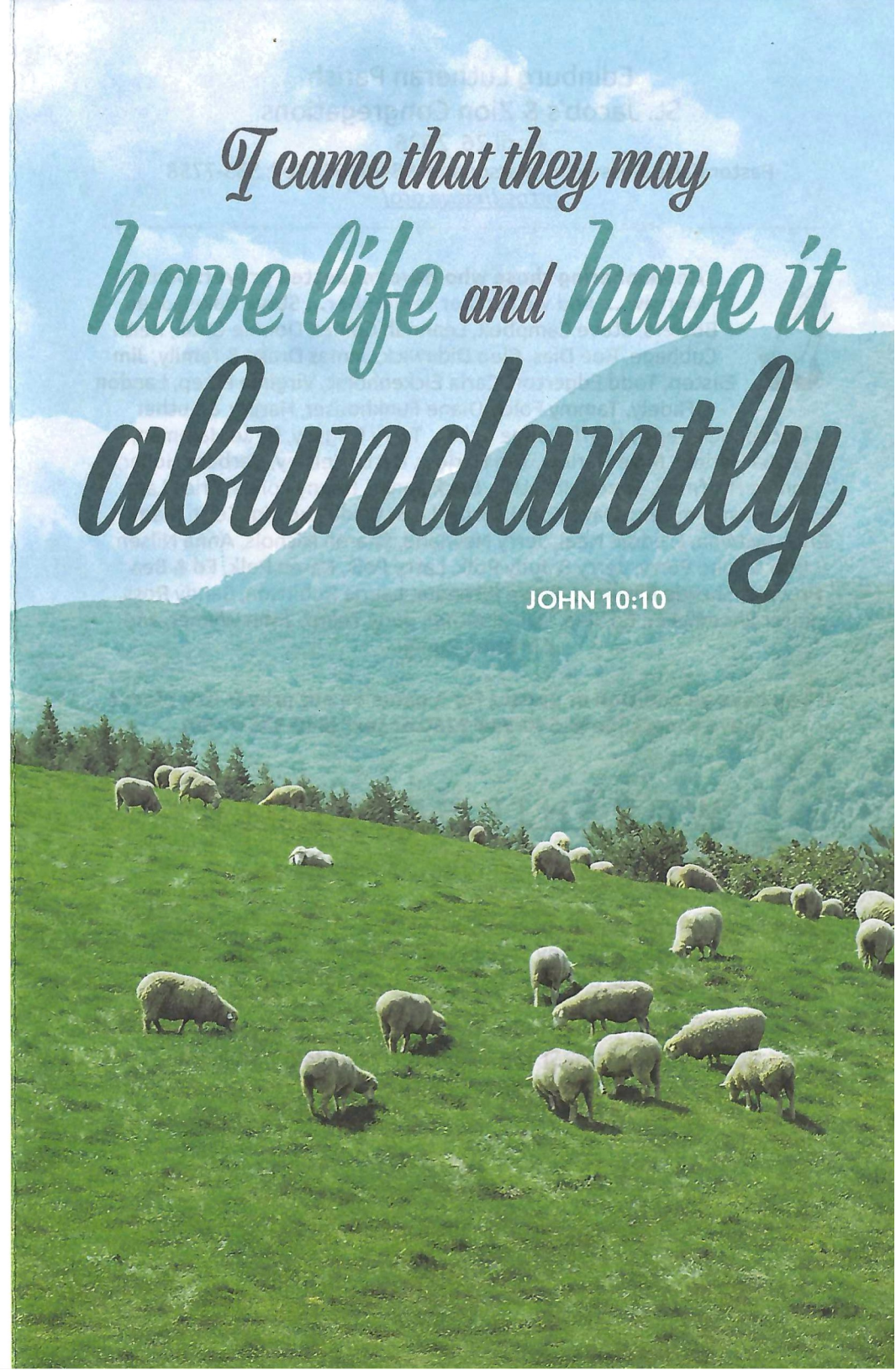


*I came that they may  
have life and have it  
abundantly*

JOHN 10:10



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**Remembering those who have requested prayer:** 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.

If you have an addition or update for a name on our prayer list, please leave a message at 540-984-9260 or text (540-335-7758).

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**NEXT SUNDAY:** – Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 3

**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.

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## DID YOU KNOW ?

David pretended to be mad to avoid capture by an enemy king  
(1 Samuel 21:13)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Spring Forward** will bring the 2025-2026 academic year to a close on Thursday with Do Dah Day!

**Wednesday in the Word** began a study of the Book of Ezekiel and will continue for the next few months. There is a chair waiting for you!

**Onion Time!!** The Hamburg Ruritans are once again selling Vidalia Onions...a 10 lb bag for \$12. You can contact Alan & Martha Dodson, Brucce Lindamood, Linda Kosek or Pastor Katie has a sign-up sheet to pre-order. They are expected to arrive in May.

**Thursday, May 7** is the National Day of Prayer and Christ – UCC has invited us to join with them in worship at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome!

**Boots of Faith!** The Virginia Synod Women's Organization is having their annual gathering on June 11- 13 at St. John's in Abingdon. They have group room rates at the Country Inn nearby. If you would like to find out more about this inspirational weekend, see Pastor Katie.

**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 [vasynod.org](http://vasynod.org)

**Aluminum Recycle** is next weekend - Zion will have their monthly aluminum can collection. A truck will appear in the back parking lot ready to receive your donations. Thanks for your help!

**SC Pregnancy Center:** Have you ever thought about helping at the Center? They are providing basic training on Friday, May 1 from 5 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, May 2 from 9 AM – 3 PM. This training is a great starting point to learn who we are, what we do, and how you can be part of it. We'll share the vision behind the ministry and give you a clear picture of what volunteering looks like practically. There will also be lots of time to ask questions and connect with our team. Please email Lisa Schroeder at [scpc.lisa@gmail.com](mailto:scpc.lisa@gmail.com) for more information.

**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.





**Good Shepherd  
Sunday  
Edinburg  
Lutheran Parish  
+ April 26, 2026 +**

**Welcome-** Today's pictures are from the closing events for the '25-'26 school year of Weekday Religious Education.

**Confession and 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 # 789** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.  
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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**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.**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
 the King of creation!  
 O my soul, praise Him,  
 for He is your health and salvation!  
 Let all who hear now to His temple draw near,  
 joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord!  
 Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
 All that has life and breath,  
 come now with praises before Him!  
 Let the amen sound from His people again.  
 Gladly forever adore Him!

Prayer of the Day

Today's Reading Insert

God's Word



Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm 23  
 1 Peter 2:1-10

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

John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* # 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

### Offering Prayer

### 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**

**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

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.

## Sending Hymn *Have No Fear, Little Flock* # 764

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom; have no fear little flock.

Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock;  
For the Father will keep you in His love forever;  
have good cheer little flock.

Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For God stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord, high above.

## Doxology # 884

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

## Dismissal

Go in peace to serve the Risen Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**





It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If 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. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>He 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. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

<sup>22</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know

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

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The 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.

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

goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day 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, <sup>47</sup>praising 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 <sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down  
<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.  
<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along  
right pathways  
<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no evil;

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

## Readings for May

### April 27 - May 3

Monday - Psalm 100  
Tuesday - Hebrews 13:20-21  
Wednesday - Jeremiah 23:1-8  
Thursday - Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
Friday - John 14:8-14  
Saturday - Jeremiah 26:20-24  
Sunday - Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16,  
1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

### May 4 - 10

Monday - Psalm 102:1-17  
Tuesday - Proverbs 3:5-12  
Wednesday - John 8:31-38  
Thursday - Psalm 66:8-20  
Friday - Genesis 7:1-24  
Saturday - John 14:27-29  
Sunday - Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20,  
1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

### May 11 - 17

Monday - Psalm 93  
Tuesday - 1 Peter 3:8-12  
Wednesday - John 16:16-24  
Thursday - Luke 24:44-53  
Friday - Luke 6:12-16  
Saturday - 2 Kings 2:13-15  
Sunday - Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35,  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, Luke 17:1-11

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