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in the prophet's hometown

LUKE 4:24

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

February 2, 2025

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We further surround the families of Louise Fadely Eason and Keith Zirkle with our prayers as they mourn their death. May the Lord Jesus, the source of life, give them strength in the days to come.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: February 9 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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, followed by a Congregational Meeting.

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

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Matthew was a tax collector

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Super Bowl is next week so get your donations for Luke's Backpack "Foodraiser" in! As the days have gotten "chili" and you are "stewing" about the "souper" bowl, consider donating cans of chili, beef stew or soup to help replenish our shelves. Please leave your donations on the front pew at either church from now until February 9 and a BIG thanks to those who have already contributed..

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

St. Jacob's will have their Annual Meeting TODAY following the 11 AM service. We will review the 2024 financial reports and continue our discussion on property matters.

Aluminum Recycle is **today** at Zion and you are welcome to leave your bagged cans in the truck in the back parking lot. Thank you!

Zion will have their Annual Meeting next Sunday, February 9, following the 11 AM service. The 2024 financial reports will be presented and discussion on replacing the Social Hall doors will also be presented.

February Council meetings: **Zion's Council** will meet tomorrow night, Monday, February 3 at 5:30 PM. **St. Jacob's Council** will meet next Monday, February 10 at 6:30.

Spring Forward is continuing their adventures learning about the planets and solar system. God has blessed us with wonderful scholars and amazing tutors this year!! There is still room for a few more children in grades 1st – 6th on Tuesday & Thursday at 4PM! For more information, call Jane Perry (540) 477-2088.

Wednesday in the Word, our weekly Bible Study will meet from 6 – 7:30 PM. We began a study of the Book of Leviticus and left off at chapter 6:8. This week we'll do a brief review from last week, before continuing the ways God provided the Israelites ways to atone for their sin.

A Fun Saturday Night! Head over to the Fort Valley Fire Hall on Saturday, February 15 between 4:30 & 7:00 PM for the Faith Lutheran Preschool Auction! It's a fun time to purchase supper, bid on some one of a kind items as well as other donations and visit!



4th Sunday after Epiphany

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
February 2, 2025 + 11 AM

Welcome- Today's pictures are from Bud's 95th Birthday Party yesterday!

Confession & 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**

O Zion, haste, Your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that He who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain:

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom we live and move, is love;
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation
and died on earth that we might live above. **Refrain**

He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet Him,
make known to ev'ry heart His saving grace;
let none whom He has
ransomed fail
to greet Him,
through your neglect,
unfit to see His face.

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.

**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 Insert

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

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

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Spirit, fire and wisdom of God, enlighten our minds
and kindle our hearts, that we may hear your words of
comfort and challenge in the reading and proclamation
of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to
Luke, the 4th St. John, the 1st
Chapter beginning with the 1st
verse. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Reading

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

ELW 715

Christ Be Our Light

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)*

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 Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

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.

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+ Words of Consecration +

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.

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 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 ELW 543 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to Me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
Here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Sending

Go in peace
with the joy of Christ
in your heart!
Thanks be to God.



If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth], "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.



Today's Readings

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

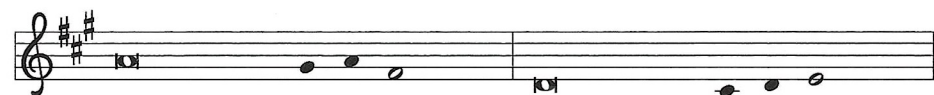
⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Psalm

Psalm 71:1-6; tone 3



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

²In your righteousness, deliver me and ¹set me free; incline your ear to ¹me and save me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to ¹keep me safe; you are my crag ¹and my stronghold.

⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand ¹of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and ¹the oppressor.

⁵For you are my hope, ¹O Lord God, my confidence since ¹I was young.

⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have ¹been my strength; my praise shall be al- ¹ways of you.