

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – November 12 & 13, 2022
The 115th Anniversary of the faith community of Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Announcements

As you prepare for worship, gathered in virtual community and connected by God's beautiful and unfathomable design, you are invited to light a candle for your home worship space.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**
**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**
**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**
**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**
**We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.**
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.
Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Hymn - #807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Temple Talk - Sunday only

Grant Soltwisch, Synod Mission Interpreter

WORD

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 98

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (*Ps. 98:9*)

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge
the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. R

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate

us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because

of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - #765 Lord of All Hopefulness

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts,
nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lord's Prayer

Our faithful teacher Jesus gave us the words we need to bring us back to God and our God-given selves when he taught 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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

All who desire communion on this day are welcome to commune with us and partake in the promise of eternal life by Jesus Christ himself. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we use non-alcoholic wine. Please indicate if you would like a gluten free communion wafer. If you do not wish to take communion, you are still invited to ask Pastor for a blessing before you leave. Traditionally, those who commune are baptized into the Christian faith. If you are not baptized and would like to learn more about what it means to be baptized and share in the meal at the Lord's Supper Table, please talk with Pastor Tera.

Communion Hymn - #523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,

and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn - #793 Be Thou My Vision

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

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Please remember the following people in your prayers: Marlene Robbins, Melinda, Tara Henry, Craig, Ray Berg, Anne Balko, Arlene Posont, Jonnie True, Doug, Heidi Prunick, Duray Murk, Paul Gollinger, Jack Cocoran, Bob Gamelin, Diane, Susan, Donny, Gary, Phil, Amanda Jacks, Evelyn Childress, and Paul Goodburn.

Nursing Home: Jim LeVeque, and Babe Strand.

Assisted Living: Norma Seceast

In Service: Airman Craig Oas, Ryan Graves, Zac Culter, Mike Knickerbocker, Peter Peterson, Mathew Moilanen, Michael Graves, Airman Mikala Robinson, and our veterans who have returned to their communities.

Please fill out a prayer list form to add or remove people from the prayer list.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Pastor Tera Kossow

ASSISTING MINISTER: George Balko – Saturday Joanie Hinsa - Sunday

USHERS: Carol & Dave Eglsaer – Saturday Volunteer Needed -
Sunday

FELLOWSHIP HOST:

ALTAR GUILD: Michele & Keira Albright

MUSICIAN:

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, November 19th - Saturday Worship Service – 5:00pm - In-person

Sunday, November 20th - Sunday Worship – 10:30am- In-person and on Facebook Live

Join us for an **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Eden Lutheran.** There will be special music provided by the **Vanguards**. There will be both a monetary offering and an offering of items for the Alger County Food Pantry, especially personal hygiene products and paper products. Fellowship will be held following the service.

Eden needs your support! Please sign up in the narthex to be an **Usher**, **Assisting minister**, or **Host the Fellowship** after the service.

Confirmation Classes for December are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4th from noon to 2pm for 2nd year students, and Sunday, Dec. 11th from noon to 2pm for 1st year students.

2nd Wednesday Book Group will meet on **December 14th** at both **Noon and 6:30pm**. The December read is “Because of Bethlehem” by Max Lucado and is available in the church office. All are welcome!

The ELC Supper Club meets the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 5:00pm in the church kitchen. Share supper and fellowship with others. Sign up in the narthex if you would like to be the Host or if you are planning on attending. **Next meeting is November 30th.**

Morning Prayer Group meets Tuesdays from 9-10:30am. All are welcome.

Anyone wanting to watch the Luther movie on DVD can speak to Pastor Tera to borrow a copy, available in the office.

FEED THE PIG to help pay for extra plowing for Feeding America distribution.

We continue to collect Family Fare receipts for the “Direct Your Dollars” Program. Please drop off your receipts at Eden. The entire receipt is required. Thank you!

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