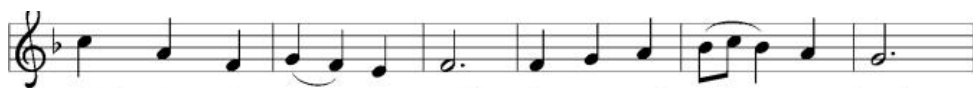
Blessing

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 ELW 673 *God, Whose Almighty Word*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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!*



Remember the empty shelves in
 January 2022? Our hope is in
 the Lord!

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On

the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

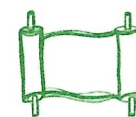
¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

^{18a}"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



Today's Readings

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

Prayer of the Day

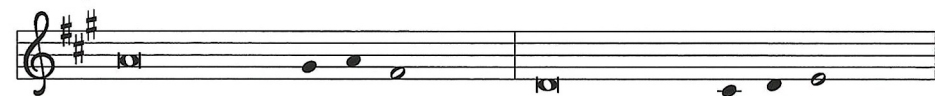
Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 19; tone 3



The heavens declare the glo-¹ry of God, and the sky proclaims its¹ maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale¹ to another, and one night imparts knowledge¹ to another.

³Although they have no¹ words or language, and their voices¹ are not heard, ⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends¹ of the world, where God has pitched a tent¹ for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out¹ of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to¹ run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of¹ it again; nothing is hidden from its¹ burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom¹ to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹joice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous¹ altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than¹ much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey¹ in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your ser-¹vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is¹ great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's¹ own offenses? Cleanse me from my¹ secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion¹ over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a¹ great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable¹ in your sight, O LORD, my strength and¹ my redeemer.

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celebrate*

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Saturday, February 1st

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2:00 – 4:00 PM

at

The Warren

935 S. Ox Road
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Cards welcome!



Foodraiser



As the days have gotten **CHILI** and you are **STEWing** about the **SOUP**er bowl, consider donating cans or pouches of low sodium chili, beef stew, or soup to help replenish our shelves from **now until Sunday, February 9**. Each and every can goes into a bag to feed our students during weekends. Thank you for supporting this outreach!

Items Needed

10-15 oz size cans or pouches
Low sodium (when possible)

Soup | Beef Stew | Chili

Dec 29 – Feb 9

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