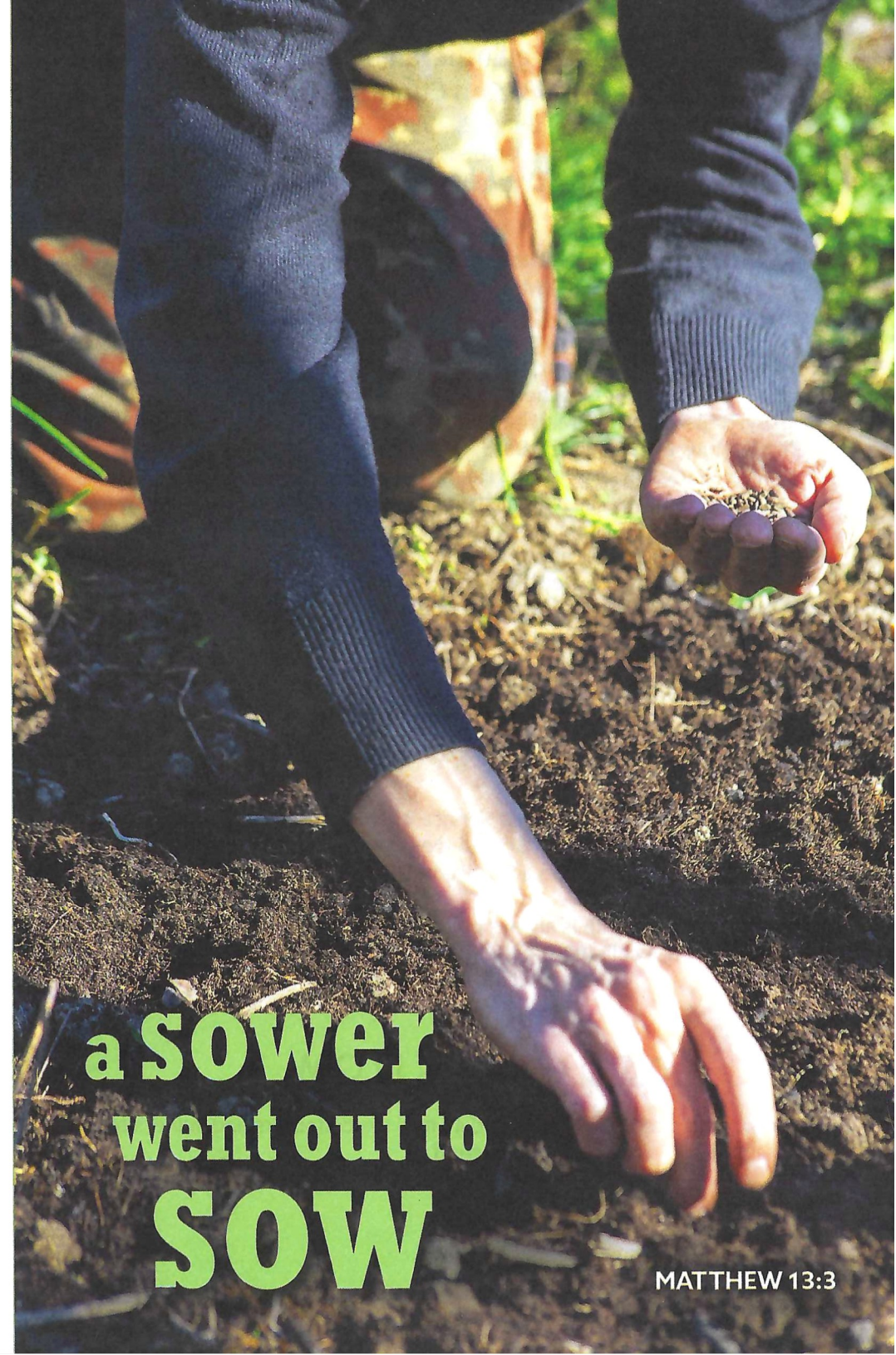




a sower went out to SOW

MATTHEW 13:3

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

July 12, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Steve Campbell, Glenn McMinn, Donna Mumaw ... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Roe Dias, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Landon Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Jim Lam, Danny Lindamood, Dave Kosek, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Erich McMinn, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: July 19 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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 ?

Matthew held a feast for Jesus and invited tax collectors and sinners to attend
(Matthew 9:10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Katie will be attending Power in the Spirit at Roanoke College on Thursday thru Saturday. Pastor Nate from Emanuel – Woodstock will be covering. If any emergency arises, call her cell phone (540-335-7758) and she will make arrangements with him to provide pastoral support.

Parish Council will meet on Thursday, July 23 at 6 PM at St. Jacob.

Wednesday in the Word: Every Wednesday evening at 6 PM at Zion a dozen of us read and discuss portions of scripture. There is always room for one more! Currently, we are studying Ezekiel and will be tackling Chapter 41. We would love to welcome you!

Rock Painting Party! Saturday, July 25 at 2 PM at Zion! Come help Weekday Religious Education welcome students for the new school year. The rocks set up a colorful display for the children to choose from at our tables on school Open House day – August 10. Using faith themes they also become a keepsake that continues to provide a witness in their homes!

THANK YOU for your support!! Once again St. Jacob's was blessed to sell out at their chicken BBQ yesterday and raise money for Search House in Mt. Jackson. Thanks to all who helped!

It's beginning to sound like Christmas! Would you consider ringing a Salvation Army bell at Food Lion on Friday, July 24 or Saturday, July 25 from 10 AM – 5 PM? It's Christmas in July and Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter is partnering with them to have a special bell-ringing campaign! Pastor Katie is helping schedule volunteers.

Luke's Backpack Bags: A big THANK YOU to Martha Dodson, who has been our quality control person for years, watching over the bags donated for the Luke program. Checking to make sure they are clean and double layered; Martha would then place them in the basement so Lesa can hand them to the packing team with confidence. Can you help in this way? See Lesa Moomaw or Pastor Katie.

Sight & Sound Movie – "Jesus" will be shown on Saturday, August 8 at 10 AM at the Sipe Center – 100 N. Main St. – Bridgewater. This is a private showing being sponsored by the Southern Valley WELCA and "dutch treat" lunch at Cracked Pillar or Francesco's will follow. No reservations required.



**7th Sunday after
Pentecost**
Zion Lutheran Church
July 12, 2026

Welcome -

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 #516 *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*



1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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.

Canticle of Praise

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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

Today's Readings

God's Word



Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:1-13

Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th
Chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon & Hymn # 465

As The Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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

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

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.

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.**

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We thank You, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

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 #550 *On What Has Now Been Sown*



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth-er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Sending

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



¹²**May the fields of the wilderness
be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them-¹selves with grain;
let them shout for¹ joy and sing.

on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down
from heaven
and do not return there until they have
watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to
the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which
I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap
their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the
cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the
myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be
cut off.

Psalm

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; tone 5



[You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows¹ be fulfilled.
²To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.
³Our sins are strong-¹er than we are,
but you blot out¹ our transgressions.
⁴Happy are they whom you choose and
draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied
by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness¹ of your temple.
⁵Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the oceans¹ far away.
⁶You make firm the mountains
by your power;
you are girded a-¹bout with might.

⁷You still the roaring¹ of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor¹ of the peoples.
⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk
to sing for joy.]
⁹You visit the earth and water it
abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain,
for so you provide¹ for the earth.
¹⁰You drench the furrows
and smooth¹ out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.
¹¹You crown the year¹ with your goodness,
and your paths over-¹flow with plenty.

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