



EDEN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 17, 2022

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 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.

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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – ELW 666 What Wondrous Love Is This

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

Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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READING Proverbs 16:1-3

The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. ²All one's ways may be pure in one's own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit.

³Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 46

¹God is our ref-^luge and strength,
a very present^l help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the^l earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths^l of the sea;**

³though its waters^l rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble^l with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-^ly of God,
the holy habitation of^l the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall^l not be shaken;
God shall help it at the^l break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the^l kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth^l melts away.**

⁷The Lord of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works^l of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up-^l on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in^l all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the^l shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that^l I am God;**

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted^l in the earth.”

¹¹The Lord of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.

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GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to the 25th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

APOSTLES' 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders (*especially Dag Hammarskjöld*) and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters (*local outreach may be named*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+THE MEAL +

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **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.**

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.**

Words of Institution.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the

poor;
with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**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

This is the Lord's table, and all are welcome. You may be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion will be distributed at two stations, one on each side. When you are ushered forward, you will receive a wafer. You will then take a small cup of wine, which is alcohol free. Your empty cup can be placed in the basket on the way back to your seat. If you require a gluten free wafer, they are in the small container at the front of the altar. Feel free take one when you come forward, and then move to the communion station.

Come to the banquet, for all is ready.

COMMUNION HYMNS - ELW 496 One Bread One Body

When all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN - ELW 881 Let All Things Now Living

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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Please remember the following people in your prayers: Paxton, Marlene Robbins, Tara Henry, Craig, Ray Berg, Anne Balko, Jake Rosenberg, Dawn Syers, Rick, Tommy Paradise, Lana, Joe, Arlene Posont, Paige, Mary Kutsick, Jamie, Jonnie True, Gary, Florence, Jen Lincoln, Phil, Heidi Prunick, Duray Murk, Paul Gollinger, Jack Cocoran, Pastor Jim Rodgers, Sue Ombrello, Bob Gamelin, Dave Eglsaer, Diane, Susan, Donny, and all who are in our prayers today.

Nursing Home: Ruth Elavsky, Jim LeVeque, and Babe Strand

Assisted Living: Norma Secreast

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.

General: All who deal with COVID-19 here in our neighborhoods and beyond.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Pastor Tera Kossow
ASSISTING MINISTER: George Balko – Saturday
USHERS: Volunteer Needed
FELLOWSHIP HOST: Elaine Robbins
ALTAR GUILD: Elaine Robbins
MUSICIAN:

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

**Sunday, September 18th - Installation Service of Pastor Tera Kossow –
3:00pm (There will not be a 10:30am service)
- In-person and on Facebook Live
- Fellowship time following service**

Eden needs your support! If you would like to volunteer to be an **Usher** or **Assisting minister** or **Host the Fellowship** after the service. We'd love to have you join us - signup sheets are in the Narthex.

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

Pastor Tera needs cribbage players! Want to play a quick game in the church kitchen, or your kitchen, or meet elsewhere – let her know **605-210-2962** or teralkossow@gmail.com.

We are looking for someone to lead the Highway Clean-up project scheduled between September 24th & October 2nd. If you are interested to lead this project or be a volunteer, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

Tired of eating alone? Tired of having leftovers for days? Let's share our supper with others who eat alone, gathering at the church kitchen on the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 5:00pm. **The next meeting of the ELC Supper Club will be held on September 28th.** Sign up in the narthex if you would like to be a Host or if you plan on attending.

2nd Wednesday Book Group - Let's start a book discussion. We will meet the **2nd Wednesdays at noon** (bring a lunch) **and at 6:30-7:30pm** in the church kitchen. First book is **Love Matters More**: How fighting to be right keeps us from loving like Jesus. By: Jared Byas. Available on Amazon or through Pastor Tera.

