



*Where do you  
get that  
living water?*

JOHN 4:11

Edinburg Lutheran Parish  
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

March 8, 2026

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**Remembering those who have requested prayer:** Belle Hamman, Wade Ludwig, and Ed Sine... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith

Cabbage, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Dot Doolan, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Tammy Foltz, Diane Funkhouser, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Stuart Gosswein, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica & Jim Lam, Dawn Lindhurst, Dave Kosek, Keith Manich, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, Bob & Jane Perry, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Ed & Bea Provost, Dennis Rigby, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Dan Strother, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Next Sunday: March 15 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**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.

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## DID YOU KNOW ?

Mary Magdalene thought Jesus was a gardener after He had risen from the tomb (John 20:15)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Zion's Annual Meeting** is TODAY following the 11 AM service. We will review our financial reports from 2025, review a report from Pastor Katie, elect our Trustees and discuss the Parish budget. We hope you will stay and join in the discussion.

**St. Jacob's Council** will meet on Monday night at 6:30 PM.

**Spring Forward** will meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon this week from 4 – 6 PM. More information is available from Jane Perry (540-477-2088).

**Stubborn Hope - Meets Our Lament:** Our Wednesday evening gatherings continue at 6 PM with a soup & Sandwich supper followed by a time of devotion and Bible Study. This week we'll see how our God's faithfulness is our hope.

**St. Jacob's is having a Chicken BBQ** on Saturday, **March 21**. **Please help spread the word!!** **\$6.00** per half chicken and pre-orders can be left at 984-9260 or by signing up today!

**WRE Spring Bluegrass Concert** – Friday, March 20 at 7 PM at Antioch Church. Tickets are going fast, but Pastor Katie still has some for \$25.

**Shenandoah Valley Local Ministries News:** A Small Hand Diaper Bank and The Good Shepherd – a program for the elderly is partnering to start providing adult size diapers for Seniors and for Special Need adults in our community. Please remember these needed ministries in your prayers.

**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.

**Next Sunday:** You are invited to come celebrate with St. Paul, Jerome as they install Pastor Ingrid Chenoweth. Worship will be at 3 PM followed by a fellowship meal.

**It served Zion faithfully for years and maybe now it can serve you?** Zion has one long pew and one short pew that is no longer needed. Would you consider giving it a new home or do you know of a person or organization that could use it? Donna Mumaw (540-477-2686) is the contact for this item.



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**March 8, 2026 + 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Confession**

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 # 777** Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

“Come to Me, all pilgrims thirsty,  
drink the water I will give.

If you knew what gift I offer,  
you would come to Me and live.”

**Refrain:** Jesus, ev-er-flow-ing foun-tain,  
Give us water from Your well.  
In the gracious gift You of-fer  
There is joy no tongue can tell.

“Come to Me, all trav’lers weary;  
that I may give you rest.  
Drink the cup of life I offer,  
at this table be My guest.” **Refrain**

“Come to Me, believers burdened;  
find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer,  
Turn to Me and seek My face.” **Refrain**

“Come to Me, repentant sinners;  
leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion,  
Turn to Me, I call your name.” **Refrain**

“Come to Me, distressed and needy;  
I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer,  
Come, your open hands extend.” **Refrain**

“Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
Lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and take the gift I offer,  
Let Me make in you my home.” **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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer  
here their worship  
and praise, let us  
pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort,  
and defend us,  
gracious Lord.

**Amen.**



**Prayer of the Day**

**God's Word**



**Today's Readings**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

**Gospel Acclamation**

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

## The Gospel

John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning with the 5<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

### Sermon Hymn # 611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

**Apostles Creed** - *We speak together the words of our faith*

**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**                      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, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**





## **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.

You call Your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare  
with joy for the Passover feast, that, renewed in the gift of  
baptism, we may come to the fullness of Your grace.

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 pow'r 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

## Communion Blessing

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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**

## Sending Hymn

# 604

O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

## Sending

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father

in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."



# Today's Readings

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026

## Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall

I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

## Psalm

Psalm 95; tone 6

