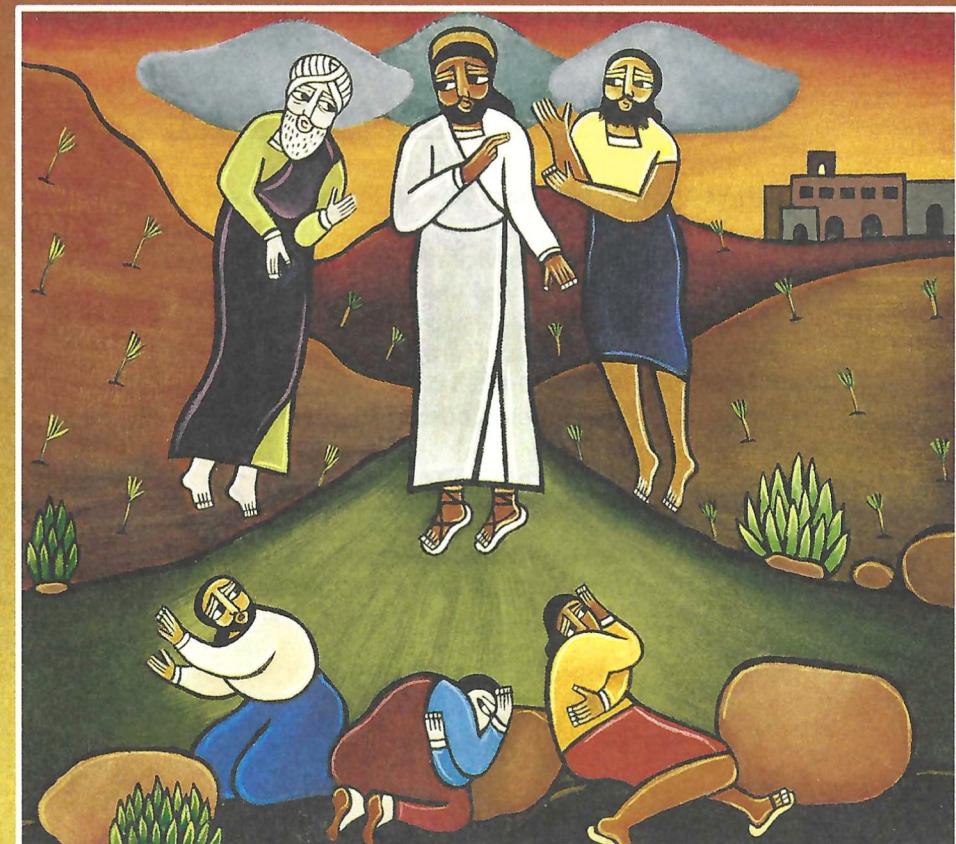


Jesus was
transfigured
before them

MATTHEW 17:2



Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

February 15, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Burgess Dellinger, Belle Hamman, and Ed Sine... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cubbage, 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, Wade Ludwig, Dave Kosek, Tasha Mahony, Keith Manich, Toby Markley, 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: February 22 – 1st Sunday in Lent

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob
9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.
11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word at Zion
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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DID YOU KNOW ?

The three patriarchs of Israel to whom God made promises were Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (The promise was passed from Abraham (Genesis 12, 15, 17) to Isaac (Genesis 26) and confirmed to Jacob (Genesis 28:13-15).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 17 from 5-7: Zion will be having a Pancake Supper, with sausage, and all the fixings! This will also be a fundraiser to help the Hovatter family with accident-related bills. Your help in spreading the word and inviting friends and family is appreciated.

Ash Wednesday Service: St. Jacob's – 7 PM on February 18. You are invited to join us for a Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes, as we receive the sign of the cross on our forehead. This beautiful service at the start of Lent is meant to help us acknowledge our need for repentance, experience the joy of communion with God and prepare us for the Lenten discipline to which we are called. We hope you'll join us.

Spring Forward will meet on Thursday only this week, weather permitting and we always follow the SC Public School schedule.

Wednesday in the Word Bible Study – is on Lenten break until after Easter.

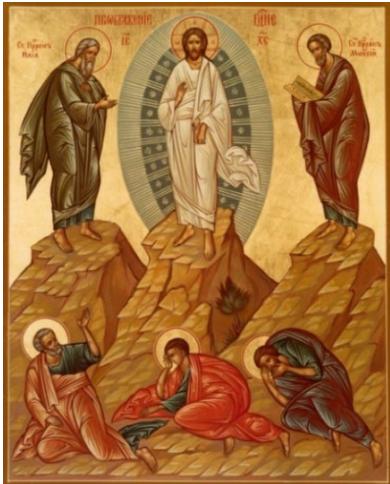
Dinner & Silent Auction! – Next Saturday: Faith Lutheran Pre School in Fort Valley will be having their annual dinner and silent auction on February 21 from 4:30 – 7 PM at the FV Fire Hall. Food is available for purchase and there are lots of great handmade and donated items on which to bid! All proceeds support the school.

Zion will have a **Congregational Meeting** following the 11 AM service next **Sunday, February 22.** We will have our annual review of the financial records and reports from 2025. It is also time to elect Trustees, which are the legal signatories for the congregation that act on behalf of the Council and voting membership. This is a unique position required in the Commonwealth. Please be encouraged to attend in person, but if you will be participating by phone, please let Pastor Katie know, so handouts can be delivered with your bulletin.

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.

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

Search Fundraiser: You are invited to stop by Mt. Calvary Lutheran in Mt. Jackson for a "Warm Winter Lunch," on Saturday, March 7. More information is coming....



Transfiguration Sunday

Edinburg Lutheran Parish

February 15, 2026

+ 8:30 & 11 AM +

Once again, we offer you this
Ukrainian Icon named:

“The Transfiguration.”

February 24th will mark the 4th
anniversary of the Russian

invasion. May God give the Ukrainians perseverance,
and courage during endless days of war. We look
forward to the day this icon doesn't seem so timely.

Welcome - Pictures are from Sundays, February 1 & 8.

Confession and Forgiveness

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.**

- Declaration of 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 and 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 # 315 *How Good, Lord, To Be Here*



1 How good, Lord, to be here!
2 How good, Lord, to be here,
3 Ful - fill - er of the past
4 Be - fore we taste of death,
5 How good, Lord, to be here!

Your glo - ry fills the night;
your beau - ty to be - hold
and hope of things to be,
we see your king - dom come;
Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - dep - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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.



Scout Sunday - February 8
President Funkhouser, Neil Domilik and James, Edgar Lamma and Pastor Katie

Hymn of Praise # 853 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all of human-kind in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, ye that see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Prayer of the Day

God's Word

Today's Readings Insert



Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Spirit, fire and wisdom of God, enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts, that we may hear Your words of comfort and challenge in the reading and proclamation of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the 17th Chapter.....**Glory to you, O Lord.**



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

Sermon

Steve Campbell & John Lutz both helped on Sunday, February 1!



Hymn of the Day

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Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Offering Prayer

Radiant God, on the mountaintop
You revealed Christ in glory
before the eyes of the disciples.
Shine Your light upon these
gifts we bring, that they may
reflect Your love into the valleys
of this world. Through our
giving, help us see more clearly
the path You set before us. In the
name of your Son, the Beloved,
we pray. **Amen.**



Offertory 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

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

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

715

Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice. (*Refrain*)

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (*Refrain*)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (*Refrain*)

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. (*Refrain*)

Sending

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

**Sunday, February 1 was cold & icy,
so our churches wisely decided to worship together
at Zion for an 11 AM service.
Pastor Kate forgot her headset and held her phone!**



⁹You shall crush them with an ¹ iron rod and shatter them like a ¹ piece of pottery."

¹⁰And now, you ¹ kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers ¹ of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the ¹ LORD with fear, and with trembling ¹ bow in worship;

¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden ¹ blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take ref- ¹ ige in God!

or Psalm 99 [not printed]

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

Gospel

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17:1-9

them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



Today's Readings

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026

Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

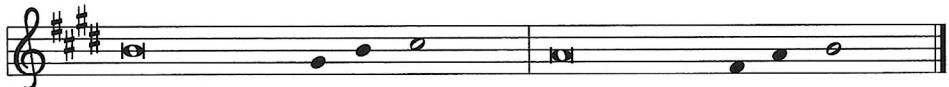
Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm

Psalm 2; tone 1



Why are the nations ¹ in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter
empty threats?

²Why do the kings of the earth
rise up in revolt,
and the princes ¹ plot together,
against the LORD and
against the ¹ LORD's anointed?

³Let us break their ¹ yoke," they say;
"let us cast off
their ¹ bonds from us."

⁴God whose throne is in heav- ¹ en
is laughing;
the LORD holds them ¹ in derision.

⁵Then in wrath God ¹ speaks to them,
and in rage fills ¹ them with terror.

⁶As for me, I have anoint- ¹ ed my king
upon Zion, my ¹ holy mountain."

⁷Let me announce
the decree ¹ of the LORD,
who said to me, "You are my son;
this day have I be- ¹ gotten you."

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you
the nations for ¹ your inheritance
and the ends of the earth
for ¹ your possession.

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