

Blessed ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

MATTHEW 5:9



Edinburg Lutheran Parish St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

February 1, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Wade Ludwig, Freddie Neal, Sherrie Ritenour, Sandy Ross, 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 & Jim Lam, Wade Ludwig, Tasha Mahony, Keith Manich, Toby Markley, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, 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, Peter Shoemaker, Dan Strother, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We further remember the family and friends of Robert Coverstone, of Fort Valley, who died last Sunday and thank God for the faith by which he lived. Pastor PG Coverstone, his son, and former pastor of Wakeman's Grove COB, Woodstock Christian Church and SVLM director, presided at his service yesterday.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: February 8 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion.

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 first two apostles to follow Jesus were Peter and Andrew (Matthew 10:2-4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special schedule today: thank you for supporting our special schedule today. Given the arctic blast we have been enduring and the "snowcrete" that has been challenging to clear from walks and roadways, it seemed best to have just one service. Both churches will celebrate Communion next week and we'll continue to adjust and necessary for the winter weather.

Zion Council will meet tomorrow night, Monday, February 2 at 5:30. Among the items on the agenda, we will elect officers, review information from the Conference Leaders meeting on January 11, and make plans for Shrove Tuesday and the Lenten services.

Spring Forward didn't meet this past week, but hopefully we'll be back on track this Tuesday and Thursday as the weather improves. Spring Forward will follow the SC Public School schedule.

Wednesday in the Word – will meet this week at 6 PM, weather permitting. We are studying the Book of James and will continue with Chapter 2 into 3 this week and plan to finish on February 11. Lent and our Wednesday night services will begin February 18.

The Edinburg Parish Council will meet on Thursday night following Spring Forward (6:15ish). Among the items we'll discuss is the 5th Sunday schedule for the year, review 2025 financials, and a furnace repair bill for the parsonage.

Aluminum Recycle is today at Zion. A truck is in the back parking lot for those who have been collecting their cans. Thank you!

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.

You are invited ... to join the members of Rader Lutheran in Timberville next Sunday, at 3 PM for the installation of their new pastor, the Reverend Melissa May.

Sunday, February 8 – Scout Sunday with Blue & Gold Banquet at Zion.

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

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



4th Sunday after Epiphany

Edinburg Lutheran Parish

February 1, 2026 + 11 AM

Welcome –

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, the Son **+** and 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.**

Declaration of 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 # 717 *Let Justice Flow like Streams*

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

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.

Hymn of Praise # 758 *You Are the Way*

You are the way; to You alone
from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, You find
and by Your grace set free.

You are the truth; Your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
and purify the heart.

You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

Prayer of the Day

God's Word



Today Readings

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel Acclamation # 754 *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*

Jesus, the very thought of You
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far Your face to view
and rest within Your light.

O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,
O Joy of all the meek,
how kind You are to those who fall!
How good to those who seek!

O Jesus, be our joy today;
help us to prize Your love;
grant us at last to hear You say:
"Come, share My home above."

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th, the
Chapter beginning with the 1st verse....

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #728 *Blest Are They*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;

Theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. **Refrain**

Blest are they...who show mer-cy;
Me-rcy shall... be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart;
They... shall see God. **Refrain**

Blest are they... who seek peace;
They are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs. **Refrain**

Blest are you who suffer hate, ...
All... because... of me.

Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see. **Refrain**

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness, You have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with Your love, through the One who gave Himself for us, 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.

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**



*Gary Ward
had a birthday on
January 24...
but we had a
snow Sunday!
This is from 2023...
so we won't make him
stand up again. 😊*

Sending Hymn # 712 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Dismissal Go in peace. Follow the way of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

1/29/23 at Zion!





*Burgess Dellinger hands out hugs at The Warren.
Here he is with
Nancy Mumaw.*



*January 29, 2023...the 4th Sunday of Epiphany!
at St. Jacob*



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the
discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of

God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

TODAY'S READINGS February 1, 2026

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Today's Readings

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the **LORD** says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the case of the **LORD**,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the **LORD** has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the **LORD**.

⁶With what shall I come before the **LORD**
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the **LORD** be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the **LORD** require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm

Psalm 15; tone 7



LORD, who may dwell
in your ¹ tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?
²Those who lead a blameless life
and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth
¹ from their heart;
³they do not slander with the tongue,
they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit
up-¹ on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those
who ¹ fear the **LORD**.

They have sworn upon their health
and do not take ¹ back their word.

⁵They do not give their money
in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes
a-¹ gain against the innocent.

Those who do these things
shall never be ¹ overthrown.

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Wednesday - Luke 6:17-26
Thursday - Psalm 112:1-10
Friday - James 3:13-18
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Sunday - Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 112:1-10,
1 Corinthians 2:12-16, Matthew 5:13-20

February 9 - 15

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Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Wednesday - John 8:12-30
Thursday - Psalm 2
Friday - Hebrews 11:23-28
Saturday - Mark 9:9-13
Sunday - Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2,
2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

February 16 - 22

Monday - Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55
Tuesday - Romans 11:1-6
Wednesday - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17,
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thursday - Psalm 51
Friday - Jonah 4:1-11
Saturday - Isaiah 58:1-12
Sunday - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm 32,
Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

February 23 - March 1

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Wednesday - Matthew 18:10-14
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