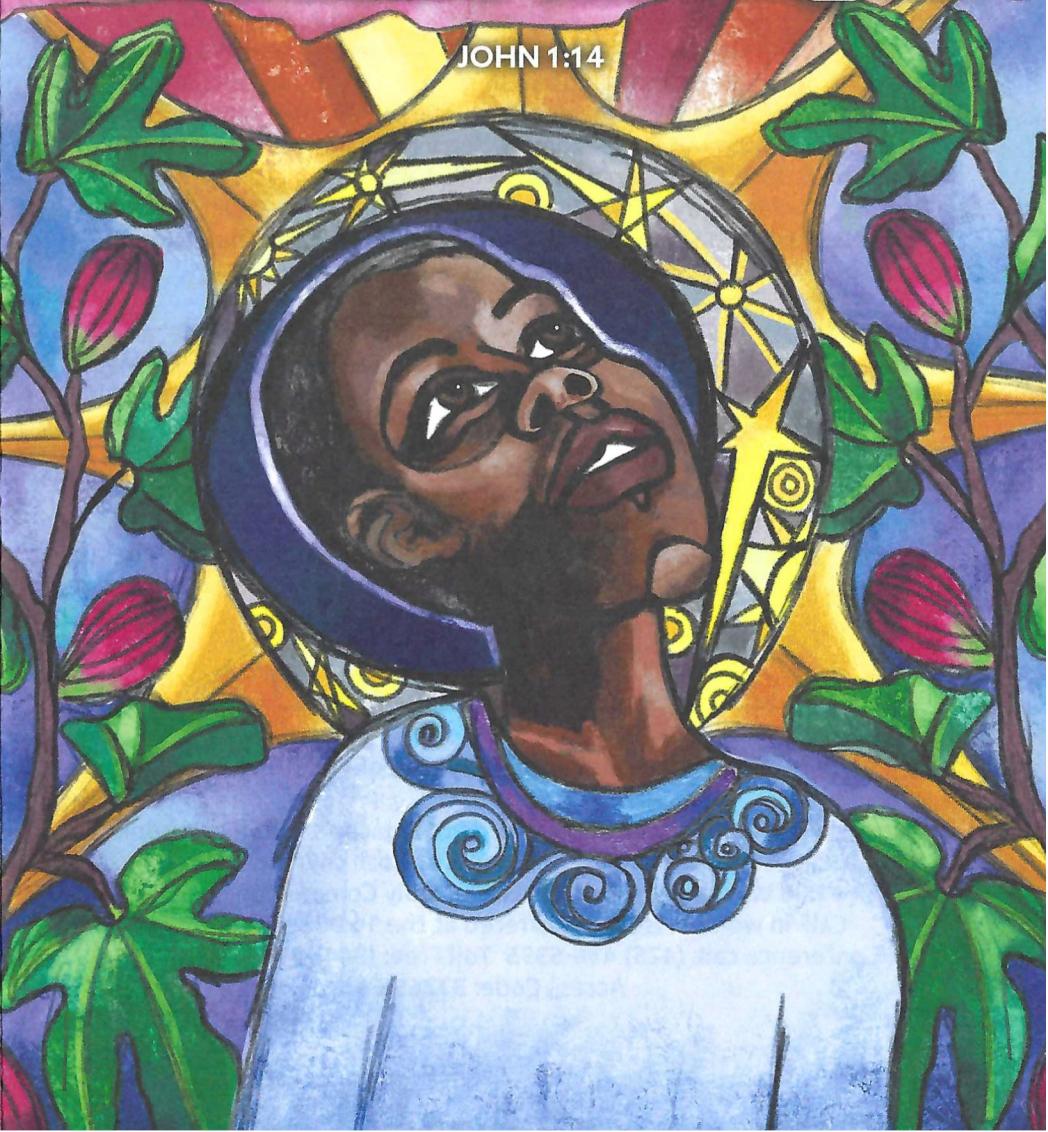


The Word
became flesh
and lived among us

JOHN 1:14



Edinburg Lutheran Parish
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January 4, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Sophia Gibb, Sonny Hovatter, Kitty Martz, Sharon Nichols, Linda Perry... **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, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica Lam, Jim Lam, Wade Ludwig, Tasha Mahony, Keith Manich, Toby Markley, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Evelyn Moomaw, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, 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.

We further surround the family of Bob Mason, husband of Bonnie, and Steve Campbell's brother-in-law who died on Tuesday in Fort Defiance. May the Lord draw them close, by the comfort of the Holy Spirit and increase knowledge of His saving gift of dying on the cross.

We celebrate with Faith Dellinger and Branson Estep, who were married on New Year's Eve in West Virginia. Faith is the daughter of Wesley & Rhonda Dellinger and Branson is the son of Matthew & Elizabeth Estep. May the Lord pour His love into their union and walk with them in the years to come.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: January 11 – Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's with hymn books.

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion.

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

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DID YOU KNOW ?

The light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. (Psalm 97:11)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 10th Day of Christmas! It is wonderful to have you with us as we close out the holidays and remember the Wise Men's journey to see the Christ Child. May we seek Him as He meets us!

Today we will install our 2026 Councils. At St. Jacob's we welcome Charles Dellinger, Kevin Dysart, Janet Monroe, Steve & Lesa Moomaw and Laurie Robinson. At Zion we welcome Lawrence Funkhouser, Dianne George, Anna Givens, Robbie Green, Sandra Green, and Cathy Hottle. Thank you for your service.

Spring Forward will resume classes on Tuesday and Thursday this week from 4-6 PM. If you know of an elementary age student who would benefit from this tutoring and enrichment program, please let them know and encourage their parents to give Jane Perry a call. (540-477-2088)

Wednesday in the Word - Bible Study will resume this Wednesday at 6 PM, as we begin a study on the Book of James.

Next Sunday: Council members are invited to attend a meeting from 3-5 PM with fellow leaders of ELCA congregations in Shenandoah County. Pastor John Wertz will help guide a discussion as we hope to identify some activities we can do together and discuss ways we might offer mutual support.

Missing: Steve Campbell is missing his reading glasses, which were left on a pew last Sunday. Let him know if you found them!

It may not seem like much, but your aluminum cans really do help! Today there is a truck in the back parking lot waiting for donations of aluminum cans. Thanks for your help, as it really does add up!

Good Will can be the answer for what to do with Christmas decorations you no longer want to store as well as other household or clothing items you are ready to part with. They help keep artificial Christmas trees out of landfills as well as recycle textiles from clothes that are no longer wearable. Also, **On Second Thought Consignment Shop** in Woodstock welcomes lightly used items and you can either establish an account for yourself or donate the item in the name of a non-profit local organization you support.



2nd Sunday of Christmas

St. Jacob's Lutheran

January 4, 2026 + 11 AM

Moonrise over St. Jacob

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**

Gathering Hymn ELW 275 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light. **Refrain**



Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star. **Refrain**

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.

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.



Branson & Faith Estep

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



Today's Readings Insert

God's Word

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

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

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to 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 487 *What Feast of Love*

What feast of love is offered here,
What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here,
What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
The sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here,
What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
The sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and se and sing!
The Son of God is given!

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; In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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.



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

ELW 300

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon the knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh, and frankincense. **Refrain**

Sending

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



Psalm, continued

¹⁷God scatters ¹ hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹ gainst God's cold?
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹ word
and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹ waters flow.

¹⁹God declares the ¹ word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ ments to Israel.
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any
other nation;
they do not know God's judgments.
¹ Hallelujah!

or Wisdom 10:15-21 [not printed]

Second Reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his

good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and

his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

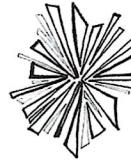
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Today's Readings

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the
nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the
land of the north
and gather them from the farthest parts
of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor
together;
a great company, they shall return here.
⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them
back;
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path where they shall not
stumble,
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him
and will keep him as a shepherd does a
flock."

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too
strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the
height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the
goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the
herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

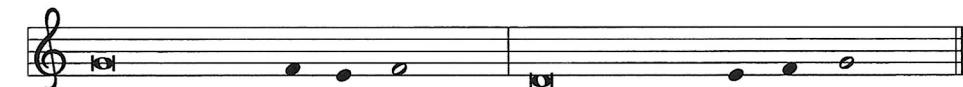
¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the
dance,
and the young men and the old shall be
merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them and give them
gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my
bounty,
says the LORD.

or Sirach 24:1-12 [not printed]

Psalm



Worship the LORD, ¹ O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹ God, O Zion,
¹³who has strengthened the bars
¹ of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹ dren
within you.

¹⁴God has established peace ¹ on your borders
and satisfies you with the ¹ finest wheat.

¹⁵God sends out a command ¹ to the earth,
a word that runs ¹ very swiftly.

¹⁶God gives ¹ snow like wool,
scattering ¹ frost like ashes.

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Friday - Acts 1:1-5
Saturday - 1 Kings 19:19-21
Sunday - Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

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Thursday - Psalm 27:1-6
Friday - 1 Samuel 9:27 -- 10:8
Saturday - Luke 5:27-32
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