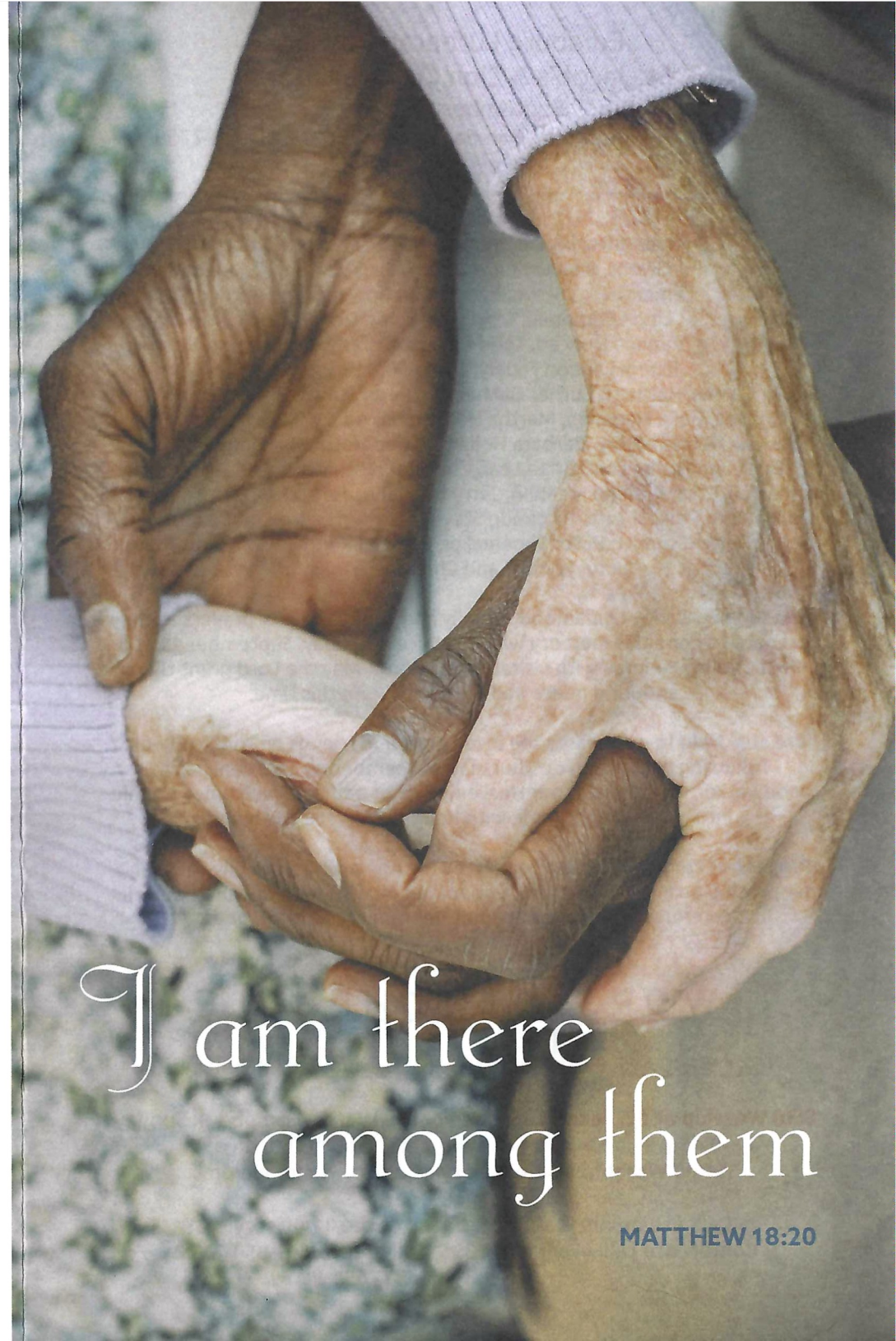




I am there
among them

MATTHEW 18:20

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Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

September 6, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Chuck Givens, Donna Mumaw, Tony Reynard... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve & Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Roe Dias, Virginia Duncan, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Lynette George,

Chuck Givens, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike & Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Chris LoPresti, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Erich & Glenn McMinn, Jerry Newland, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Roger Schmitt, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

Please keep Danny Lindamood's family and friends in your prayers as they prepare to honor his memory with a service on Friday, September 11 at 6 PM at Valley Funeral, with visitation to follow. May the Lord grant them enduring peace and comfort during this time.

We also hold in our hearts the loved ones and friends of Ronnie Sheetz following his passing on Thursday. Remembering his talents as a woodworker, we pray that our Heavenly Father and Lord welcomes Ronnie into His heavenly home with boundless grace and mercy.

Prayers of comfort are also requested for Anna Nilsen's family following her passing on Friday. We thank God for her vibrant faith and pray that His comforting presence upholds her family and loved ones.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: September 13 – 16th 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 Book of Esther was written without explicitly mentioning the name of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday in the Word – will resume this Wednesday at 6 PM, as we look to Scripture to understand the nature of God as seen in the Holy Trinity.

St. Jacob Council will meet on Monday, September 14 at 6:30.

Zion will host Mt. Jackson Lions on Monday, September 14.

Aluminum Recycle is today at Zion! Thanks to all who faithfully collect cans from far and wide for us. Your support is greatly appreciated. Every can helps!

Are you up for a fun evening planned to support a great organization? Weekday Religious Education-Bible Break is having their annual Banquet and Silent Auction from 5 – 8 PM on Saturday, October 3. Tickets are \$35 for individuals, and if we have 8 who would like to attend, we'll be able to get a small discount and sponsor a table. Registrations are at 271 and still coming in. We hope to break 300 this year! Sign up with Pastor Katie.

Bottoms Up!! Come out for another fun event to support A Small Hand Diaper Bank! Thursday, September 17 – 6 PM at the Woodstock Brewhouse there will be live music – The Instigators – great raffle items and wonderful fellowship! Buy your own food & drink, purchase raffle tickets and/or make a free will offering, but especially have fun!

Blessing Box....Rhonda reported to Council \$375 was donated last month, which included the \$200 monthly support from Zion's Kitchen Committee. The box is filled weekly and many drop off added donations anonymously. Thanks so much for your generosity to care for our community.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Mark Ludlow will speak at the Edinburg Heritage Center (formerly St. Paul UCC) regarding ground penetrating radar. This technology allows you to identify where people have been buried and we are considering using his services for a portion of the Zion cemetery.



15th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
September 6, 2026

Welcome- Pictures from 8/30

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 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* # 864

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

God be praised, for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the great Eternal One!

Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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.



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 Insert

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Acclamation

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

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th
Chapter, beginning with the 15th verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* # 605

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew;
How trifling others’ debts to us;
How great our debt to You!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, by Your mercy reconciled,
Our lives will spread Your peace.



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

Please respond:

Lord in Your mercy,...

Have mercy on us.



Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, You bring forth food
from the earth and nourish Your whole creation. Turn our

hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know Your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

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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.

+ Service of Holy Communion +

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 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.

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+ 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

Christ invites you....Come, taste, and see.



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.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord's face shine upon you,
with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and,
+ give you peace. **Amen**

Sending Hymn *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* # 543

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the

moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen

even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



Today's Readings

Sunday, September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their

iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40; tone 1



Teach me, O LORD,
the way ¹ of your statutes,
and I shall keep it ¹ to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding,
and I shall ¹ keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with ¹ all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path
of ¹ your commandments,
for that is ¹ my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to ¹ your decrees
and not to ¹ unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- ¹ holding
falsehood;
give me life ¹ in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise ¹ to your
servant,**

which is for ¹ those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach
¹ that I dread,

because your judg- ¹ ments
are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for ¹ your
commandments;**

**by your righteousness
en- ¹ liven me.**