

IN MY
**FATHER'S
HOUSE**
THERE ARE MANY
**DWELLING
PLACES**

JOHN 14:2

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Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

May 3, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Donna

Mumaw, Danny Lindamood, Ed Sine ... **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, Dan Strother, Judy Tharp, John
Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We also pray for the families and friends of Levi Stone Zirkle and Cleo
Didawick; whose age, although vastly different, were both children of the
Heavenly Father. May our resurrected Lord be with them and provide
comfort.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10

8:30 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches

11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion

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

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Jeroboam was the king that made two golden calves for worship
(1-Kings 12:28-29)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Council Schedule: Zion will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 4 at 5:30.
St. Jacob's will meet on Monday, May 11 at 6:30.

Wednesday in the Word continues to study the Book of Ezekiel, as we pick
up with Chapters 10 and following. There is a chair waiting for you every
Wednesday at 6 PM!

**Join us for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7 – 7 PM at
Christ UCC** in Conicville. Pastors Stephanie Heishman-Litten, Katie
Gosswein and Steve Wood will lead this service, with Janet Monore as
pianist. Everyone is welcome!

**Camp Caroline Furnace Annual Open House! Saturday, May 9 from 1-6
PM!!** This event is free, with a free will offering. Beginning with games &
camp activities, the day will wind down beginning at 4 PM with Bluegrass
bands & BBQ. If you can, please RSVP online at carolinefurnace.org.

Onion Time!! The Hamburg Ruritans are once again selling Vidalia
Onions....a 10 lb bag for \$12. You can contact Alan & Martha Dodson,
Bruccie Lindamood, Linda Kosek or Pastor Katie has a sign-up sheet to
pre-order. They are expected to arrive in May.

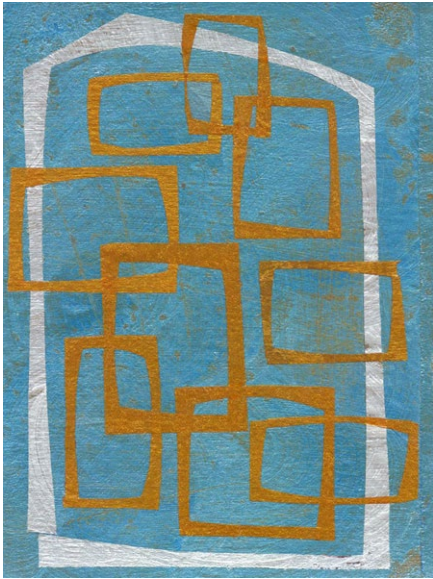
Aluminum Recycle is this weekend - Zion has their monthly aluminum can
collection in the truck on the back parking lot. If you bring them another
time, you can always leave them in the white cabinet. Thanks for your help!

Sunday, May 17 has two opportunities! **First**, Pastor Sherrie Hofmann will
be installed at 4:30 PM at Martin Luther – Bergton. A meal will follow and if
you have interest, please speak with Pastor Katie. **Second, Thrivent** is
hosting a fun, free event for members at the Alpine Goat Brewery in
Weyers Cave from 4-6 PM. For more information, please see Pastor Katie.

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





Many Rooms @ Jan Richardson

5th Sunday of Easter

St. Jacob's Lutheran

May 3, 2026 + 11 AM

Welcome - pictures are from April 19th parish worship.

Confession

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

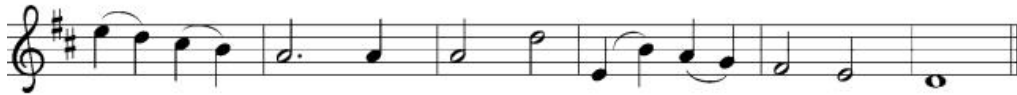
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called, ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, declare to You the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



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.

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 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Gospel Acclamation

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

The Gospel

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

Glorify to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Sermon Hymn #597 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! **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

Please respond...
Lord in Your mercy.....



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

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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame
death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 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

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 look upon you with favor
+ and give you peace. **Amen**

Sending Hymn

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When Peace Like A River

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

He lives - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

Sending

Go in peace,
for Christ is
with you
on the Way.

**Thanks be
to God!**



Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

Gospel

John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”



Today’s Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him

out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Psalm

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; tone 4



In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ¹ put to shame; deliver me ¹ in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ¹ ear to me; make haste to de- ¹ liver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag ¹ and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead ¹ me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly ¹ set for me, for you are my tow- ¹ er of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I com- ¹ mend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, ¹ God of truth. ¹⁵**My times are ¹ in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.** ¹⁶Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant; save me in your ¹ steadfast love.