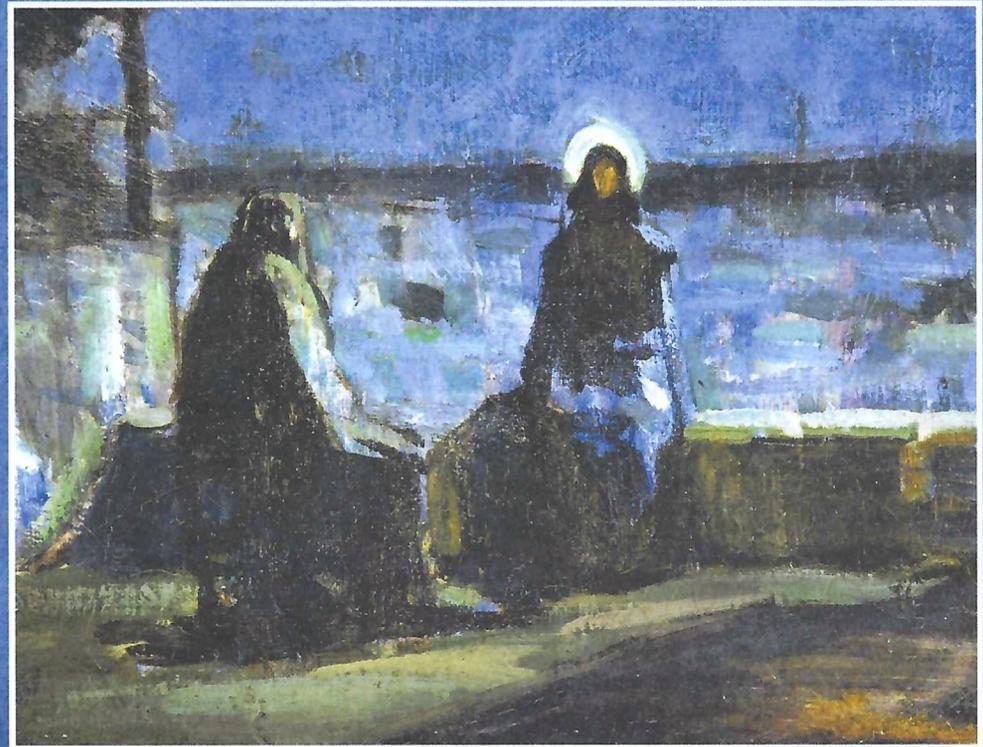


NICODEMUS came
to
Jesus
BY NIGHT



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JOHN 3:2

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

March 1, 2026

Pastor Katie Gosswein Parsonage: 984-9260 Cell: 335-7758

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Belle

Hamman, Dawn Lindhurst, Wade Ludwig, and Ed Sine... **and we further remember**...Steve Baker, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cabbage, Burgess Dellinger, 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 & Danny Jones, Erica & Jim Lam, Dave Kosek, Keith Manich, Toby, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, 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: March 8 – 3rd Sunday in Lent - TIME CHANGE SUNDAY

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 followed by a congregational meeting.

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

Conference call: (425) 436-6395 Toll Free: (844)-854-2222

Access Code: 377656 #

DID YOU KNOW ?

The Pharisees claim Jesus got his power from Beelzebub
(Matthew 12:24)



SPRING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Jacob's Annual Meeting is TODAY, following our 11 AM Communion Service. We will review the financial records from 2025, review a report from Pastor Katie and be electing Trustees. Be encouraged to remain, as it should not be a long meeting.

Don't forget...next Sunday the clock "springs forward" an hour!

Weather permitting....Zion Council will meet on Monday at 5:30 p.m. These meetings are open to all members and we are working hard to keep the meeting under 2 hours this year...preferably 90 minutes.

Spring Forward has been learning about the fascinating properties of surface tension on water as well as movement through Cohesion, Adhesion, and Capillary Action. It is so fun to learn!! Please be spreading the word about this wonderful program that meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 – 6 PM. More information is available from Jane Perry (540-477-2088).

Wednesday Night Lent Gatherings....invite a friend! We begin at 6 PM with a Soup & Sandwich Supper (with LOTS of desserts!) followed by a time of devotion and Bible Study. Please reach out to Ann Ward if you can help provide food.

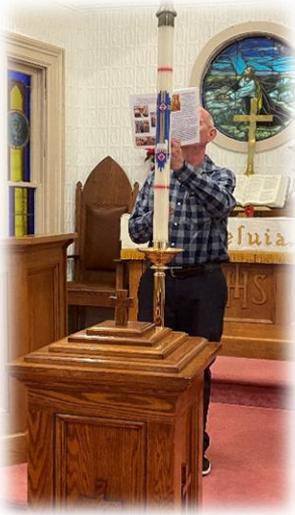
Zion's Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for **NEXT SUNDAY**, following the 11 AM service. We will review our financial reports from 2025, review a report from Pastor Katie, elect our Trustees and discuss the Parish budget. We hope you will stay and join in the discussion.

St. Jacob's is having a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, **March 21**. **Please help spread the word!!** **\$6.00** per half chicken and pre-orders can be left at 984-9260 or by signing up today! **Now that's something to squawk about!**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Review: Thanks again to everyone who helped in the kitchen and the many who attended! After studying the pictures, it looks like we had about 109 and were blessed to collect \$5,079 for the Hovatter family.

Aluminum Recycle Today! The truck has appeared in the back parking lot! If you are unable to bring your cans today, you are always invited to leave them in the white cupboard on the back lot.

Family Promise Steak Dinner – Saturday, March 7 from 4-7 PM at the Woodstock Moose. Tickets are **PRESALE** only at \$25 each and the deadline to purchase is Thursday, March 5th. Call 540-459-4599 for more information.



Second Sunday in Lent

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

March 1, 2026 + 11 AM

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 # 759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

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

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

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Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

Today's Reading Insert

God's Word



Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Acclamation

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd 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



Sermon Hymn

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God Loved the World

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in Him believe
should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.

If you are ill, if death draws near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;
that is the firmest ground of faith.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives all sins that you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.

All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

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

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.

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.

You call Your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of Your grace.

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 pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. 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.**

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**

Sending Hymn # 779

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Sending

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

does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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Today’s Readings

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will

be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Psalm

Psalm 121; tone 9



I lift up my eyes ¹ to the hills;
from where is my ¹ help to come?
²**My help comes ¹ from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth.
³The LORD will not let
your ¹ foot be moved
nor will the one
who watches over you ¹ fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, the keep- ¹ er of Israel**
will neither slum- ¹ ber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches ¹ over you;
the LORD is your shade
at ¹ your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike ¹ you by day,**
nor the ¹ moon by night.
⁷The LORD will preserve you
¹ from all evil
and will ¹ keep your life.
⁸**The LORD will watch over**
your going out and your ¹ coming in,
from this time forth
for- ¹ evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what

does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who