



I will give you rest

MATTHEW 11:28

Edinburg Lutheran Parish  
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

July 5, 2026

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

**Please note a new date:** the family of Danny Jones will be holding a Celebration of Life at 2 PM on **Sunday, July 12** at the Mount Jackson Moose Lodge. We continue to remember them in prayer.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**NEXT SUNDAY:** July 12 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**8:30 Worship at St. Jacob's** - Service of the Word – Hymnbook Sunday

**9:45 Adult Sunday School** meets at both churches.

**11:00 Worship at Zion** - Service of Holy Communion.

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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## DID YOU KNOW ?

The children of Israel were guided by a pillar of clouds by day and a pillar of fire by night in their forty years of wandering in the wilderness (Exod 13:21)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today:** We will have Sunday School at 9:45 followed by **one** Edinburg Parish Service with Holy Communion at **St. Jacob – 11 AM**. We look forward to having a service specially themed with the country's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in mind. Thank you for being with us!

**July Council Schedule:** Zion will meet on Monday, July 6 at 5:30. **St. Jacob's** will meet on Monday, July 13 at 6:30.

**Who is Gog?** Come join us at Wednesday in the Word - 6 PM at Zion and find out. We are studying the Book of Ezekiel, and have made it to chapter 38.

**St. Jacob's is having a Chicken BBQ** next Saturday, **July 11**. **Please help spread the word!!** **\$6.00** per half chicken and pre-orders can be left at 984-9260 or by signing up today!

**Zion Worship Assistants:** Would you consider being part of a team that helps on Sunday morning with reading the lessons, and leading the congregation with responses? Some training will be provided and a schedule set up, so let Pastor Katie know of your interest. A special thank you to Steve Campbell, for all the years you have done a great job assisting! Your help was invaluable.

**Aluminum Recycle** is today. Even though we are at St. Jacob, you can still head over to Zion to leave your cans in the truck in the back parking lot. Thanks for all your donations!!

**Part-time Job Opportunity:** Emanuel Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time, hourly Nursery Director (generally Sundays from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., with occasional evening events) to provide childcare during worship, oversee nursery operations, and support confirmation-age volunteers. Experience with children or a background in early childhood education is preferred. Please contact the church office if you would like more information (459-3837) and the full job description is posted on the High Street entrance bulletin board.

**The 2026 Family Promise Golf Tournament** will take place on Friday, July 31 at Bryce Resort, with registration beginning at 8 AM, and Shotgun Start at 9 AM. The deadline for being a sponsor for the event is July 10 and Team Registration is July 20. Individual players are also welcome! Contact Norma Barb at 540-624-2149 for questions or go to: <https://www.shenandoahfamilypromise.org>

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## USA Semiquincentennial

*250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the  
Declaration of Independence*



**Edinburg Lutheran Parish**

**July 5, 2026 + 11 AM**

## Introduction to the service:



Woodstock - 2026

*Today's lessons are the normal ones for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. They offer insight into our callings as both a citizen in God's kingdom and our earthly country. The prophet Zechariah describes an everlasting kingdom that differs from earthly nations, a kingdom marked by peace, humility, and freedom. St Paul*

*describes how we struggle with selfish desires, and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. In our Gospel, Jesus says the mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent, as He associates with those excluded from the religious community. In response we hear Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here, in God's presence, in worshipping our Lord, we find rest for our souls and hope for life in His beloved community.*

## 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.**

***Assurance and 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, 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**

**Processional Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem

and crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem

and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

the wormwood and the gall,

go spread your trophies at His feet

and crown Him Lord of all.

Go spread your trophies at His feet

and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to Him all majesty ascribe  
and crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
and crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

### **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.**



*Ring the bell of  
freedom, ring!*

*St. Jacob's bell on  
July 4, 2026*

### **Hymn of Praise #756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord of all the world, guide this nation by Your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in You, that our nation may bring glory to Your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **God's Word**



Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145  
Romans 7:15-25a



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 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning with the 16<sup>th</sup> verse... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***The reading of the Gospel***

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*This surprising picture was taken in the “upper room” at Zion, with the bell rope and flag in the foreground.*

*At the center top is a reflection of the Luther window we rarely see and the little blue dot in the center background is our sanctuary window of Jesus in Gethsemane.*



***Christ before us...Christ behind us...Christ with us.***



**Sermon 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.

**Nicene Creed** - *We speak together the words of our faith*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.



For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and  
the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.



He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**



**Hymn of Prayer** #887-v.3 *This Is My Song*

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,  
Your kingdom come; on earth Your will, be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve You,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
So, hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself we give You; let Your will be done.

**Offering Prayer**

Blessed are You, O God,  
for waves of grain and harvesters,  
fruitful vines and winepresses,  
for our labor and our rest,  
for the gifts of Your hand in this land.  
Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of  
Your compassion, serving Your love without limits  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn** # 891 *God Bless Our Native Land*

God bless our native land; firm may it ever stand  
Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do thou our country save by thy great might.

So shall our prayer arise to God above the skies,  
On whom we wait. Though who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame  
death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the  
choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of  
heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.** (Page 144)

**+ Words of Consecration +**

**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.**

*Ring the bell of freedom, ring!*

*Zion's bell on  
July 4, 2026*



## Invitation to Communion

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:  
Taste and know that God is good to all.



## Partaking of Communion

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.  
Those at home are invited to commune at the  
beginning, as the Pastor invites them.*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We thank You, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. **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**

## Sending Hymn # 890 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He has loosed the fateful lightening  
of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

**Refrain:**

*Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!*

He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men  
before His judgment seat.

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him;  
be jubilant my feet! While God is marching on. **Refrain**

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. **Refrain**

**Sending**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Thanks to our bell ringers who went to church yesterday  
afternoon, to let freedom ring out in our community!



Robin Heishman  
and  
John Lutz



I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it

is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

<sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

<sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>18</sup>“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

<sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



# Today's Readings

Sunday, July 5, 2026  
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter  
Jerusalem!

his dominion shall be from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of  
the earth.

See, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood  
of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from  
the waterless pit.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from  
Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to  
the nations;

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold,  
O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to  
you double.

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-14; tone 8



The LORD is gracious  
and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and  
abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>12</sup>that all people  
may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor  
| of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>LORD, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion  
is over | all your works.

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom  
is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures  
through- | out all ages.

<sup>10</sup>All your works  
shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones  
shall bless you.

You, LORD,  
are faithful in | all your words,  
and loving in | all your works.

<sup>11</sup>They shall tell of the glory  
| of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds  
all | those who fall  
and lifts up those  
who | are bowed down.



Faith Themed  
**Rock**  
**PAINTING**

To be gifted to WRE students!

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(We will finish in time for those wanting  
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Supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own.  
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★ **December 19, 2026** ★  
National Wreaths Across America Day

*It will be here before we know it!*

**Zion looks forward to participating  
for the third year this coming December,  
and you are welcome & invited to help!**

**Saturday, December 19**

The opening program that day will take place at 10 AM at First Baptist and we hope to have the same time as the last two years for Zion's ceremony, which was 11:30 AM.

On Saturday, October 19, we will have a meeting to review items from previous years as well as put plans in place for this year. All are welcome.

Please contact **Robin Heishman (540-481-3765)** if you'd like to be involved or have questions.