

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – October 22 & 23, 2022
The 115th Anniversary of the faith community of Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church



Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

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 - #581 You Are Mine

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

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

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

Psalm: Psalm 84:1-7

Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (*Ps. 84:5*)

¹How dear to me ^l is your dwelling,
O ^l LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts ^l of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the ^l living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may ^l
lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king ^l and my

God.

**⁴Happy are they who dwell | in your house!
They will always be | praising you. R**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

**⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from | height to height,
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion. R

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to

pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - #803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare (*especially*). Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for (*James of Jerusalem* and) all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. 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.

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 - #494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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 - #793 Be Thou My Vision

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,
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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 Volunteer Needed - Sunday

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

FELLOWSHIP HOST: Pasty La Combe & Helen Scheuneman

ALTAR GUILD: Joanie Hinsa

MUSICIAN:

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, October 29th - Saturday Worship Service – 5:00pm - In-person

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

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

On Saturday, October 29th Munising residents may drop off any unused/expired prescription medications at Eden from 10:00-2:00pm. This program will be sponsored by the Sheriff, Health & AC3 Departments. Please spread the word.

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) for those who have completed their Confirmation Education **will be on Reformation Sunday, October 30th**. There will be cake and beverages after the service. These students should return their banner section by Sunday, October 23rd.

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

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 October 26th.**

2nd Wednesday Book Group will meet on **November 9th** at both **Noon and 6:30pm**. The November book is "Night" by Elie Wiesel and is available in the church office for \$5.00. 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 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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