



May they be
one,
as we are
one

JOHN 17:11

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

May 17, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Leah Adams, Donna Mumaw, Danny Lindamood, ... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom

Burner, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Roe Dias, James Drake & family, Jim Eastep, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Diane

Funkhouser, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica & Jim Lam, 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, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We continue to pray for the families of Cleo Didawick, Scott Lear, Rick Looman, and the many in our community who are mourning. May the Spirit of the Lord draw them close, giving them strength in times of being overwhelmed.

God's Blessings on all the Shenandoah County Public School Graduates!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost Sunday – May 24...WEAR RED

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.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

The first miracle that Jesus performed was turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana. (John 2:1-11)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zion's Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Didawick family in memory of Cleo and with gratitude for all the support provided by the parish for yesterday's service and meal.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor: Monday night, Zion's sponsored Scout Troop – Pack 117 looks forward to welcoming their newest Eagle Scout, Ezra Kohrs.

Wednesday in the Word continues to study the Book of Ezekiel, as we pick up with Chapter 16.

Zion Movie Night – 7 PM on Friday, May 22 we look forward to watching "Overcomer," the story of a reluctant basketball coach who is asked to lead a cross country team, only to learn his runner has a history that will challenge both of their beliefs. Bring a snack to share.

The Onions Are Here!! The Hamburg Ruritans have Vidalia Onions for sale....a 10 lb bag for \$12. (Pastor Katie will sell you one or more onions for \$1 each.) Contact your favorite onion-seller (the Dodsons, Brucce Lindamood, P Katie) to make a purchase.

Support SVLM While You Shop: Plant Sale Fundraiser Next Weekend Bring your garden to life and help your neighbors at the same time! **Jon Henry General Store** is generously sharing **20% of all plant sales** with SVLM the weekend of **Saturday-Sunday, May 23-24**. Please stop by to support this fundraiser—and help us spread the word!

Calling All Singers! Join in the fun of celebrating the country's 250th Anniversary by singing in a community choir! Pastor Katie has all the details of this event that will take place on Saturday, June 20 in Woodstock.

Boots of Faith! The Virginia Synod Women's Organization is having their annual gathering on June 11- 13 at St. John's in Abingdon. They have group room rates at the Country Inn nearby. If you would like to find out more about this inspirational weekend, see Pastor Katie.

Power in the Spirit is a Thursday night thru Saturday noon Virginia Synod gathering for believers of all ages. **July 16 – 18** at Roanoke College the time will be filled with Bible Study, Worship and workshops! More information is on vasynod.org





**The Seventh
Sunday of Easter**
Edinburg Lutheran Parish
May 17, 2026 + 8:30 & 11 AM

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 # 634 *All Hail The Power of Jesus Name*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race

now ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

and crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

and crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, you heirs of David's line,

whom David Lord did call --

the God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.

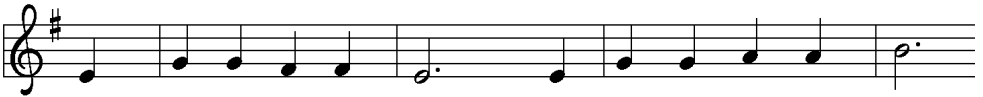
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise # 634 All Hail The Power of Jesus Name

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at His feet
and crown Him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at His feet
and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.

Prayer of the Day

Today's Readings Insert

God's Word



Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68

1 Peter 4:12-14 & 5:6-11

The Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th 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 of the Day # 604 *O Christ, Our Hope*

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world,
by holy love out-poured,
by holy love out-poured:

How vast the mercy to accept
the burden of our sin,
and bow your head in cruel death
to make us clean within,
to make us clean within.

But now the bonds of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
You reign above at God's right hand,
in robes of light arrayed,
in robes of light arrayed.

Oh, let your mighty love prevail
to purge us of our pride,
that we may stand before Your throne
by mercy purified, by mercy purified.

All praise to You, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest
through all eternity, through all eternity!

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, 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.**

Offertory # 686

We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

And we believe Thy word,
though dim
our faith may be:
whate'er we do
for Thine, O Lord,
we do it unto Thee.



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 #855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now His brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love –
behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible
above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can
fully bear that sight,
but downward bend
their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.



Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.



Next Sunday is **PENTECOST!**
You are invited to wear **RED** to
celebrate the day!

¹⁰Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.
³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your

anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and

they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39.

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Today's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter
 May 17, 2026

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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

Acts 1:6-14

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus,] "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who

has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; tone 3

