

Receive the Holy Spirit

JOHN 20:22



Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

May 24, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Danny Jones ... **and we further remember...** Leah Adams, Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Roe Dias, James Drake & family, Jim Eastep, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, 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, Erica & Jim Lam, Danny Lindamood, Dave Kosek, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Erich McMinn, Donna Mumaw, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We remember all those who gave their last full measure of devotion to this nation. We can never fully repay the debt we owe these fallen heroes, but we rededicate ourselves to the work for which they gave their lives, and we recommit to support the families, caregivers, and survivors they left behind.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: Holy Trinity Sunday – May 31 – and a 5th Sunday

9:45 Adult Sunday School – both churches are welcome at St. Jacobs.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word **at St. Jacob's**

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.
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DID YOU KNOW ?

The flood covered the Earth for 150 days
(Genesis 7:24)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the Funkhousers for arranging movie night and those who attended on a rainy Friday evening! We look forward to continued fellowship evenings to come and welcome your ideas!!

There is still time to help TODAY! Jon Henry General Store is generously sharing **20% of all plant sales** with Shenandoah Valley Local Ministries **TODAY**. Please stop by to support this fundraiser—and help spread the word!

Memorial Day Ceremony – Tomorrow at 11 AM at the VFW in Edinburg the service always provides a solemn way to mark the day. Bring a lawn chair if standing is difficult.

Wednesday in the Word meets every week at 6 PM at Zion. Currently we are working our way through the Book of Ezekiel, at chapter 18.

June Council Schedule: Zion will meet on Monday, June 1 at 5:30. **St. Jacob's** will meet on Monday, June 8 at 6:30.

The Vidalia Onions have arrived and we still have plenty. Let the Dodsons or Pastor Katie know if you'd like more!

Prince of Peace WELCA invites the women of neighboring congregations to a potluck dinner (main entree provided) on Monday, June 1 at 6 PM. Our speaker is Pastor Viktoria Parvin of Saint Marks Lutheran church in Charlottesville. She grew up in Hungary and will talk about her experiences being a Christian in a Communist country. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Katie. We are also collecting Bibles for Grace Inside - prison ministry if you have one to donate.

Mark your calendar – the next Conicville VFD Community Breakfast is Sunday, June 7 from 7– 1 AM...have breakfast on your way to church & Sunday School!

Summer Food Boxes are Ready - We're excited to kick off our Summer Food Box Program with an incredible **10 distribution locations** this year—from Strasburg to New Market and Basye to Fort Valley! Visit our [website](#) for locations, the enrollment form, and more information. The program will run from **Tuesday, May 26 – Saturday, August 8**. Interested in helping with this program? Just let Nancy Young know—we'd love to have you.



Pentecost Sunday

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WELCOME

**CONFESSION &
FORGIVENESS**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

— Silence is kept for reflection —

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- Declaration of 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.**

GATHERING HYMN #400 *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls Your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning,
all that blocks Your purpose, purge!
Through Your church, Christ's living Body,
let Your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder,
shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping,
stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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

Spoken

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE #398 *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

ELW 685 Tune: Take My Life, That I May May Be

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
breath of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
kindle ev'ry high desire; purge me with your holy fire.

Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, fortify this will of mine;
by your will I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine;
speak to calm this tossing sea,
stayed in your tranquility.

Holy Spirit, right divine, king within my conscience reign;
be my guide, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Today's Readings

FIRST READING



Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON

Pictures from Sunday, May 10



HYMN OF THE DAY # 578 *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove*



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.
might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

- 5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,
and peace from your own hand bestow;
upheld by you, our strength and guide,
no evil can our steps betide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
your praise may be our endless song.

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy One, You have given Yourself to us
in Creator, in Christ, in the Spirit.

We now give back to You:

this money that seems so little;
this worship that seems so small;
these words that never quite get it right.

Receive what we offer

and transform it by the power of Your Spirit into:

enough money,

appropriate praise,

worthy words

for proclaiming Your justice, and love in the world.

THIRD ARTICLE - APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

What does this mean? (Read together) I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

We praise You for Your eternal Word,
for conquering the force of death,
and for raising us up through the resurrection of our Lord.
For Your Word alive among us,
we praise You, living God.

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Breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ on us,
that led by Your Word
we may honor Your earth and its many peoples
and serve all who are in need.
For Your Word, bringing to life our Easter life,
we bless You, loving God.

We bless you, loving God.

All worship, praise, and blessing be to You,
Source of life, Ruler of life, and Power of life, today and
forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as
Jesus taught us:

**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

May the love of God create in you new life.
May the power of God transform
your old habits into new hope.
May the Spirit of God grant you wisdom and vision,

emboldening you to proclaim the good news of
Jesus Christ's dying love for all.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 888 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

SENDING:

Go in peace.
The Spirit of Christ
is with you.

Thanks be to God.



