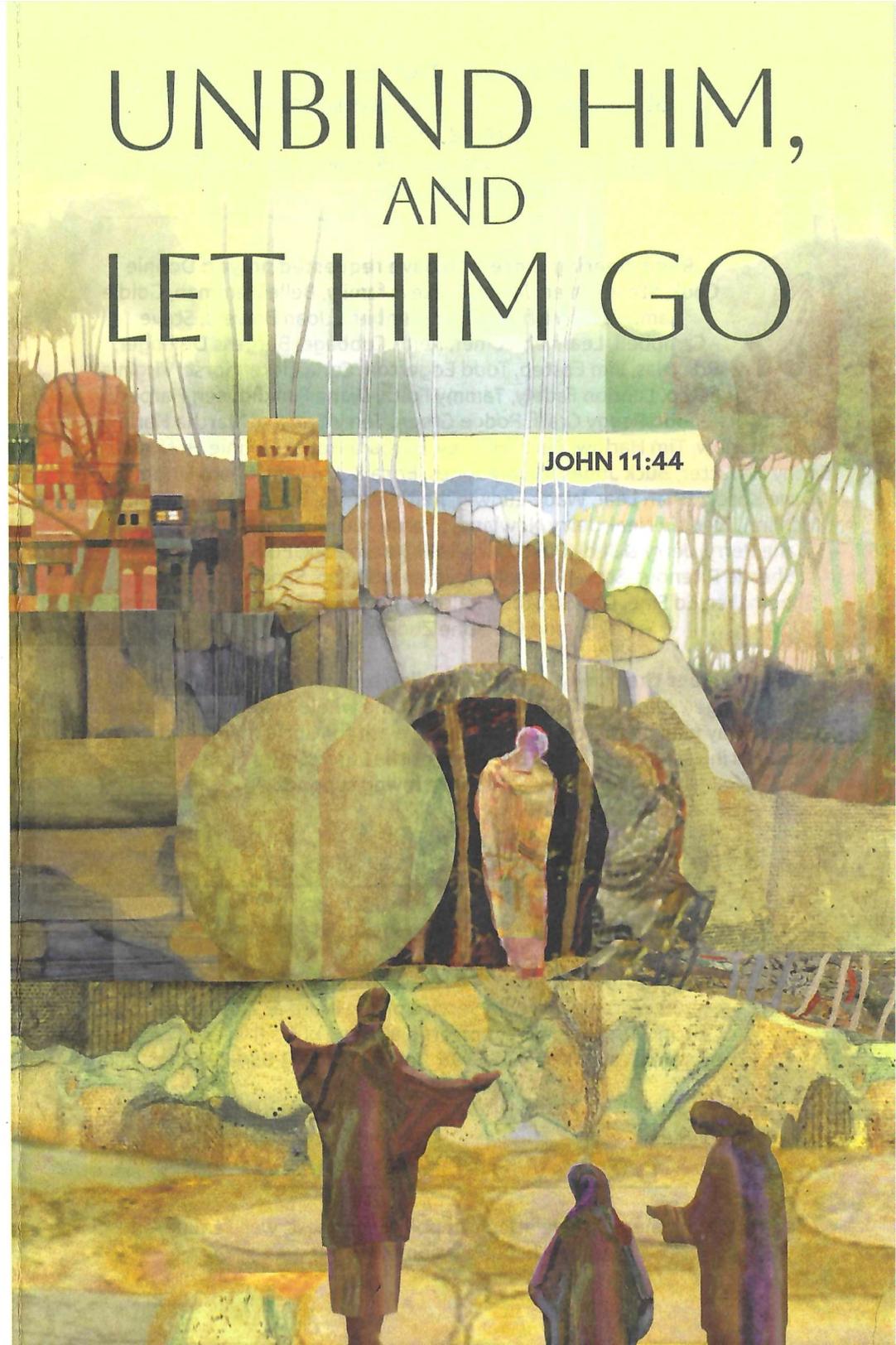


UNBIND HIM, AND LET HIM GO

JOHN 11:44



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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Donnie

Cook, Steve Baker, James Drake & family, Belle Hamman, Goldie Lam... **and we further remember...** Joan Bowers, Steve

Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cabbage, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Jim Eastep, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Tammy Foltz, Diane Funkhouser, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica & Jim Lam, Dawn Lindhurst, Dave Kosek, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Bonnie Mason, 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, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We remember the family of Garland Miller, brother of Martha Dodson, Ellen Dellinger, Anna Barb, Cletus Miller and the whole Miller clan! Garland passed away unexpectedly on Friday, and we ask for God's mercy and grace to abound in Jesus Christ. May the Spirit of the Lord comfort the family and guide us in ways to be a loving support.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: March 29 – 5th Sunday in March – Palm Sunday

9:45 Adult Sunday School will meet at Zion.

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**

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DID YOU KNOW ?

The four horsemen of Revelation symbolize conquest, war, famine, and death. (Revelation 6:1-8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is World Water Day, which will be remembered in our prayers. While this will not make any headlines in our newspapers, it is nonetheless important to remember the more than 2 billion living in the world today who lack access to safe, clean water. The next time you turn on a faucet, don't just remember your baptism as you've been encouraged to do, but also remember your brothers and sisters who thirst for what we too often take for granted.

THANK YOU for all your support of St. Jacob and their latest chicken BBQ! We sold out a few days ahead of time and your word of mouth always helps!! Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY: Not only is it a 5th Sunday, but it is **Palm Sunday**. We look forward to having **one combined worship service at Zion – 11 AM** with palms & singing...reading God's Word & praying! Come be with us as we read the story of Jesus' crucifixion as told in the Gospel of Matthew. **We look forward to enjoying a Baked Potato with all the fixings for lunch following the service.**

Spring Forward looks forward to welcoming Professor Williamson back from Hilton Head SC this week for an in-depth lesson on oceanography! Thursday will also include the dissection of a starfish and we may even have visitors from Stonewall Jackson High School! Rumor also has it that Humphrey the 45 ft. humpback whale may make an appearance!! It is going to be a fun week and interested visiting scholars are also welcome. Contact Jane Perry (540-477-2088) for more information.

Stubborn Hope: In a world that has so much to lament right now, come join us to embrace God's stubborn hope for His people! **This Wednesday at 6 PM** we will have our final gathering for Lent 2026. We look forward to enjoying a taco bar and other good food, followed by a time of devotion, singing and prayer.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Thanks to all those who have directed their Choice Dollars to our congregations! There is still time, if you haven't done so. The current deadline is March 31. **Did you know...**more than \$366 million dollars has been distributed to over 49,500 congregations in the last 15 years! Both of our churches have been recipients.

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.



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Edinburg Lutheran Parish

8:30 & 11 AM

March 22, 2026

Welcome: Today's pictures are from the St. Jacob chicken BBQ yesterday. Thanks to everyone yesterday. Thanks to everyone for your support!

Confession

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit, One God,

who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God's 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 # 452 *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*



- 1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

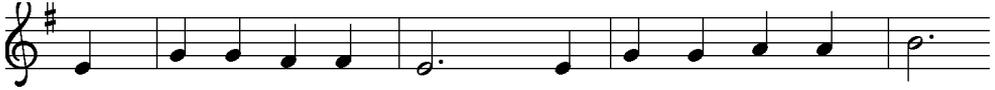
Apostolic Greeting

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day



God's Word

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

Gospel Acclamation for Lent



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
The 11th Chapter, beginning with the 1st 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 #759 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Offertory 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.**

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

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

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.





1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bid - e; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Dismissal Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.



because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now

Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

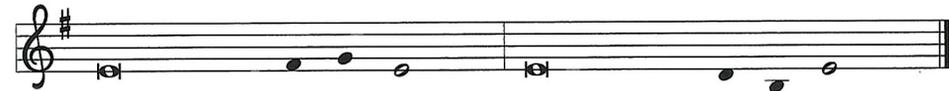
Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 130; tone 8



Out ¹ of the depths

I cry to ¹ you, O LORD;

²O LORD, ¹ hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my ¹ supplication.

³If you were to keep watch ¹ over sins,
O LORD, ¹ who could stand?

⁴Yet with you ¹ is forgiveness,
in order that you ¹ may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; ¹ my soul waits;
in your word ¹ is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the LORD

more than those who keep watch

¹ for the morning,

more than those who keep watch
¹ for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD there is ¹ steadfast love;
with the LORD
there is plen- ¹ teous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall ¹ redeem Israel
from ¹ all their sins.

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11 [not printed]

Gospel

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵Accordingly, though

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble,