



FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF PEOPLE

MATTHEW 4:19

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Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

January 25, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Wade Ludwig, Freddie Neal, Sherrie Ritenour, Sandy Ross ... **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, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica Lam, Jim Lam, Wade Ludwig, Tasha Mahony, Keith Manich, Toby Markley, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Jerry Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, Rick Painter, Bob & Jane Perry, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Ed & Bea Provost, Dennis Rigby, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Dan Strother, Keith Taylor, Judy Sharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

Prayer updates appreciated: If you have an addition or update for a name on our prayer list, please leave a message at 540-984-9260 or text (540-335-7758).

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: February 1 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 Worship – Service of the Word at Zion – Hymnbook Sunday

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion at St. Jacob's

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

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Jonah was the prophet that was sent to Nineveh
(Jonah 3:2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zion's Cub Scout Pack #117 had their pinewood derby yesterday in Zion's Social Hall, and afterwards they helped remove the wreaths from the veteran's graves in the cemetery. It was a good day. We look forward to celebrating Scout Sunday with them on February 8.

Spring Forward had a great time this week learning about electricity from Joe Bowman! Do you know the answer??? Electricity that travels in a complete path is called a _____. Inquiring minds want to know! Check with Jane or Bob for the answer! Spring Forward will follow the SC Public School schedule this week for when we are able to meet.

Wednesday in the Word – will meet this week at 6 PM, weather permitting. We are studying the Book of James and will continue with Chapter 2 into 3 this week and plan to finish on February 11. Lent and our Wednesday night services will begin February 18.

Upcoming Council meetings: weather permitting. These meetings are open to everyone, although only elected Council members can vote. We'd love to have you share your voice!

Monday, February 2 – 5:30 is Zion's Council

Thursday, February 5 – 6:15 (after Spring Forward) is Parish Council

Monday, February 9 – 6:30 is St. Jacob's Council

Aluminum Recycle is next weekend - Zion will have their monthly aluminum can collection. A truck will appear in the back parking lot ready to receive your donations. Thanks for your help!

Bad weather plan... When the weather is questionable and the roads are slick, remember you can call Zion's answering machine (540-984-8764) for information about **BOTH** churches, or watch closings on WHSV Channel 3, or check out our website: elpva.org.

Mid-Winter Power in the Spirit: This online Virginia Synod gathering will take place the evenings of **February 2-4, 2026**, with a morning devotion on the theme coming to your email every morning. The theme is: 2 Timothy 1:7, *"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."* Registration is FREE, but you need to register by January 30 to receive the Zoom link and daily emails. Go to vasynod.org for more details.

Zion's Blessing Box... has lived into its name ... a blessing to those who drop off donations...a blessing to the mom with kids in the backseat....a blessing for those who pray for this ministry...a blessing for the elderly man who needed some firewood...you never know how God will bless this ministry! Blessings in the Lord abound!



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Edinburg Lutheran Parish

January 25, 2026 + 11 AM

Phone-in only due to snow

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

January 2022

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.**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us Your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of Your kingdom come. **Refrain**

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.



Leannah Comer
Zion Drive in - January 2021

Hymn of Praise

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Shine Jesus Shine

Refrain: Shine, Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our heart on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord,
and let there be light!

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

Today's Reading Insert

God's Word



Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, Lord and Savior; open now Your saving Word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

Speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that You bring.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12:23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the
4th chapter.... **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 # 808 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

Lord Jesus, You shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about You wherever I go:
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, You shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise You as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of You.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise a You as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me Your servant,
to carry Your cross and to share all Your burdens and tears.
For You saved me by giving Your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me Your servant.



In January 2021, Zion worshiped both inside and outside.
At the end of the service, those who were inside would come
out, so we could all share the blessing together.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are You, O God,
maker of all things. Through Your goodness, You have
blessed us and in gratitude we bring our heart this day,
asking that you use us in feeding and caring for the
world with Your love, through the One who gave Himself
for us, 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.



Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.**

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**



January 2022

Sending Hymn # 798 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and
sound in you and you in me?

Lord Your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

***In January 2021, Zion was doing a combination of inside
and outside, with
some listening over
their car radios!
Remember?***



**Those who came
inside, like Dave &
Cathy Hottle,
wore masks.**

**Virginia Estep
and
Tina
Heishman...
Steve was in the
back seat!**



**Jerry
Newland
looked
forward to
coming
every week!**

**Alan Dodson handled
the radio transmitter!**

**St. Jacob's was
meeting inside in
January 2021, but we
didn't get any pictures.**



Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank

God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across
the Jordan, Galilee of the
gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region
and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



Today's Readings

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing
plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their
shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day
of Midian.

Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 4-9; tone 6



The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then ¹ shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold
of my life;
of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD;**
one ¹ thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house
of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek God ¹ in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble
God will ¹ give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places
of the sanctuary,
and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up**
above my enemies ¹ who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice
in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music
¹ to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, ¹ when I call;
have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—**
¹ "Seek my face."

Your face, O LORD, ¹ I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me,
turn not away
from your ser- ¹ vant in anger.

Cast me not away—
you have been my helper;
forsake me not,
O God of ¹ my salvation.