



Jesus,
remember
me when
you come into
your kingdom

LUKE 23:42

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St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Todd Edgerton, Sophia Gibb, Jane Perry, Jerry Polk...**those recovering...** Mike Heishman, Kenn Nilsen, **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cabbage, Tina Daniels, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Kevin Dysart, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Shelby Eye, Landon Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Harper Gochenour, Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Toby Markley, Kitty Martz, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Evelyn Moomaw, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, Anna Nilsen, Rick Painter, Bob Perry, Linda Perry, Karen Polk, Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Ed & Bea Provost, Dennis Rigby, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Roger Schmidt, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Dan Strother, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We further surround the family of Dylan Ludwig, who died unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 19 at Winchester Medical Center. Family night will be Monday, 6 – 8 PM at Valley Funeral Service, followed by a Celebration of Life at Valley on Tuesday, at 2 PM, with burial at Zion and a fellowship meal following at the Conicville Fire Hall. Dylan, who was autistic and blind, was blessed with a special love of music and amazing memory. May the Lord strengthen and comfort his parents, Wade and Carla, brothers Chad and Cody and his grandparents Nancy Ludwig and Jerry Lambert.

May the Spirit of the Lord, also comfort the family of Pastor Tom Perry, who died on Friday in Maryland. In life, Jesus Christ was Tom's strength, and in death his source of life. We thank God for the gift of faith that continues to strengthen his family during this time.

Today is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in the church year, when we celebrate Jesus as Lord of all, who thankfully holds all things. As part of our celebration, we will also remember Linda Ryman, who the Lord called home on September 17 to a peace only He can give. We thank God for the gift of faith that sustained her in life, and His faithfulness to her as the Lord of all life. **Welcome to all who have come to be with us on this holy day.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Service will take place at St. Jacob's on Wednesday, November 26 at 7 PM. We look forward to joining with our United Church of Christ neighbors at St. John – Hamburg, Christ - Conicville, and Trinity - Powder Springs and Zion and their pastors. Pastor Steve Wood will preach and we will celebrate Communion..

Spring Forward will not meet this week. We look forward to resuming on Tuesday, December 2.

Wednesday in the Word - Bible Study will not meet this week, in lieu of the Thanksgiving Eve service at St. Jacob's.

Next Sunday at Zion we look forward to having 11 AM worship, followed by a baked potato & hot dog lunch and Advent/Christmas decorating party. You are invited to bring a topping for the potatoes or the hot dogs!

December Council Meetings: Zion will meet on Monday, December 1 at 5:30 and St. Jacob's will meet Monday, December 8 at 6:30.

We are counting the days until Saturday, December 13 – 11:30 AM when Zion will host their second **Wreaths Across America** ceremony. The preparation will take place throughout the week prior and volunteers are greatly appreciated. Contact Robin Heishman if you have questions – 540-481-3765.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: November 30 – First Sunday of Advent and 5th Sunday of November.

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's
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 redeemed will enter the city of Zion with songs and joy
(Isaiah 35:10)



Christ the King Sunday

and the

Celebration of Resurrection for

Linda Darlene Ryman

November 23, 2025

11 AM at St. Jacob's

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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.**

A moment for reflection.

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

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain. **Refrain**

Refrain: *So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God
left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach
gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day
to my home far away,
Where His glory
forever I'll share. **Refrain**



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

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 all who now 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

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Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be Thine!

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Psalm 46

Second Reading

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd Chapter beginning with the 33rd verse...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reading of the Gospel

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

Sermon



Today's Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's Readings

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43



Hymn of the Day

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross,
Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see,
And with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

Offering 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.**

The 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.**



Service of Commendation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today our dear sister in Christ, Linda. We thank You for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has opened the doors to eternal life, so we may live in confidence and hope until, by Your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Linda Darlene Ryman. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of Your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

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

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Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.



*On behalf of Linda's family and
her St. Jacob's faith family,
you are invited to join us
downstairs for a continued
remembrance of Linda and
fellowship meal.*



what desolations

God has brought up-¹ on the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to
cease in¹ all the world;

who breaks the bow,
and shatters the spear,
and burns the¹ shields with fire.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and

¹⁰“Be still, then,

and know that¹ I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted¹ in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an

inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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Today's Readings

Christ the King
November 23, 2025

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up

shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Psalm

Psalm 46; tone 5

