



*Do you think that I have come
to bring peace to the earth?*

LUKE 12:51

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Tim

Ambrose, Steve Campbell, Sophia Gibb, Ronnie Hoffman, Barry Sweitzer, Judy Tharp; **and further remember...** Steve Baker, Skip Barton, Peggy Baseler, Terry Coleman, Leannah Comer, Keith Cabbage, Lori Dau, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Karen Doane, Kevin Dysart, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Shelby Eye, Landon Fadely, Eileen Fisher, Diane Funkhouser, Harper Gochenour, Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Louise Hawkins, Betty Helsley, Mary Hoffman, Susan Holsinger, Alan & Pat Hoyle, Jay Jarrett, Linda Kosek, Matthew Lamma, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Toby Markley, Kitty Martz, Bonnie Mason, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, Anna Nilsen, Rick Painter, Bob Perry, Tom & Linda Perry, Karen Polk, Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Kennedy Reynolds, Dennis Rigby, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Linda Ryman, Peter Shoemaker, Edward Sine, Dan Strother, Mark Viola, Gary Wilkins, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We surround the family and friends of Madeline Litten, Holly Hatcher, and Janet McClelland, whose services were this past week. May the Holy Spirit comfort them through the words of Holy Scripture and a deeper knowledge of the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: August 24 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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 the Word at Zion

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

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DID YOU KNOW ?

The woman who hid the spies in Jericho was Rahab.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Offering for Texas Flood Victims – Your generosity truly flowed like a blessing as **we collected \$1,810** to be used for recovery and support of all those who experienced the devastating floods on July 4. As with so many disasters, this will be a long recovery and we're blessed to be able to offer our support. May God's blessing go with our gift.

And once again....THANK YOU for your support! Yesterday's St. Jacob Chicken BBQ is now a memory, and we hope the chicken you purchased was tasty! Thanks so much for helping to make it a sell-out day! This time proceeds went to support **Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter**.

Wednesday in the Word will resume this Wednesday evening, August 13 - 6:00 at Zion. We will pick up our continuing study of 1 Kings and the story of Rehoboam's disobedience.

Zion Council will have their next meeting on Monday, August 25 at 5:30. Please make note that it differs from our usual meeting night.

Luke's Backpack... Keep those grocery bags coming! We go through about 160+ a week for the deliveries, so it is great to have a surplus!

Zion's Blessing Box...a gift to the community year round. Here we are at the start of a school year...maybe you might consider leaving some school supplies along with the gifts of food and cleaning products. Extra produce can still be placed below.

God's Work. Our Hands. – Sunday, September 7 is this annual day ELCA congregations across the country seek to be more visible serving their community. We will be doing a food drive, as in year's past for Luke's Backpacks. Watch for more information next week.

The Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center will once again offer their **Abortion Recovery Group** beginning September 3rd. This 8 week group will meet on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm at the Center. All are welcome. Text Lisa at 540.268.0028 for more information and to secure your spot. Even if abortion seemed like the only option, it can have lasting effects. This group is meant to offer healing and mutual support, without judgement. Help let others know who might benefit.

Family Promise Wish List: Currently we need peanut butter, cereal, chicken noodle or tomato soup, toothpaste for children & adults, and 13 gal. garbage bags. Donations can be left in the entryway of either of our churches and they'll be delivered.



10th Sunday after Pentecost

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
August 17, 2025

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 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 *How Firm A Foundation* # 796

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fi'ry trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

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.

Canticle of Praise *This is the Feast* Page 140

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

God's Word



Today's Readings

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Gospel Acclamation

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

The Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th Chapter,
beginning with the 49th verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

***The reading of the
Gospel***

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Pictures from 8/10)



“How long, O God?” the psalmist cries,
A cry we make our own.
For we are lost, alone, afraid,
and far away from home.

The evil lurks within, without,
It threatens to destroy
The fragile cords that make us one,
That bind our hearts in joy.

Your grace, O God, seems far away;
Will healing ever come?
Our broken lives, lie broken still;
Will night give way to dawn?

How can we hope? How can we sing?
O God, set free our voice
To name the sorrows, name the pain,
That we might yet rejoice.

“How long, O God?” the psalmist cries,
A cry we make our own.
Though we are lost, alone, afraid,
Our God will lead us home.

Offering Prayer

God of all creation, all You have made is good, and Your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of Your gracious presence in 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 to me the joy of Your salvation and
uphold me with Your free spirit.

Nicene Creed

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

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer



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,
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,

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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.

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.



Participating in Communion

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.
Those at home are invited to commune as the Pastor
invites them to form a community in Spirit.*

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 *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* # 669



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. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.



Pictures from St. Jacob's 8/16 Chicken BBQ



By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They

were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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Today's Readings

Sunday, August 17, 2025
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their

own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm

Psalm 82; tone 4



God stands to charge
the divine council assembled,
giving judgment
in the midst of the gods:
²“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?
³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
⁴rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them
from the power of the wicked.
⁵They do not know,
neither do they understand;
they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth
are shaken.

⁶Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children
of the Most High;
⁷nevertheless,
you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’”
⁸Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations
for your own.