

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 27 & 28, 2022
The 115th Anniversary of the faith community of Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church



Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism, we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

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,
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.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

Opening Hymn - #532 Gather Us In

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Psalm: Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who ^l fear the LORD
and have great delight in ^l God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty ^l in the land;
the generation of the upright ^l will be blessed. R**

³Wealth and riches will be ^l in their house,
and their righteousness will ^l last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness ^l for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ^l of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be gener- ^l ous in lending
and to manage their af- ^l fairs with justice.

⁶**For they will nev- ^l er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ^l ing remembrance. R**

⁷They will not be afraid of any ^l evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ^l in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and ^l will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ^l on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ^l fast forever;
they will hold up their ^l head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and ^l pine
away;
the desires of the wick- ^l ed will perish. R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - #359 Where Charity and Love Prevail

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.
A brief silence.

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people (*national, synodical, and local leaders may be named*). Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts (*local places may be named*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For all the saints who confessed God's name (*especially Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Moses the Black*), we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
Amen.

Offering

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.

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

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

The God of peace,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn - #536 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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, Amy Sturteen, Phil, Doris Hayrynen, Heidi Prunick, Duray Murk, Paul Gollinger, Mary Gill, Jack Cocoran, Pastor Jim Rodgers, 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 Vounteer Needed - Sunday

USHERS: Carol & Dave Eglsaer– Saturday The Wood Family - Sunday

FELLOWSHIP HOST: The Wood Family

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Lundbom

MUSICIAN:

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

**Weds. August 31st - Feeding America Truck @ Eden -volunteers needed, please arrive at 11a.m.
- ELC Supper Club – 5pm – Join us in sharing supper with your Eden family!**

Saturday, September 3rd - Saturday Worship Service – 5:00pm - In-person

Sunday, September 4th - Sunday Worship Service - 10:30am - In-person and on Facebook Live

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 for October. If interested, please contact Pastor Tera or the office.

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 starting August 31st. Pastor Tera loves breakfast, so she will host the first **ELC Supper Club** by making an egg bake. Sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office.

Do you have a student fifth grade or older ready for confirmation? Pastor will meet with parents and students at **6:30pm on Wednesday, Sept. 7th**. Classes will be held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month. There will be two groups formed, with high school students having a separate class. Contact Pastor for information.

2nd Wednesday Book Group - Let's start a book discussion. We will meet **Wednesday, Sept. 14th 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.

Sunday, Sept. 18th – 3:00pm - Join us for the **Installation Service for Pastor Tera Kossow**. This service will be led by Pastor Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop.

Fellowship following the service. **There will be the usual Saturday service this weekend, and only the installation service on Sunday @ 3:00pm.**

Please contact Pastor Tera Kossow if pastoral care is needed.
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