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Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

February 8, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Belle Hamman, David Kosek, Sherrie Ritenour, and Ed Sine... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cubbage, 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, Freddie Neal, 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, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Dan Strother, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: February 15 – Transfiguration Sunday

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at Zion.

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's.

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

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DID YOU KNOW?

Elijah was a prophet that was taken to heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:11)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Scout Sunday! We welcome our Cub Scouts from Pack #117 - Mt. Jackson and their families who are with us this morning. This afternoon they look forward to having their Blue and Gold banquet in Zion's Social Hall. May God continue to bless their adventures!

Communion Schedule Shift: Thanks again for supporting the special weather-related change we had last Sunday, which impacted our monthly Communion cycle today. Both churches will celebrate Communion, with St. Jacob's at 8:30 and Zion at 11 AM.

St. Jacob's Council will meet tomorrow, Monday, February 9 at 6:30PM

Spring Forward will meet this week, weather permitting and we always follow the SC Public School schedule.

Wednesday in the Word – will meet this week at 6 PM, and plan to finish up our study of the Book of James. Since next week begins Lent, with Ash Wednesday, we will take a break until after Easter.

Zion will have a **Congregational Meeting** following the 11AM service on Sunday, February 22.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 17 from 5-7: Zion will be having a Pancake Supper, with sausage, baked apples and all the fixings! This will also be a **fundraiser for accident-related bills for Sonny Hovatter**, so your help in spreading the word and inviting friends and family is appreciated. We will be giving the money directly to the family.

Wednesday, February 18 is Ash Wednesday - Lent begins! 7 PM worship at St. Jacob's.

Family Promise's pantry needs: 13 gal. kitchen size trash bags, small size detergent, paper towels, peanut butter and cereal. If you set your donation on the front pew, the Pastor will deliver it.

Family Promise Steak Dinner – Thursday, March 7 from 4-7 PM at the Woodstock Moose. Tickets are PRESALE only at \$25 each and the deadline to purchase is March 5th. More info to come!

WRE Spring Bluegrass Concert – Friday, March 20 at 7 PM at Antioch Church. The Hawkins Kids followed by Lonesome River Band will be featured and tickets can be purchased from Pastor Katie for \$25.





5th Sunday after Epiphany

St. Jacob & Zion Lutheran Churches

February 8, 2026

Welcome - Today's pictures are of Zion's Cub Scout Pack #117, who have, among other things, had an overnight at church and a cake competition, along with

helping at Wreaths Across America.

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

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Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this place our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to You in the light of the day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for Your face;
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is You;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven light years away;
Here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us Your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of our love in our flesh and our bone.

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

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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

Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112
1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter, beginning with the 13th verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Hymn # 461 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*



1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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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

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.

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.

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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 # 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 - gulfs 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.

The light of Christ goes with you!

Thanks be to God!



⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear
heard,

nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those
who love him"—

¹⁰God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly

Gospel

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-20

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."



Today's Readings

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
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Prayer of the Day

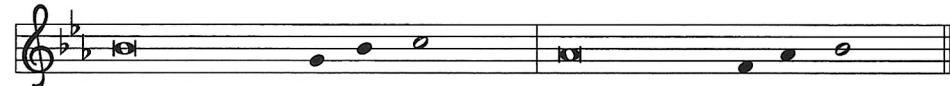
Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; tone 1



Hallelujah!

Happy are they who ¹fear the LORD
and have great delight
in ¹God's commandments!

²Their descendants
will be mighty ¹in the land;
the generation of the upright
¹will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches
will be ¹in their house,
and their righteousness
will ¹last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness
¹for the upright;
the righteous are merciful
and full ¹of compassion.

⁵It is good for them
to be generous in lending
and to manage their af-¹airs
with justice.

⁶For they will nev- ¹er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept
in everlast- ¹ing remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid
of any ¹evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast,
trusting ¹in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established
and ¹will not shrink,
until they see their desire
up- ¹on their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and
their righteousness stands ¹fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹head
with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth
and ¹pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ed
will perish.]

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in

much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.