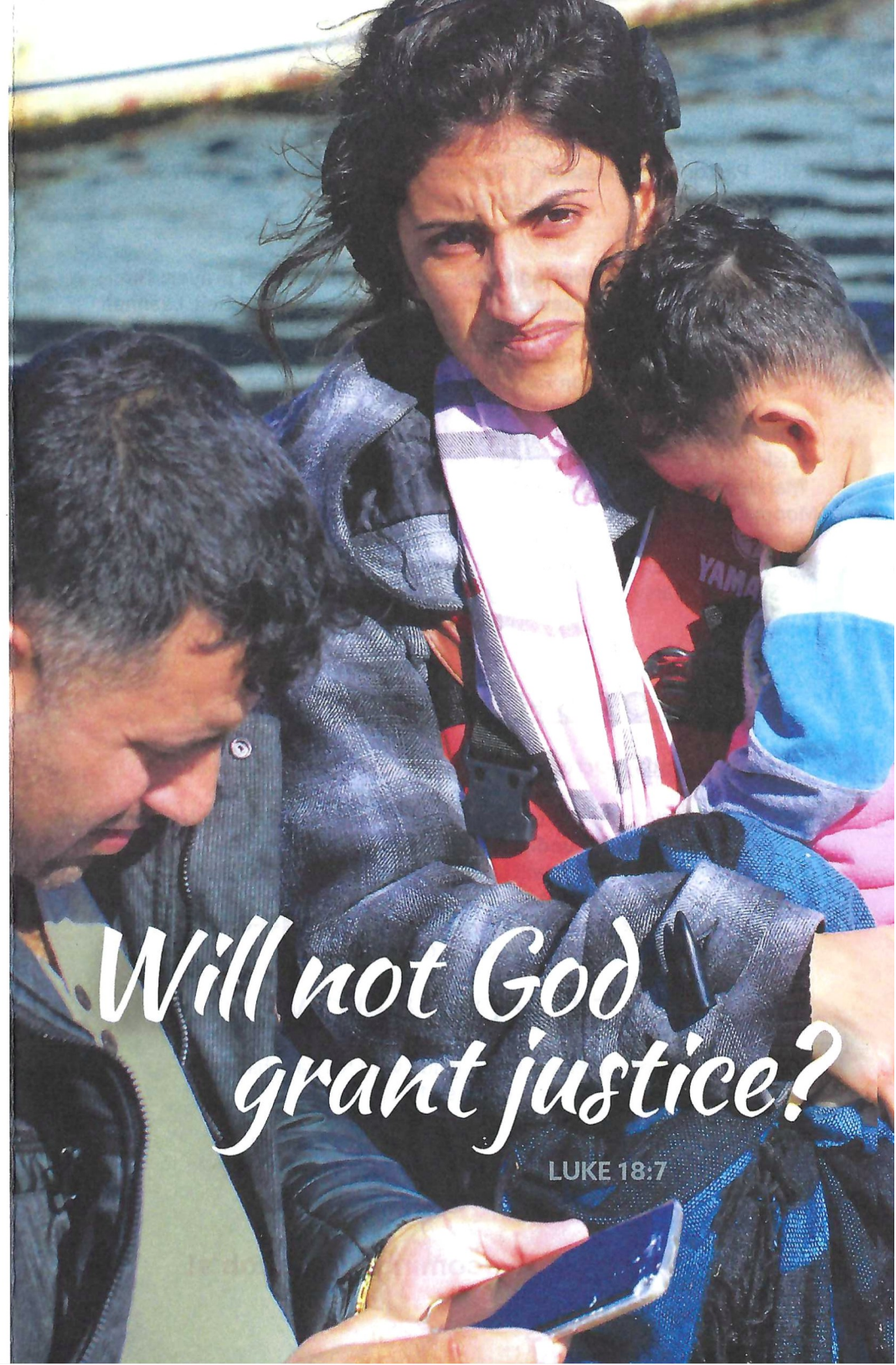




*Will not God
grant justice?*

LUKE 18:7

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

October 19, 2025

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Tim

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: October 26 – Reformation Sunday....wear red!

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

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

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Sampson killed a young lion with his bare hands
(Judges 14:6)



Happy Homecoming, St. Jacob's!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers at St. Jacob's are given in the honor and glory of our Lord, and in loving memory of Frances Hepner Benson by Cecil and Diane Benson Rosen.

Thank you for being with us today as St. Jacob's celebrates their 187th anniversary, praising God for His faithfulness. Please join us following the service for a fellowship meal downstairs.

Spring Forward is off and running for the 2025-2026 school year! Science and mathematics are our themes this year as we seek to provide tutoring in areas the students struggle.

Wednesday in the Word Bible Study meet at 6 PM at Zion. We continue our study of 2 Kings and will pick up the discussion again at 2 Kings 15 as we continue to learn about Israel's bloody rebellion.

Wreaths Across America Meeting – Saturday, October 25 at 10 AM at Zion. Everyone interested is invited!! Now is the time to contact your groups who helped out last year and confirm them for December 13. There will also be a sign-up sheet for all the jobs that need filling as the day draws closer.

Saturday, October 25 at 4 PM at Reformation Lutheran Church in New Market. We're grateful to have **Jeff Marble** and other local musicians joining us as we celebrate the **Bluegrass Mass, hear our Bishop preach, and fellowship together.** Bring a side dish or dessert to share, as hot dogs, brats, and beverages will be provided.

Thank you for your generous support for Luke's Backpack "Pew of Plenty" Foodraiser!! Non-perishable, individual serving size food donations are always appreciated and can be left on the front pew of your church. It is a wonderful blessing to have such generous givers when we need it.

Zion's Blessing Box...a gift to the community year round. This week it was just about emptied with the need in our area, so thank you for the continual support you are providing! Beyond shelf stable food items and unwashed produce left in the bottom half...you might consider leaving school supplies, hygiene items and cleaning products.

It's going to be EPIC!! Circle Saturday, November 8 (9 AM – 2 PM) and plan to join us this Virginia Synod training event!! Effective Practices for Innovative Congregations (EPIC) is a one-day Virginia Synod Leadership Development Conference designed to strengthen congregational leaders and members for serving in their churches and communities. This year's theme is **Intertwining Hope.**



Homecoming Sunday

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

October 19, 2025 + 11 AM

Welcome – pictures today are from Homecoming 2017

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,



Ed Sine & Dean Fadley

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

There's a Church in the Wildwood

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood,
As the little white church in the vale.

Refrain

*Oh come, come, come, come,
Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the dale,
No spot is so dear to my childhood,
As the little white church in the vale.*

How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning,
To list'n to the clear ringing bells;
It's tones are so sweetly calling,
Oh come to the church in the vale. **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.



Brayden Dawson

Hymn of Praise # 733 **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer, and to guide
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Prayer of the Day

God's Word



Today's Readings

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel Acclamation

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Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong,
they are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
let His little child come in.

Refrain

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th 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.**

Sermon

Judy & Kevin Dysart



Sermon Hymn # 742 *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear --
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness --
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge --
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Nicene Creed

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

God of abundance: You have set before us a plentiful
harvest. As we feast on Your goodness, strengthen us
to labor in Your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the
good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Offering Hymn

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How Great Thou Art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art



The Moomaws

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.

O God before time, O God who holds all time, we delight in the splendor of Your universe. Daily we praise Your continuing creation, and we give thanks for all the homelands of your Reformation people. We thank you for the original immigrants who came from far to this place, where the Gospel might take root.



We glorify you, now and forever.

We glorify you, now and forever.

O God of the covenant, O God of the church, we hear You speaking to centuries of Your people. We come as Your children to this Communion, and we give thanks for Your presence bound with it. We praise you, now and forever.

We praise you, now and forever.

You came as Jesus, our Wisdom, our Guide, embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free, dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world. We worship you, now and forever.

We worship you, now and forever.

+ Words of Consecration +

Remembering His death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating His resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting His presence in every time and place,
we say Amen. **Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us the body of Christ.
Breathe into this food, that it brings us Your life.

By Your Spirit, preserve what is faithful;
reform us by Your Holy Will and create in us Your Spirit.
We honor you, now and forever.

We honor you, now and forever. Amen

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Sharing 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.*

Communion Blessing



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

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What A Fellowship

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarm;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day.
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (**Refrain**)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (**Refrain**)

Sending

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.







But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of

his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow

keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you

bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm

Psalm 121; tone 3

