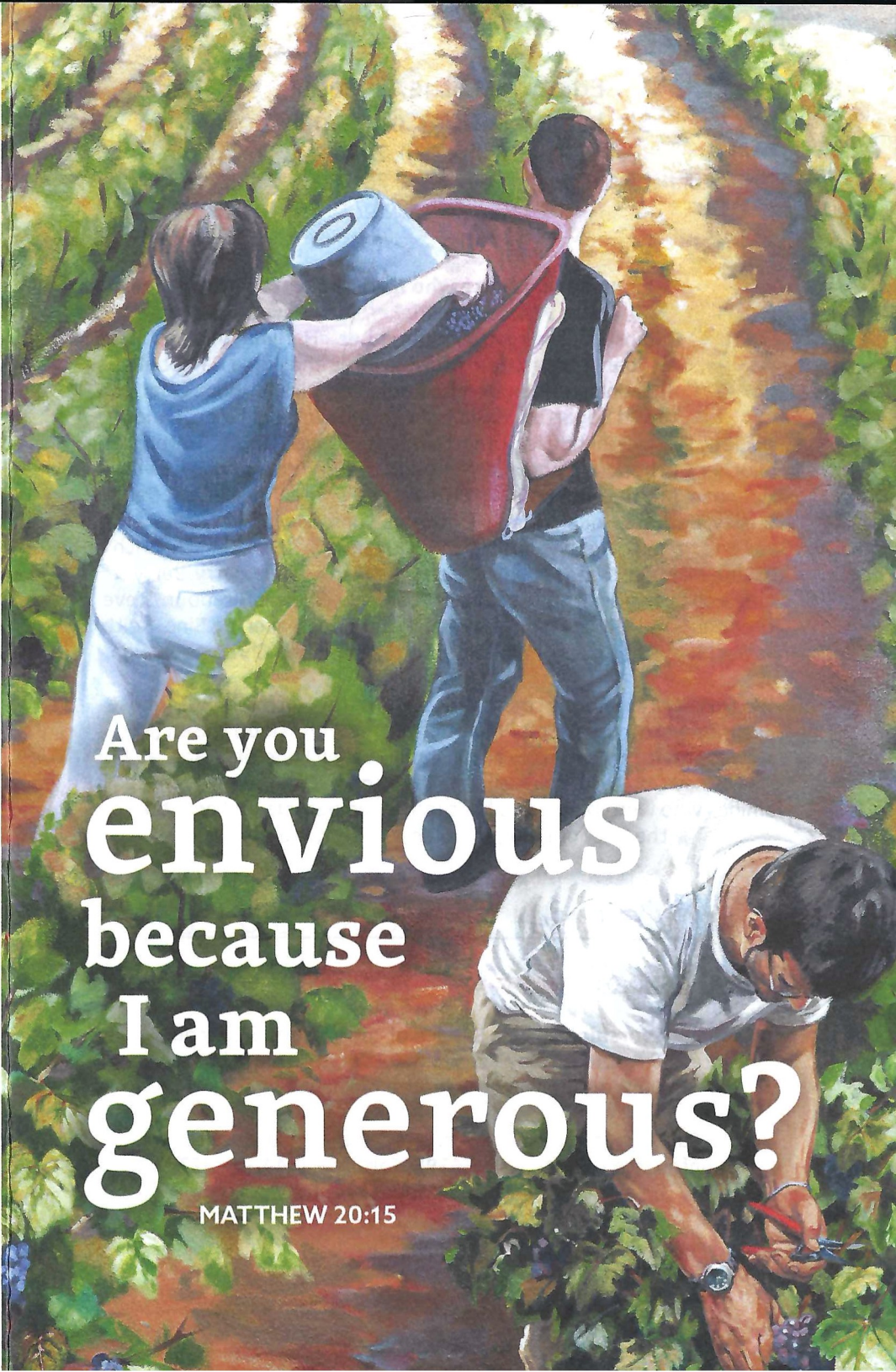




Are you envious because I am generous?

MATTHEW 20:15

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Steve

Baker, Wanda Faye Rinker, Tony Reynard, Laurie Robinson....**we further remember...** Harlynn Beckenstrater, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve and Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, 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, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Chris LoPresti, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Erich & Glenn McMinn, Donna Mumaw, Jerry Newland, Linda Perry, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Linda Perry, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Sandy Ross, Roger Schmitt, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, Jerry Walters, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We further remember the families of Audrey Hoffman (96), whose service will be today at 2 PM at Bethel and Anna Good Nilsen (97), whose service is tomorrow at Heishman Valley Funeral Chapel at 11 AM. May God, who holds all time in His good care, comfort those families who were blessed to have long-lived parents and now take on the duty of being the oldest living generation.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: September 27 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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 ?

Paul was stoned in Lystra (where he preached and performed miraculous healings and also met his loyal companion Timothy)
(Acts 14:19)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Continues every Wednesday at 6 PM. This week we will be studying the work of the Holy Spirit and talk about our next topic. There is a chair waiting for you!

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

Thursday, September 24 – 6:30: Treasurers & Presidents meeting.

Tuesday, September 29 – 4 PM: **Spring Forward registration**

Saturday, October 3 – 9 AM: **Zion Cleaning Day**

Monday, October 5 – 5:30 PM: **Zion Council**

Tuesday, October 6 – 4 PM: **Spring Forward** begins regular meetings on Tuesday & Thursday.

Sunday, October 11 – 11 AM: **Zion's Homecoming** – worship and fellowship meal following.

Monday, October 12 – 6:30 PM: **St. Jacob Council**

Saturday, October 17 – 9 AM: **Wreaths Across America** meeting at Zion.

Sunday, October 18 – 11 AM: **St. Jacob's Homecoming** - worship and fellowship meal following.

Thursday, October 22 – 6 PM: Parish Council at Zion

Saturday, October 24 – 2-4 PM: Women's Conference at Camp Caroline Furnace

Autumn is here! Which means Zion will once again be putting together a Fall display for Homecoming weekend. If you have pumpkins, mums, gourds and other autumn items you would loan us, please let Robin or Pastor Katie know.

We have seats available! Cabin Hill Homes has graciously offered to sponsor a table for the Bible Break Banquet from 5 – 8 PM on Saturday, October 3 at the Woodstock Moose Lodge. Please let Pastor Katie know if you'd be interested in attending. You'll have the opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items and watch a crazy live cake auction!

Spring Forward brochures for the 2026-2027 school year are available in the entryway. Please be encouraged to share them with families who have elementary-aged children that would benefit from this wonderful program. Registration is September 29 from 4-6 PM.



17th Sunday after
Pentecost

Edinburg Lutheran
Parish

September 20, 2026

Welcome —

Pictures today are
from the 45th Ole
Time Festival

Lawrence Funkhouser, Chris Ritenour, Steve Heishman

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.**

- 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 # 608 *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain: "Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned,
He has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

Apostolic Greeting

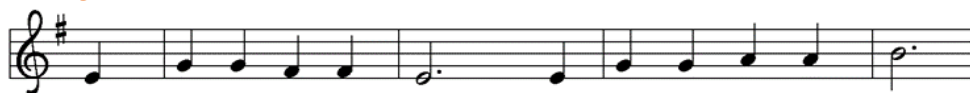
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Gary Helsley & Janet Monroe

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 #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.

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.

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.



Kenna & Jimmy Ryan

Prayer of the Day

Today's Readings Insert

God's Word



Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

The 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.

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th 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



Pastor Nate & Jonah Robinson with PK

Hymn of the Day # 765

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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**



*Thanks to Peggy & Daryl Cook
for loaning us the Mustang, and
for Pat Monroe driving it! He
definitely had our back!*

*Bailee Taylor,
SC Little Miss Fair Queen
and
Great Granddaughter of
Virginia Estep*



Sending Hymn

669

Rise Up, O Saints of God



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king-dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um-phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro-claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal-ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick-ened by the Spir-it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.



*PK with Karen & Mike Krueger –
(Rodney & Evelyn's niece) and
Dean Fadely!*

*Columbia Furnace Club had
"live" apple butter boiling!*

*Alan Dodson split his time
between the Ruritan stand
& the SCV booth*



⁷They shall publish the remembrance
of ¹ your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully
¹ of your righteousness.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner

⁸The LORD is gracious
and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger
and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.

worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give

them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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Today's Readings

Sunday, September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11

When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

⁴But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

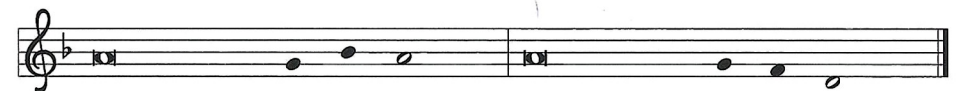
⁶The LORD God appointed a bush and

made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Psalm

Psalm 145:1-8; tone 9



I will exalt you, my ¹ God and king,
and bless your name
forev- ¹ er and ever.

²Every day ¹ will I bless you
and praise your name
forev- ¹ er and ever.

³Great is the LORD
and greatly ¹ to be praised!
There is no end ¹ to your greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise
your works ¹ to another
and shall de- ¹ clare your power.

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor
¹ of your majesty
and all your ¹ marvelous works.

⁶They shall tell of the might
of your ¹ wondrous acts,
and I will re- ¹ count your greatness.

continued