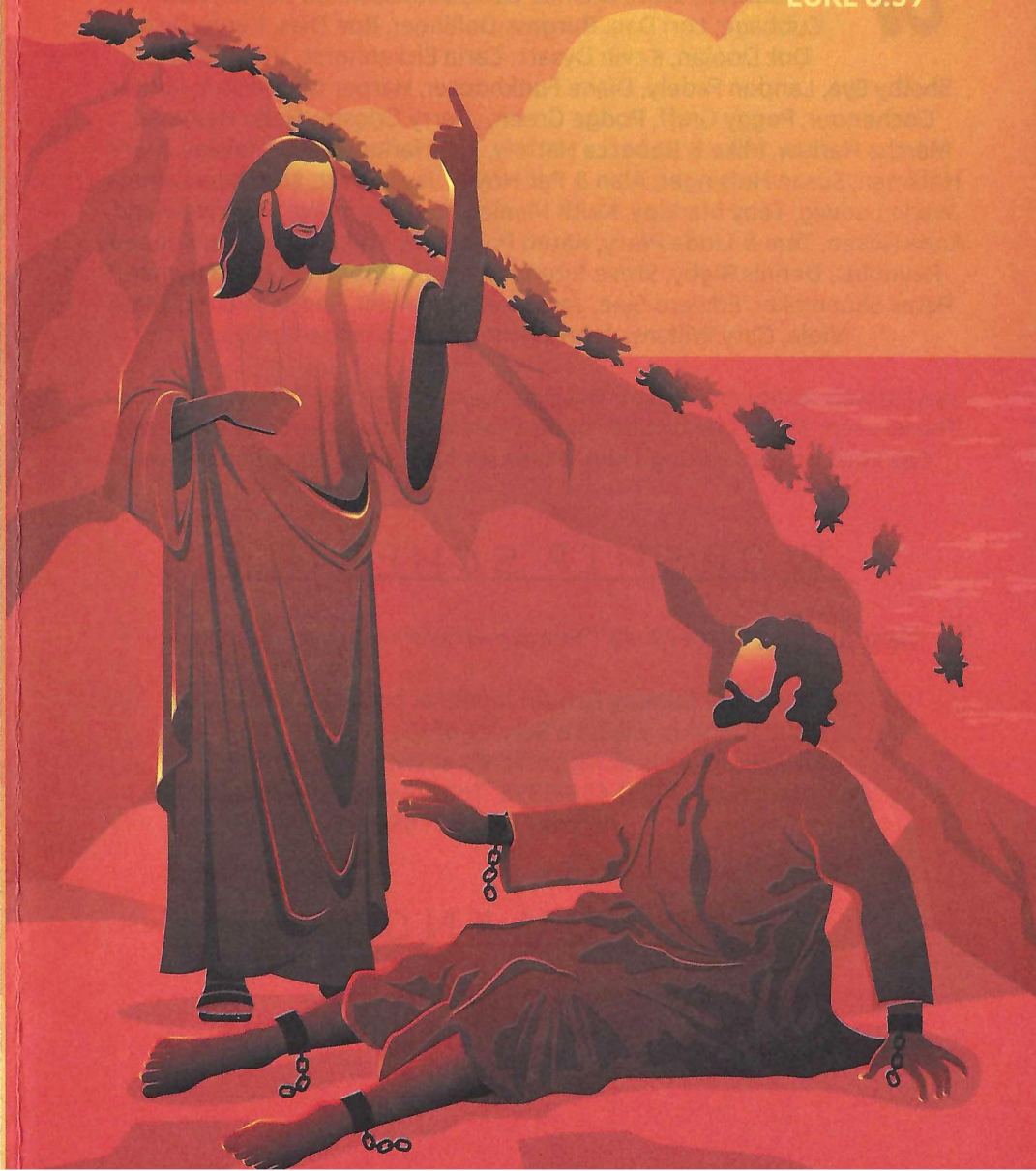


# DECLARE HOW MUCH GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU

LUKE 8:39





Edinburg Lutheran Parish  
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

June 22, 2025

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**Remembering those who have requested prayer:** Pastor Jim Baseler, Sophia Gibb, Linda Kosek, Jerry Polk, Barry Sweitzer; **and further remember...** Steve Baker, Skip Barton, Peggy Baseler, Steve & Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cabbage, Lori Dau, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Karen Doane, Dot Doolan, Kevin Dysart, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Shelby Eye, Landon Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Harper Gochenour, Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, , Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike & Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Mary Hoffman, Susan Holsinger, Alan & Pat Hoyle, Jay Jarrett, Matthew Lamma, Wade Ludwig, Toby Markley, Keith Manich, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, Anna Nilsen, Tom & Linda Perry, Karen Polk, Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Kennedy Reynolds, Dennis Rigby, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Linda Ryman, Peter Shoemaker, Edward Sine, Jameson Strosnider, Fonda Swartz, Mark Viola, Gary Wilkins, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

**We further remember** Pastor Bill Balance, who died on Friday, June 20 at The Warren. Thanks be to God for his years of ministry and the many ways the Lord worked through him. Plans for his funeral are still pending.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Next Sunday:** June 29 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**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.

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## DID YOU KNOW ?

The shortest book in the Bible is 3 John

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fifth Sunday Fun- Joint Worship!** Next Sunday we look forward to worshipping together at 11 AM at Zion, after which there will be a covered dish dinner. Chicken, drinks and tableware are provided.

**Thank You!** Thanks to all those who helped with the leadership roles for Sunday School and Worship last Sunday as Pastor Katie was away at the Virginia Synod Assembly. It was wonderful to have so much support!

**Wednesday in the Word** will be starting a Bible Study on 1 Kings this Wednesday night, 6 – 7:30 PM at Zion. This book begins with Israel's history of Kings beginning with David and Solomon, but it also talks about a nation that strays from following God's commands. You are welcomed and encouraged to join us for this weekly Bible Study.

**Help in the kitchen?** Pastor Katie will be hosting the WRE staff and some of the Board for a "catered" dinner at 6 PM on Saturday, June 28. Any chance you might consider being an extra set of hands to help serve & clean-up that night? Let PK know.

**Women's Gathering** – On Saturday, July 12, from 3-5 PM - St. Paul, Jerome is hosting an All Lutheran Women's Gathering. There will be worship, an opportunity to network and learn more about non-profit organizations in our area, ending with a chicken BBQ dinner. Please RSVP with Pastor Katie by July 7.

**Next Sunday:** A meeting regarding Bethany Lutheran Church will take place at Zion at 4:30 PM. Assistant to the Bishop John Wertz will be with us as we continue the conversation on the care for this precious property. This is a brainstorming session as well as a meeting to discover if there is a desire from a local church, group, or individual to take on the responsibility of the property. **Please help spread the word about this meeting to people you think might be interested.** Questions? Call Pastor Katie: 540-335-7758.

**Pasta Palooza!!** A Can-Do Foodraiser!! Now through July 31<sup>st</sup> Luke's Backpacks is collecting 15 oz. canned pasta of any variety. Donations can be left in the entryway at Zion or the wagon at the back of the sanctuary at St. Jacob's.

**Rock Painters ... unite!** Weekday Religious Education is once again looking for donations of painted river stones with religious, faith-oriented themes to hand out to children at the Student Open Houses on August 7. If you have any to contribute, please contact Pastor Katie. Anyone up for a night of painting rocks???



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Edinburg Lutheran  
Parish

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Janet Monroe, Pastor Katie and  
Nancy Young at VA Synod Assembly

Welcome

### Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

## - Word of Forgiveness -

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn #617 *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

## 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!

## Hymn of Praise #853 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
this rings my curfew call:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

No lovelier antiphon  
in all high heav'n is known  
than "Jesus Christ be  
praised!"  
There to the eternal Word  
the eternal psalm is heard:  
oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all of human-kind  
in this their concord find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around  
ring joyous with the sound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!



*Rhonda Funkhouser –  
worship assistant on June 15*

## Prayer of the Day

Today's Readings Insert



## God's Word

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms 22

Galatians 3:23-29

## The Gospel Acclamation



## The Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel  
according to Luke,  
the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter,  
beginning with the  
26<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory to You,  
O Lord.**

### *The Reading*

The Gospel  
of the Lord.

**Praise to You,  
O Christ.**



*Robin Heishman, Steve Campbell and Steve Heishman  
lead worship over the phone.*

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day #843 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## Offertory Prayer

God of grace, Your love reaches to the heavens, and Your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to Your service: our time, our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity towards our neighbor in the name of the One who saves us, now and always. **Amen.**



*John Lutz reading the lessons.*

## 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 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

#638

*Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

### Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

### Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

### Sending

Go in peace and serve in Jesus' name.  
**Thanks be to God.**



**Sunday, June 15, 2025**



*Psalm, continued*

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise  
in the <sup>1</sup> great assembly;  
I will perform my vows  
in the sight of those  
who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat <sup>1</sup> and be satisfied.  
Let those who seek the LORD  
give praise!  
May your hearts <sup>1</sup> live forever!

## Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
all the families of nations  
shall bow <sup>1</sup> before God.  
<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
who rules o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations.

faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of

the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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OR 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62.

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# Today's Readings

Sunday, June 22, 2025  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who  
did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not  
seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my  
name.

<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their  
vessels;

<sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy  
for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors'  
iniquities together,  
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the  
mountains

and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

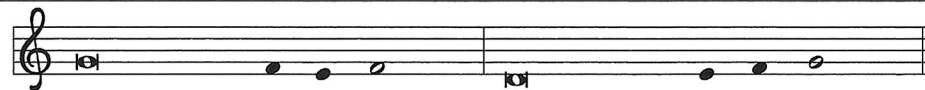
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my  
mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

## Psalm

Psalm 22:19-28; tone 6



But you, O LORD, be not <sup>1</sup> far away;  
O my help, hasten <sup>1</sup> to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>Deliver me <sup>1</sup> from the sword,  
my life from the power <sup>1</sup> of the dog.

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the <sup>1</sup> lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls  
you have <sup>1</sup> rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name <sup>1</sup> to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly  
<sup>1</sup> I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise!  
All you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup> line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD,  
all you off- <sup>1</sup> spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise  
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face  
hid- <sup>1</sup> den from them;  
but when they cry out,  
<sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them.

*continued*





# **CENTRAL VALLEY CONFERENCE ALL LUTHERAN WOMEN GATHERING**

*A Summer Gathering to renew our Virginia Synodical and Central Valley Womens' Fellowship. There will be worship, information provided by community service organizations, greetings from the VSWO and Central Valley Conference leaders, and a chicken barbeque meal.*

JULY 12, FROM 3-5PM

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**Please plan to join us for this event.**

**RSVP appreciated in order to plan the meal:**

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