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Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

May 5, 2024

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Sophia Gibb, Rodney Miller, Evelyn Poland; **Continued Prayer...** Tim Ambrose, Wanda Ballenger, Dot Baker, Steve Baker, Nancy Bauserman, Ken Bowen, Steve & Linda Campbell, Stephanie Collins, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Lori Dau, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, David Didawick, Karen Doane, Virginia Estep, Shelby Eye, Landon & Mary Fadely, Sharon Foltz, Bernie Frye, Diane Funkhouser, Rhonda Funkhouser, Denise Glick, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Theresa Hall, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Richard Hottle, Susan Holsinger, Chrissy Ianella, Heather Kibler, Richard Kleese, Carroll Lam, Rob Lanham, Bob Lock, Wade Ludwig, John McInteer, Glenn McMinn, Keith Manich, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, Anna Nilsen, Ray Orndorff, Jerry Painter, Bob & Jane Perry, Tom & Linda Perry, Karen Polk, Judy & Jerry Polk, Larry Polk, Shalyn Polk, Danny Richcreek, Julia Ritter, SMary Alice Ryman, Steve Ritenour, Mike Ryman, Wayne Shaffer, Tina Sherman, David Sherman, Jillian Shirkey, Larry Smoot, Mark Vole, Doris Weaver, Gary Wilkins, Ronnie Zerkel, and Christine Zuniga.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Psalm 93. **Tuesday:** 1 Timothy 6:13-16. **Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 11:18-21. **Thursday, Ascension Day:** Luke 24:44-53. **Friday:** Revelation 1:9-18. **Saturday:** John 16:4-11. **Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-16; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: May 12 – 7th (Last) Sunday of Easter

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 Holy Communion at Zion

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Church Council meetings are open to everyone....stay informed and share in the discussions! Even though the Council votes, you can have a voice at our meetings! **Zion Council** will meet tomorrow night (5/6) at 5:30 and **St. Jacob's** will meet on Monday, May 13 at 6:30.

Wednesday in the Word continues our study of the Letters of John, 1,2, & 3. We meet from 6:00 – 7:30 every Wednesday night, and there is a place at the table waiting for you!

Luke's Backpack is winding down for this school year, but your grocery bags are still needed! Only 678 bags to go to finish out this school year! Keep the bags coming and thank you for ALL of your support! A fundraiser is in the works, so be watching for it!

Recycling Aluminum at Zion is today! Be encouraged to bring your cans to the truck parked in the back parking lot at Zion. Thanks so much for your donations!

A YUMMY WAY TO SUPPORT SVLM!! Visit the Woodstock Arby's throughout May. A percentage of what they collect will go to Shenandoah Valley Local Ministries! They also have a collection box for our Luke's Backpack ministry. Please help spread the word!!!!

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.

Sweet Vidalia Onion Time!! They have arrived! Contact Martha Dodson (540-325-1504) or Pastor Katie to get a 10 lb bag for \$10!

Your faithful offering is a blessing! Thank you to all who so faithfully remember our churches ~~each year~~ with their financial contributions. Some give weekly, some quarterly, some sporadically, but it all adds up to the ministry we can provide ~~and we thank God for you.~~

Mowing Season has begun! Any members who would like to help with the cost of upkeep for Zion's cemetery are welcome to mark their contribution for that purpose ~~and place it in~~ the offering plate. Thanks for your help!

Did you miss getting a bulletin or are unable to print them? You can always find a hard copy of the Sunday bulletin in the black box outside each church. Both boxes are located near the Social Hall doors.



6th Sunday of Easter
St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
May 5, 2024

Welcome-

Confession & 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 ELW #408 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing; help us to praise;
Father, all-glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness on us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

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 Insert

God's Word

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

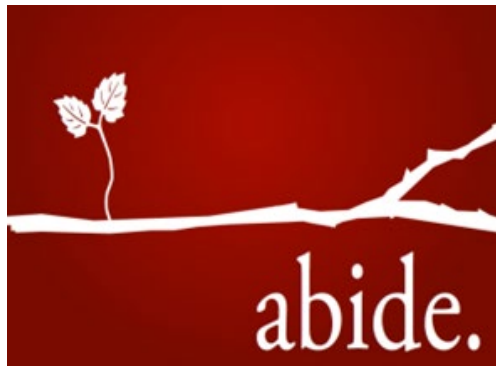
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter,
beginning with the 9th verse...

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

ELW # 595

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. **Refrain**

Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. **Refrain**

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

At the end of each petition, please respond:

God of Grace...**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

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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.

+ Service of Holy Communion +

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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses
of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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. (Page 108)

+ Words of Consecration +

The Lord's Prayer

**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

*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.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal
You have drawn us to Your
heart, and nourished us at
Your table with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.



Now send us forth to be Your people in the world, and
to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

You did not choose me,
but I chose you,
and appointed you to
go and bear fruit.

John 15:16

Sending Hymn # 742 *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear --
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged --
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness --
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge --
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!





Today's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling

God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm

Psalm 98; tone 9



Sing a new song to the LORD,
who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm
have ¹ won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made ¹ known
your victory,
you have revealed your
righteousness
in the sight ¹ of the nations.

³You remember
your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory
¹ of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD,
¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re-¹joice,
and sing.

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the
¹ voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound
¹ of the horn
shout with joy
before the ¹ king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar,
and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those
who ¹ dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy
before the LORD,
who comes to ¹ judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world
with righteousness
and the peo-¹ples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And

this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you

do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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