



WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD

MATTHEW 4:10

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Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

February 22, 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, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman,

Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica Lam, Jim Lam, Dave Kosek,

Keith Manich, Toby, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Freddie Neal, Jerry

Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, Rick Painter, 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 1 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30 Worship -- Service of the Word at Zion – Hymnbook Sunday

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion at St. Jacob's Call- in
worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Matthias(13th Apostle) was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot
(Acts 1)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Spring Forward will be learning about the properties of water, through scientific experiments! We meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 – 6 PM and we would love to welcome more scholars!

Lent Midweek Gatherings Begin: Come join us on Wednesday night for a Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6 PM followed by a time of devotion and Bible Study. Please reach out to Ann Ward if you can help provide food.

St. Jacob's will have their Annual Meeting next Sunday, March 1 following the 11 AM Communion Service. We will review the financial records from 2025 and be electing Trustees.

Thanks to all who came out to support the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this past week. Thanks also to Thrivent for providing our start-up money! We will report the final numbers next week.

Blessings continue...our Blessing Box has been fully refreshed since the arctic blast and continues to be steadily used. The lower portion stands ready to receive any cut wood donations and food & hygiene items are always welcomed above.

Leaving a Thriving Legacy...Thrivent is hosting a webinar being offered 10 AM on Tuesday, and 1 or 6 PM on Wednesday, that will address many questions on long term care and estate planning. More information is available in the entryway.

Aluminum Recycle is next week at Zion. Watch for the truck to appear in the lower parking lot!

Artificial Intelligence: A Christian's Friend or Foe? All are welcome to Prince of Peace in Basye on Monday, March 2 at 1 PM. Ann Davison will be speaking and leading a discussion on AI's implications for people of faith.

Saturday Lenten Soup & Suppers will be offered at St. Paul, Jerome starting on February 28 from 4-5:15 PM. Holden Evening Prayer will be celebrated along with good discussion on Baptismal Promises.

Family Promise Steak Dinner – Thursday, March 7 from 4-7 PM at the Woodstock Moose. Tickets are PRESALE only at \$25 each and the deadline to purchase is Thursday, March 5.



First Sunday in Lent

Edinburg Lutheran Parish

8:30 & 11 AM

Welcome – Today's pictures are of the Pancake Supper.

Confession & Forgiveness

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of

the Holy Spirit, One God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor You: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize Your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for questioning what the living water of Christ offers:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of Your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

God's Pardon

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn # 319 *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

O Lord, throughout these forty days

You prayed and kept the fast;

Inspire repentance for our sin,

and free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and you won;

Your faithfulness endured;

Lend us Your nerve, Your skill

And trust in God's eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed

And fixed Your mind above;

So teach us to deny ourselves

That we may know God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,

And all our earthly days,

That when the final Easter dawns,

We join in heaven's praise.

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



Gospel Acclamation for Lent



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the 4th Chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is Read

The Gospel of the Lord. **+ Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 624 *Jesus, Still Lead On*

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by Your hand to the promised land.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe to our home we go.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand in the promised land.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Offering Hymn

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

Please respond...

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and

**+ give you
peace. Amen.**



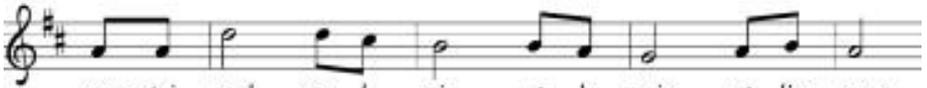
Sending Hymn # 808 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour;
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood,
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.





¹⁰Great are the tribulations ¹ of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust ¹ in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹ in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are ¹ true of heart.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one

man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



Today's Readings

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

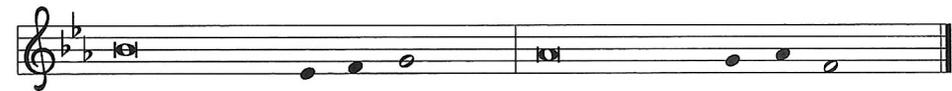
The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

³¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the

fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm

Psalm 32; tone 10



Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven, and whose sin is ¹ put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- ¹ putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- ¹ ered away, because of my groaning ¹ all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the ¹ heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- ¹ ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Then you forgave me the guilt ¹ of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble; you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance.

⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹ you should go; I will guide you ¹ with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹ understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will ¹ not stay near you."