

# Because I live, you also will live

JOHN 14:19



Cover: *To Bear a Burden* by Gia Fosson. Copyright © Gia Fosson. All rights reserved. Used by permission of the artist.

Scripture quotations from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. Revised Common Lectionary copyright © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), admin. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Please visit our website at [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org). Tracks 1 and 2  
Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced. Printed in U.S.A. 20260510-EAS6 ITEM014919 ELCA-N

Edinburg Lutheran Parish  
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

May 10, 2026

Pastor Katie Gosswein Parsonage: 984-9260 Cell: 335-7758

<https://elpva.org/>



**Remembering those who have requested prayer:** Donna Mumaw, Danny Lindamood, ... **and we further remember...**

Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Roe Dias, James Drake & family, Jim Eastep, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, 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, 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, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

**We continue to pray** for the family of B. Cleo Didawick, whose service will be next Saturday, May 17 at 11 AM at Zion. An hour of visitation will precede the service and a meal will follow. All are welcome as we find hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope of life with Him

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**NEXT SUNDAY: Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 17**

**8:30 Worship** will be a Service of the Word at Zion.

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

**11:00 Worship** will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's.

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 ?

Joseph was 17 years old when his brothers sold him into slavery  
(Genesis 37:2)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Jacob's Council** will meet tomorrow, Monday, April 11 at 6:30.

**Wednesday in the Word** continues to study the Book of Ezekiel, as we pick up with Chapter 13. There is a chair waiting for you every Wednesday at 6 PM!

**Zion Movie Night** – 7 PM on Friday, May 22 we look forward to enjoying a relaxing movie and discussion together! Bring a snack to share.

**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.

**Calling All Singers!** Join in the fun of celebrating the country's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by singing in a community choir! Pastor Katie has all the details of this event that will take place on Saturday, June 20 in Woodstock.

**Sunday, May 17** has two opportunities! **First**, Pastor Sherrie Hofmann will be installed at 4:30 PM at Martin Luther – Bergton. A meal will follow and if you have interest, please speak with Pastor Katie. **Second**, **Thrivent** is hosting a fun, free event for members at the Alpine Goat Brewery in Weyers Cave from 4-6 PM. For more information, please see Pastor Katie.

**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 vasynd.org

**Family Promise's** pantry needs: 13 gal. kitchen size trash bags, small size detergent, paper towels, peanut butter and cereal. If you set your donation on the front pew, the Pastor will deliver it.

**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.



# Zion Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday  
of Easter

May 10, 2026

## 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 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** # 379 *Now the Green Blade Rises*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

**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 ELEISON**

(Greek for “Lord have mercy”)

### **Refrain:**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord ..**Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the  
hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord ..**Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,  
for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord ...**Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the  
water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord...**Refrain**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**Refrain: This is the feast of vict’ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

**Alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**Refrain: This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.**

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Today's Readings Insert  
*You may be seated.*

**GOD'S WORD**



**Acts 17:22-31**  
**Psalm 66:8-20**  
**1 Peter 3:13-22**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning with the 15<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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** #781 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Children of the heav'nly Father,  
safely in His bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;  
in His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
in His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord His children sever;  
unto them His grace He showeth,  
and their sorrows all He knoweth.

Tho' He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy

## PROFESSION OF 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

Please respond...

Lord in Your mercy.....

**Hear our prayer.**



## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### + Sacrament of Holy Communion +

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 God 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.

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Passover Lamb who gave Himself to take away  
our sin; who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the  
witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, full of Your  
glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the high-est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the high--est.**

Blessed are You, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting and Your faithfulness endures  
from age to age.

**+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION +**

### **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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**



## 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.*

## COMMUNAL BLESSING

Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you until life everlasting. May you know His peace now and always. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal You have drawn us to Your heart, and nourished us at Your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. **Now send us forth to be Your people in the world, and to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

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**

**Sunday, April 24, 2026**



**SENDING HYMN** Tune # 812 *Faith of Our Mothers*

Faith of our mothers, living still  
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;  
In nursery lore and fireside love,  
Thy presence still pervades the air.  
Faith of our mothers, living faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers,  
loving faith,  
Fount of our childhood's  
trust and grace,  
Oh, may thy  
consecration prove  
Source of a finer, nobler race;  
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.



Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,  
How blurred our vision, blind our way,  
Thy providential care without.  
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
In truth beyond, abiding with us,  
Still serve the home and save the Church,  
And breathe Thy spirit through our deeds;  
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

# SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
Thanks be to God.

*Spring Forward* – Learning to Graft Trees!



<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**  
<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.  
<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; <sup>19</sup>but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.  
<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Gospel**

**John 14:15-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."



# Today's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 May 10, 2026

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they

would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup>"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**Psalm**

**Psalm 66:8-20; tone 6**



Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.  
<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a-mong the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**  
<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
<sup>11</sup>**You brought us in to the net; you laid heavy burdens up on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  
<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**  
<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.