

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 8 & 9, 2022**  
*The 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the faith community of Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church*



*It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.*

**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 is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn - #671 Shine, Jesus, Shine**

### **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**

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **Pet Blessing – Sunday only**

Let us give thanks to God for the animals.

**We thank God for the love and joy our pets have brought to our lives.**

Psalm 104:24 says, "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." Let us praise the Lord.

For animals who are our companions and friends, **we praise the Lord.**

For animals who jump and run and play with us, **we praise the Lord.**

For animals who stay by our sides at all times, **we praise the Lord.**

For animals who draw us closer as family and friends, **we praise the Lord.**

For animals who come into our lives showing us how to love and care for others,

**Lord, we give you thanks and praise.**

*Animals can be brought forth for an individual blessing.*

Let us pray. **O God of land, sea, and sky, you filled your creation with creatures great and small, and you have filled our lives with love for the pets we have in our homes. May our lives continue to be richer because of them, and may they be a reminder of your love for us. Let our time with our pets**

**brighten our days and bring us comfort. May we, and all who meet our pets, find joy in knowing them. In all our encounters with your creatures, grant us grateful hearts for the gifts of companionship they bring. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c – Saturday only**

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a-c</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 111**

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. (*Ps. 111:1*)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with <sup>l</sup> my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the <sup>l</sup> congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your <sup>l</sup> works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who de- <sup>l</sup> light in them. R**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor <sup>l</sup> mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- <sup>l</sup> dures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to <sup>l</sup> be remembered;  
you are gracious and full <sup>l</sup> of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to <sup>l</sup> those who fear you,  
remembering forev- <sup>l</sup> er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power <sup>l</sup> of your works  
in giving them the lands <sup>l</sup> of the nations. R**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithful- <sup>l</sup> ness and justice;  
all of your pre- <sup>l</sup> cepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forev- <sup>l</sup> er and ever,  
because they are done in <sup>l</sup> truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- <sup>l</sup> nant forever;  
holy and awesome <sup>l</sup> is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the begin- <sup>l</sup> ning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- <sup>l</sup>  
dures forever. R**

## **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 – Saturday only**

*Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.*

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid  
wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

<sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who  
has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan  
healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God  
and give thanks for God's mercy.*

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria  
and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their  
distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he  
saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they  
went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was  
healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at  
Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were  
not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them  
found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to  
him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day - #838 Beautiful Savior**

**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**

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons (*church leaders may be named*). Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may be known to all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick (*especially*). Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us to your glory. Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and new life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**Amen.**

### **Quilt Blessing**

Our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. God's Spirit is a mighty force whose whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see the goodness of all God's creation in our neighborhoods and across the world.

**Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.**

God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the time given to make these quilts. **May their presence be a sign of hope, and may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love.**

Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors. **God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.**

Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors. **God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.**

Jesus, help us share hope with our neighbors. **God, be with our neighbors who will receive these quilts. May they be wrapped in love, may they feel your**

goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our siblings in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, our true hope. 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**

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn - #715 Christ, Be Our Light  
Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**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, Babe, Gary, Phil, and family of Ruth Elavsky.

***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.

*The prayer list has been “cleaned up.” Please fill out a prayer list form to  
add or remove people from the prayer list. Thank you, Pastor Tera*

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Pastor Tera Kossow  
**ASSISTING MINISTER:** George Balko – Saturday                      Joanie Hinsa - Sunday  
**USHERS:** Carol & Dave Eglsaer – Saturday      Volunteer Needed -  
Sunday  
**FELLOWSHIP HOST:** Jim & Deb Perttula  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Joanie Hinsa

**MUSICIAN:**

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - Saturday Worship Service – 5:00pm - In-person**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship – 10:30am- In-person and on Facebook Live**

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

**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!**

**The ELC Supper Club meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Book Group** meets again Wednesday, **October 12<sup>th</sup>** at both **Noon and 6:30pm**. The October book is “The Screwtape Letters” by CS Lewis. All are welcome!

**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 her copy.

**Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)** for those who have completed their Confirmation Education **will be on Reformation Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. There will be cake and beverages after the service. These students should return their banner section by Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Confirmation Classes resume on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2pm for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students, and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2pm for 1<sup>st</sup> year students.**

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

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