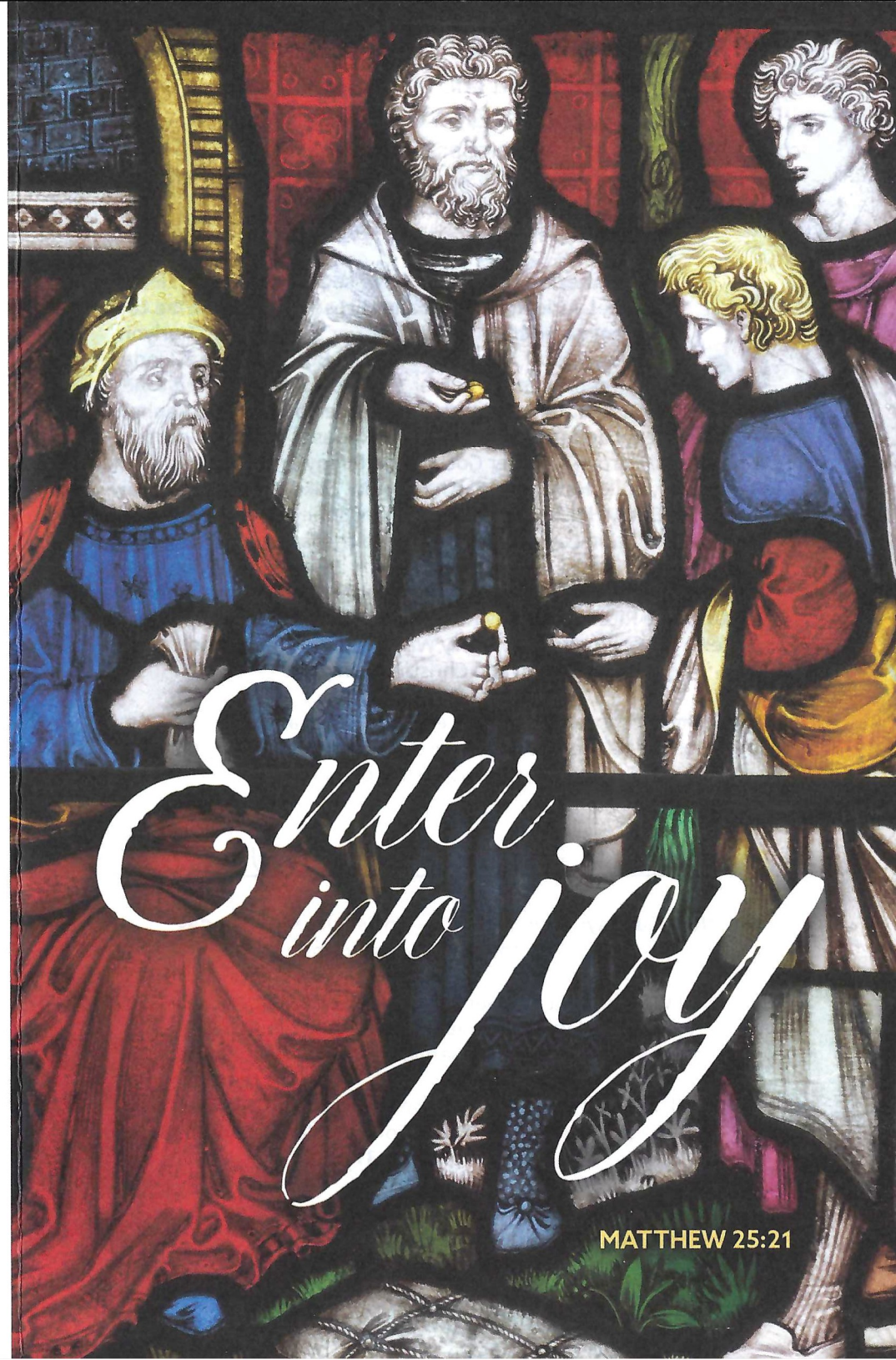



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**Remembering those who have requested prayer:** Heidi Dove, Laurie Robinson, Fallyn Stead ....**we continue to further remember...** Robert Baker, Steve Baker, Harlynn Beckenstrater, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve & Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, 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, Heather Kibler, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Charlene Miller, Donna Mumaw, Jerry Newland, Linda Perry, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Linda Perry, Jamie Richard, Wanda Rinker, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Sandy Ross, Karen Ryan, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, Jerry Walters, June Weatherholtz, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

**We remember** those who mourn, especially the family of John Dart. May the Lord draw them close in these dark times, that they may come to know Him as the Lord of life.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Next Sunday: November 22 + Christ the King Sunday**
(Color for the day is actually white.)

**8:30 Worship** will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's
**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.
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday in the Word:** Our weekly Bible Study continues to meet at 6 PM, as we study the Gospel of Mark. This week we will study Mark 2:18-3:35 and consider the opposition Jesus found in Galilee. All are welcome!

**Thank you** to all who came out yesterday, on a brisk autumn morning, to help with cemetery cleaning day!! **Further thanks** to those who have volunteered to bring special remembrances of beloved veterans at our December 19 **Wreaths Across America** commemoration. We are looking forward to the day.

**Zion Congregational Meeting:** Next Sunday, November 22, following the 11 AM service, the council will provide the recommended 2027 Budget for vote. Other business on the agenda includes election of 2027 council members and a presentation on the needed HVAC repairs. Our thanks to Anna Givens and Sandra Green who are completing their terms.

**St. Jacob Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, December 6 we will take a vote on the recommended 2027 Spending Guide and elect our 2027 Council.

**Thank you** to those who have volunteered to bake cookies for the Empty Bowl Soup Supper on Friday, November 20! They will no doubt be a highlight to the event!

**Today is the last day to order a poinsettia for Christmas?** Let Ann Ward or Pastor Katie know if you'd like one. You can choose from red, white, or peppermint (red & white) for $9.75 each. Pastor Katie & Ann Ward have the forms.

**There is still time** to get a ticket for the Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter – Empty Bowl Soup Supper & Silent Auction. It is next Friday, November 20, 5:30-7:30 at the Central High School cafeteria. Check out their website for ticket purchases: www.allianceforshelter.com

**Barry Sweitzer Scholarship** Fundraiser Dinner is next Saturday, November 21 from 4-7 PM at the VFW Hall in Edinburg. $20 to dine-in and $21 to take out.

**Thanksgiving Eve worship**, Wednesday, November 20 at 7 PM will take place at Christ UCC. Pastors Katie, Stephanie Heishman-Litten and Steve Wood will lead a reflection on several psalms. Invite a friend!



*Cub Scout Pack #117 had their fall campout in the Zion social hall!*

# 25th Sunday after Pentecost

**Edinburg Lutheran Parish**

**November 15, 2026**

## Welcome

## 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** # 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***
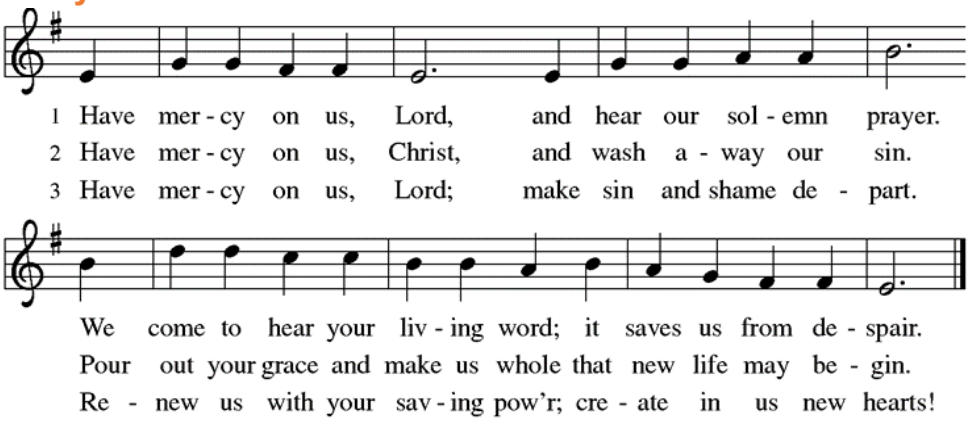
Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. ***Refrain***

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***

## 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




## Hymn of Praise # 893 *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

Before You, Lord, we bow,
our God who reigns above and rules the world below
with boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring; in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise to You we sing!

Earth, hear your maker's voice;
your great redeemer own; believe, obey, rejoice,
and worship God alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,
and bow before the Crucified.

And when in pow'r He comes,
oh, may then ev'ry land
from all its rending tombs
send forth a glorious band,
a countless throng, with joy to sing
to heav'n's high King salvation's song!

**Prayer of the Day**

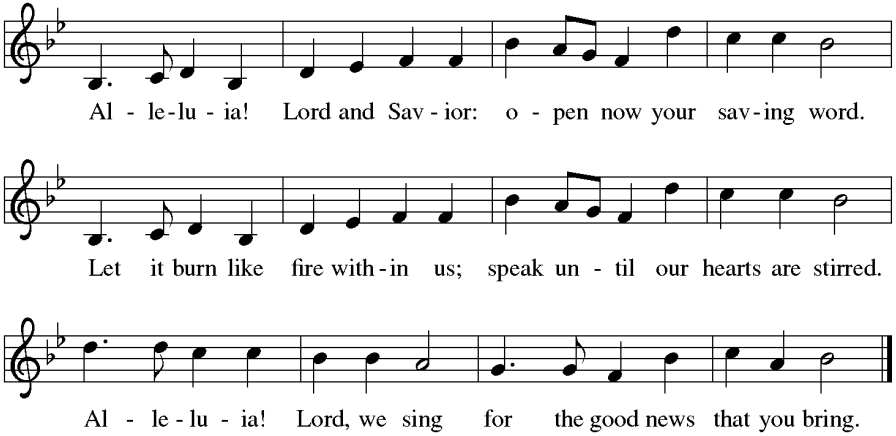
**God's Word**



*Today's Readings Insert*

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
Thessalonians 5:1-11

**The Gospel Acclamation**




**The Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th Chapter, beginning with the 14th verse…

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

***The reading of the Gospel***

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** # 810 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end;
remain forever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if You art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if You wilt be my guide.

Oh, let me feel You near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear You speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, You have promised to all who follow You
that where You are in glory Your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

## Offertory Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
You are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of Your creation,
and multiply Your grace in us,
that the world may be fed with Your love,
through 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.

## 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's face shine on you with grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor,
**+** and give you peace. **Amen**

**Sending Hymn** # 537 *On Our Way Rejoicing*

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

**Refrain:** On our way rejoicing,
as we homeward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. **Refrain**

**Sending** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
**Thanks be to God.**



**Zion Cemetery Workday – November 14, 2025**





We swept, clipped, trimmed & picked up trash in the morning….





And in the afternoon, we installed our new bell!
Thanks to Lawrence's handiwork, the Heishman's muscle, Ronnie's skill with the equipment and the generosity of Dexter & Donna loaning their equipment…it was a good day!

# Today's Readings

**Sunday, November 15, 2026**
**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

## Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading — Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

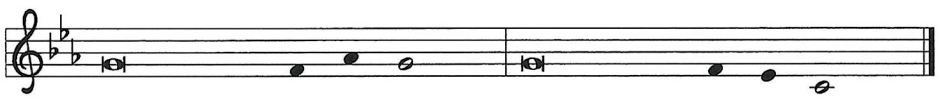
Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem
with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is
bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the
LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of
the earth.

## Psalm — Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; tone 9



Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
2 **Before the mountains**
**were brought forth,**
**or the land and the | earth were born,**
**from age to age | you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight**
**are like yesterday when | it is past**
**and like a watch | in the night;**
5 you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly
| like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is | green**
**and flourishes;**
**in the evening it is dried | up**
**and withered.**
7 For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

*continued*



8 **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
**and our secret sins in the light**
**| of your countenance.**
[9 When you are angry,
all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end
| like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years,**
**perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
**yet the sum of them is but labor**
**and sorrow,**
**for they pass away quickly**
**and | we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?]
12 **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
**that we may apply our | hearts**
**to wisdom.**

## Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 [not printed]

## Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "



**Next Sunday's Readings:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

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