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# Edinburg Lutheran Parish St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations September 7, 2025

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Steve Campbell, Sophia Gibb, Barbara Hollar, Eric McMinn, Evelyn Moomaw, Leonard Nesselrodt, Tom & Linda Perry, Linda Ryman, Barry Sweitzer; and further remember... Tim Ambrose, Steve Baker, Skip Barton, Peggy Baseler, Leannah Comer, Keith Cubbage, Lori Dau, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Karen Doane, Kevin Dysart, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Shelby Eye, Landon Fadely, Eileen Fisher, Diane Funkhouser, Harper Gochenour, Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Louise Hawkins, Betty Helsley, Mary Hoffman, Ronnie Hoffman, Susan Holsinger, Alan & Pat Hoyle, Jay Jarrett, Linda Kosek, Matthew Lamma, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Toby Markley, Kitty Martz, Bonnie Mason, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, Anna Nilsen, Rick Painter, Bob Perry, Karen Polk, Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Ed & Bea Provost, Kennedy Reynolds, Dennis Rigby, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Linda Ryman, Peter Shoemaker, Edward Sine, Dan Strother, Judy Tharp, Mark Viola, Gary Wilkins, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: September 14 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's with hymnals.
9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.
11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion.
Call- in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.
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# **DID YOU KNOW?**

A rainbow was the sign from God that the earth would never be destroyed by flood again

## A LITTLE HUMOR

Why did the Christian chicken cross the road? To just get a"cross"

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Zion Council Members –** we will have a brief meeting after worship today.

**Aluminum Recycle** is **today** at Zion and you are welcome to leave your bagged cans in the truck in the back parking lot and you can also leave them throughout the month in the little white cupboard. Thank you!

**Upcoming Council Meetings: St. Jacob's Council** will meet tomorrow, September 8 at 6:30. The next **Zion Council** will be on Monday, October 6.

**Wednesday in the Word** has moved into the book of 2 Kings! Have you ever wondered about the difference between the Old Testament prophets of Elijah and Elisha? We study together and learn from one another....there's a chair waiting for you!

It's A Parade! On Saturday, September 20 we look forward to participating in the Edinburg Ole Time Festival Parade. It is still a work in progress. If we can find a tractor or car that is 25+ years old to ride in, we may ride, while some will be walking in the parade with our parish banner. The line up is at noon and if you'd like to join in or need more information contact Steve Heishman (540-325-4593).

at the Woodstock Moose Lodge for a Rutz catered dinner, silent auction, raffles, and cake auction! It is a night for thanksgiving and giving! Although tickets are \$35, **Zion had purchased a table** and you can come eat, have fun and save your money for the bidding on silent auction items!! **Let Pastor Katie know if we can count on you to be one of our guests!!** 

Luke's Backpack Pew of Plenty Foodraiser...begins TODAY (God's Work, Our Hands Sunday) and continues through Thursday, October 16 (World Food Day). Non-perishable, individual serving size food donations are greatly appreciated.

Zion's Blessing Box...a gift to the community year round. This week it was just about emptied with the need in our area, so thank you for the continual support you are providing! Beyond shelf stable food items and unwashed produce left in the bottom half...you might consider leaving school supplies, hygiene items and cleaning products.

**Zion Altar Flowers** – if you would like to have flowers on the altar in honor or memory of someone, please speak with Donna or Pastor Katie. One vase costs \$35 or the two are \$70 and we usually get 4+ Sundays from one order.



The Descendants of Stanley Jr. & Carolyn Helsley made their annual visit last Sunday from Ohio.

# The 4th Sunday after Pentecost St. Jacob's Lutheran Church September 7, 2025 + 11 AM

#### 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** 

Gathering Hymn # 324 In the Cross of Christ, I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

#### **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.** 

#### **Canticle of Praise**

#### This Is The Feast

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (Refrain)

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)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

# Prayer of the Day God's Word



Today's Readings
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

Holy Spirit, fire, and wisdom of God, enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts, so that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading and proclamation of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning with the 25<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 # 685 Take My Life, That I May Be

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

#### Offering

#### Offering Prayer

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Nicene Creed

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
Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.



#### **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 Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### **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.

#### Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence, there is fullness of joy. Come, share in His presence.



#### **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. 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.

#### Blessina

Numbers 6:24-26

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

#### Sending Hymn #772 Oh, That The Lord Would Guide ...



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat utes still!
- 2 Or der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin cere;
- 3 As sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict-er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light-ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will! let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear. and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep. nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

### Sending

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.** 





Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and coworker, <sup>2</sup> to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now

he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

### Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus]; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it

will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

#### TODAY'S READINGS September 7, 2025 (Lectionary 23)

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Next Sunday's Readings: Holy Cross Day Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-4 or Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17 OR 14th Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

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# **Today's Readings**

Sunday, September 7, 2025 13th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare

to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

#### Psalm

Psalm 1; tone 9



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that <sup>1</sup> do not wither; everything they <sup>1</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>It is not so | with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind | blows away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous.

the way <sup>1</sup> of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall <sup>1</sup> be destroyed.