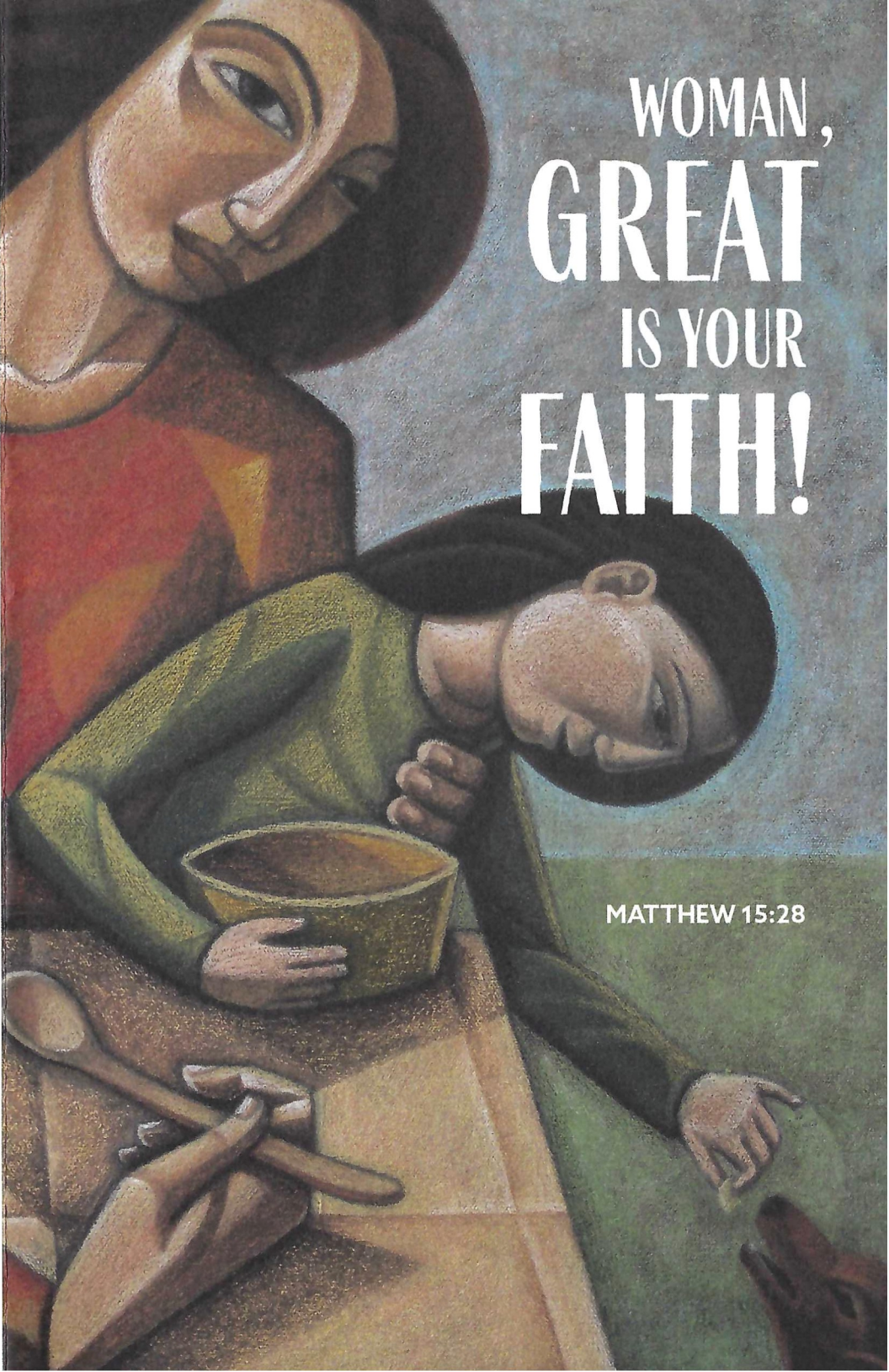




WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

August 16, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Leannah

Comer, Danny Lindamood, Anna Nilsen, Tony Reynard, Sherrie Ritenour, ... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve & Linda Campbell, Donnie Cook, Roe Dias, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Lynette George, Church Givens, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Erich McMinn, Glenn McMinn, Donna Mumaw, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Sharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: August 23 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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
Access Code: 377656 #

DID YOU KNOW ?

The first words that God spoke to man were "be fruitful and multiply".
(Gen 1:28)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

How do you define God? What does Scripture teach about the nature of God? Our Wednesday night Bible Study is searching scripture to discover and discuss the presence and nature of God. We meet at 6 PM on Wednesdays at Zion and there is always a chair waiting for you!

Do you like being minty fresh? If you are one who enjoys Tic Tac candies, **Spring Forward** would appreciate having the container after you are finished for use with an upcoming study of sand! Please save these empty containers and leave them on the front pew. Thank you.

Shenandoah Shares Scripture: Each night of the Shenandoah County Fair, August 28-September 5, between the hours of 5-9pm, a group will be reading God's Word at a booth near the grandstand. If you would like to honor God by being a reader of His Word, go to Shenandoah Shares Scripture on Facebook or speak with Pastor Katie.

Follow-up from last week: **Thank you** to William & Wyatt Allison for help with the parsonage mailbox! And you'll be glad to know the goldfish are living happily at their new home in Woodstock!

The Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center will be offering an eight-week confidential Abortion Recovery Support Group for women seeking healing. This group begins Wednesday, September 2nd from 6-8pm at the Center - 28 Cedarwood Lane, Edinburg. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this information, please share it.

Further SC Pregnancy Center news: Come join in the Walk & Ride for Life on Saturday, September 26 from 8 AM - 11 AM at the Massanutten Military Academy track. Walkers, walk a 5K and motorcyclists ride for 2 hours with a lunch stop. Register by August 31st if you'd like a shirt. Come on out and show your support! The goal is to raise \$60,000. For more information, call Tamara at the Center at 540-984-4673

Mowing Season is in full swing! Any members who would like to help with the cost of upkeep for Zion's cemetery are welcome to mark their contribution for that purpose and place it in the offering plate. Thanks for your help!

Thanks be to God! Weekday Religious Education registered 137 students in Grades 2-5 at the elementary schools Open Houses last Monday. Added to the early registrations gathered before the end of last year, we are well on the way to surpassing our goal of 300 students this year! **More information is coming** on the annual Bible Break Banquet on Saturday, October 3 at the Woodstock Moose.



12th Sunday after Pentecost

Edinburg Lutheran Parish

August 16, 2026

8:30 & 11 AM

Welcome... Pictures are from last Sunday. It's great to have Monroes bring spectacular flowers in the summer!

Confession

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 —

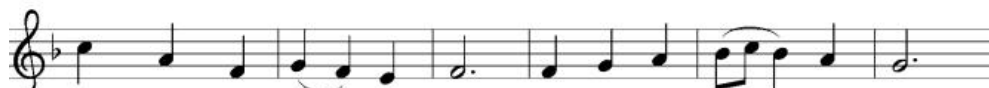
Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of 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 # 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 - ri - ous 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.

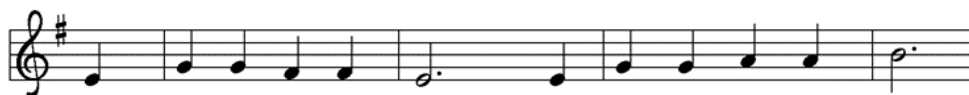
Apostolic Greeting

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



The 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

Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th Chapter, beginning with the 10th verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Hymn # 716 *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

Lord of all nations, grant me grace
to love all people, every race;
and in each person may I see
my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.

Break down the wall that would divide
Thy children, Lord, on every side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue;
let Christian love bind warm and true.

Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
by loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
will crucify my Lord anew.

Give me Thy courage, Lord to speak
whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be,
help me forgive, remembering thee.

With Thine own love may I be filled
and by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
that all I touch, where're I be,
may be divinely touched by Thee.

Offertory Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
You are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of Your creation,
and multiply Your grace in us,
that the world may be fed with Your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **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's face shine on you with grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor,
+ and give you peace. **Amen**



Happy Birthday, Lawrence!

Sending Hymn

#668

O Zion Haste

O Zion, haste, Your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that He who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain:

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom we live and move, is love;
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation
and died on earth that we might live above. **Refrain**

He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet Him,
make known to ev'ry heart His saving grace;
let none whom He has ransomed fail to greet Him,
through your neglect, unfit to see His face. **Refrain**

Sending

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.



[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were

Gospel

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are

once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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Today's Readings

Sunday, August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

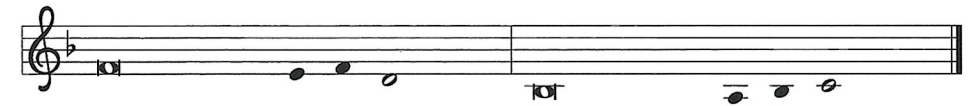
Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join
themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the
name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not
profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy
mountain
and make them joyful in my house
of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their
sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house
of prayer
for all peoples.
⁸Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalm

Psalm 67; tone 3



May God be merciful to us
and bless us;
may the light of God's face
shine upon us.

²Let your way be known
upon earth,
your saving health
among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad
and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples
with equity
and guide all the nations
on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth
its increase;

God, our own God,
has blessed us.

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth
stand in awe.