

*Everything is ready;
come to the
wedding banquet*

MATTHEW 22:4



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Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

October 11, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: John Dart, Glenn McMinn, Laurie Robinson, June Weatherholtz....**we further remember...** Steve Baker, Harlynn Beckenstrater, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve & Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, PG Coverstone, 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, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Charlene Miller, Donna Mumaw, Jerry Newland, Linda Perry, Earl Polk, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Linda Perry, Wanda Rinker, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Sharp, Jerry Walters, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

Prayers for the comfort of the Holy Spirit for the family and friends of Glenn "Buck" Jones, who will gather for a graveside service at 11 AM on Thursday, October 15 at Conicville Cemetery – Christ UCC. May the God of all grace draw them close in this time of sorrow.

W O R S H I P S C H E D U L E

NEXT SUNDAY: October 18 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost - St. Jacob's Homecoming!

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 Homecoming Service of Holy Communion

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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D I D Y O U K N O W ?

Joshua was a high priest during the time of Zechariah
(Zechariah 6:10-11)

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Happy 245th Homecoming, Zion!

We hope you will join us for a fellowship meal in the Social Hall following the 11 AM worship. Thanks to all who helped with cleaning, set-up and arranging the autumn display outside!

The altar flowers at Zion are given in honor of our Lord, and special memory of our loving family, Eugene, Hazel (Peg) and Brooklyn Bowers, Dwight Cook and Doug Heishman, by Peggy, Robin and families.

St. Jacob's Homecoming is next Sunday! That's right...the party continues as we thank God for His faithfulness throughout the ages. We will have 9:45 Sunday School, with an 11 AM Communion Service followed by a covered dish dinner, with chicken and beverage provided.

St. Jacob's Council will meet tomorrow night, October 12 at 6:30. These meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Wednesday in the Word: Every Wednesday evening at 6 PM we have Bible Study at Zion. Beginning this week we will be studying the Gospel of Mark and will have a chair ready for you!

Spring Forward is off and running having enjoyed two great sessions on learning about the states of matter and Sir Isaac Newton's Law of Viscosity! Classes meet from 4-6 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Jane Perry for information – 540-477-2088.

Wreaths Across America meeting is next Saturday, October 17, at 9:00 a.m. We welcome all former and new volunteers for this event as we prepare, inform, review ideas and rehearse our program. We are looking forward to participating for the 3rd year, on December 19 at 11:30 a.m.

Parish Council will meet on Thursday, October 22 – 6 PM at Zion.

St. Jacob's is having a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, **November 7. Please help spread the word!! \$6.00** per half chicken and pre-orders can be left at 984-9260 or by signing up today! This fundraiser will benefit Response. Our thanks to Thrivent for helping sponsor the event.

Family Promise is celebrating their 10th Anniversary with an **Evening of Promise Banquet!** on Friday, October 30 – 6-9 PM at the Yellow Barn. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased on their website: www.shenandoahfamilypromise.org/ Deadline for purchasing a ticket is October 15.



Homecoming Sunday

Zion Lutheran Church

October 11, 2026

Welcome-

Confession & 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

Church in the Wildwood

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood,
As the little white church in the vale.

Refrain

*Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the dale,
No spot is so dear to my childhood,
As the little white church in the vale.*

How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning,
To list'n to the clear ringing bells;
Its tones are so sweetly calling,
Oh, come to the church in the vale. **Refrain**

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.



Homecoming 2015



Kyrie Eleison

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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

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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**

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. **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

Today's Readings Insert

God's Word



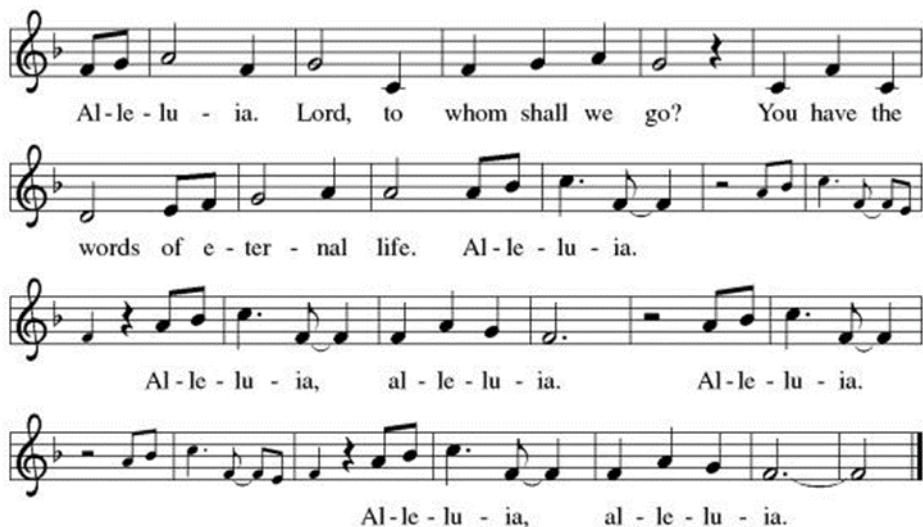
Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd
Chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

**Glory to You,
O Lord.**

Reading the Gospel

The Gospel of
the Lord.

**Praise to You,
O Christ.**



Covid - Homecoming - 2021

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 774 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarm;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day.
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)



Homecoming 2022

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...
Hear our prayer.

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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How Great Thou Art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art



*Homecoming
2023*

+ 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, 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.

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+ Words of Consecration +



The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

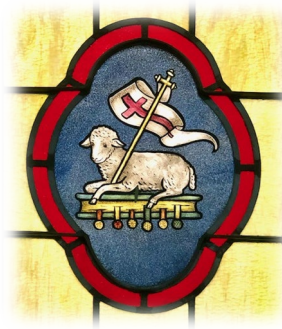
Our Father, who art in heaven,

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.**



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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 make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
+ and give you peace. **Amen**



Homecoming 2018



Sending Hymn # 536 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again;
by His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
neath His wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. **Refrain**

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put His arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again. **Refrain**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.





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Today's Readings

Sunday, October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

³For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a
shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a
winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of foreigners like heat in a
dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of
clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will
make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged
wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-
aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all
nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the LORD God will wipe away the
tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will
take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited
for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have
waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Psalm

Psalm 23; tone 11

