

HERE IS THE

*Lamb  
of God*

JOHN 1:29



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Edinburg Lutheran Parish  
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations  
January 18, 2026

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**Remembering those who have requested prayer:** Stuart Gosswein, Sherrie Ritenour, Sandy Ross ... **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, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Mike Heishman, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica & Jim Lam, Wade Ludwig, Tasha Mahony, Keith Manich, Toby Markley, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Ron Moomaw, 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, Roger Schmidt, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Dan Strother, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

**Lord of life**, be with the families and friends of Sophia Gibb and Kitty Martz as they mourn their loss. May Sophia's strong faith in the Lord and her will to live be a source of strength and comfort for her family as they gather on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and may Kitty's joy for life and generous spirit be a witness to those who will gather this afternoon at Valley Funeral.

**We further celebrate with Pam Kitner and Faith Lutheran** as she is installed by Pastor Katie to be their Synod Authorized Minister this afternoon at 3 PM.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Next Sunday: January 25 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

**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  
Access Code: 377656 #

## DID YOU KNOW ?

Naaman washed in the Jordan River to be cured of leprosy  
(2 Kings 5)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Katie** will be in Washington DC this coming week caring for her brother Stuart, who is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. If you have any pastoral need, please call her at 540-335-7758 and she will contact Pastor Nate Robinson who is on call for her during this time.

**Spring Forward** will meet on Tuesday, and Thursday from 4-6 PM. Please help spread the word that there are openings for elementary age students!

**Wednesday in the Word** – will not meet this week, as Pastor Katie is out of town, but will resume on January 28 at 6 PM.

**Wreath removal** – If you would like to help remove the wreaths from the graves in Zion cemetery, meet at church at 11 AM on Saturday, January 24

**January is Sanctity of Human Life** month and you can find out ways to recognize the month as well as learn more about our own Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center by going to: <https://supportscpc.org/>. There is a great video that even takes you on a tour of the center!

### **Looking ahead into February....**

**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

**Tuesday, February 17** – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Zion.

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

### **Save the dates!**

**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.



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
after Epiphany  
Edinburg Lutheran  
Parish  
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**Welcome** - Pictures today are from Spring Forward this past week and Zion's service on January 11.

### Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

— ***Silence is kept for reflection*** —

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **- Word of Forgiveness -**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **+** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn** ELW 314 Arise, Your Light Has Come

Arise, Your Light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.

Arise, Your Light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty,  
Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, Your Light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones  
And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, Your Light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

### **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.**



## 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 ELW 355 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

## Prayer of the Day

## God's Word



## Today's Readings Insert

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

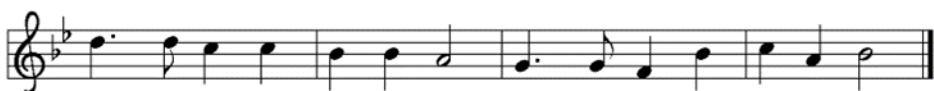
## The Gospel Acclamation



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

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, beginning with the 29<sup>th</sup> verse **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### *The Reading*

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

## Sermon



## Hymn

ELW 336

*Lamb of God*

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

**Refrain:** Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God

I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious Blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

## Offertory Prayer

God of grace, Your love reaches to the heavens, and Your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to Your service: our time, our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **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 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 ELW 661 *I Love to Tell The Story*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

### Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

### Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

### Refrain



## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## Sending

Go in peace and live in His hope!

**Thanks be to God!**



<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done,  
O LORD my God!  
In your plans for us,  
none can be compared with you!  
    Oh, that I could make them known  
    and tell them!  
    But they are more than <sup>1</sup>I can count.  
**6Sacrifice and offering**  
you do <sup>1</sup>not desire;  
    you have opened my ears:  
    burnt-offering and sin-offering  
    you have <sup>1</sup>not required.  
**7**And so I said, "Here I <sup>1</sup>am; I come.  
    In the scroll of the book  
    it is written <sup>1</sup>ten of me:  
**8**"I love to do your will, <sup>1</sup>O my God;  
    your law is <sup>1</sup>deep within me."

## Second Reading

## Gospel

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed,

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness  
in the <sup>1</sup>great assembly;  
    I have not restrained my lips,  
    O <sup>1</sup>LORD, you know.  
**10**I have not hidden your righteousness  
in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and <sup>1</sup>your deliverance;  
    I have not concealed  
    your steadfast love and truth  
    from the <sup>1</sup>great assembly.  
**11**You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion  
from me;  
    may your steadfast love  
    and your truth  
    continually <sup>1</sup>keep me safe.

## 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 [not printed]

## John 1:29-42

"Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).



# Today's Readings

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 18, 2026

## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading

Listen to me, O coastlands;  
    pay attention, you peoples from far  
    away!

The LORD called me before I was born;  
    while I was in my mother's womb he  
    named me.

**2**He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
    in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
    in his quiver he hid me away.

**3**And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
    Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

**4**But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
    I have spent my strength for nothing  
    and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
    and my reward with my God."

**5**And now the LORD says,  
    who formed me in the womb to be  
    his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
    and that Israel might be gathered  
    to him,

## Psalm



I waited patiently up- <sup>1</sup> on the LORD,  
    who stooped to me  
    and <sup>1</sup>heard my cry.

**2**The LORD lifted me  
out of the desolate pit,  
out of the <sup>1</sup>miry clay,  
    and set my feet upon a high cliff,  
    making my <sup>1</sup>footing sure.

**3**The LORD put a new song in my mouth,  
    a song of praise <sup>1</sup>to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
    and put their trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

**4**Happy are they who trust <sup>1</sup>in the LORD!  
    They do not turn to enemies  
    or to those who <sup>1</sup>follow lies.