



Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 12 & 13, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Church

Introduction

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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 forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

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

Amen.

GATHERING SONG - #705 God of Grace and God of Glory

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 and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking
what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way
of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of
great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy
upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings
blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

R So, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to
wisdom. (*Ps. 90:12*)

¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?**
Be gracious | to your servants. R

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us**
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works,
and your splendor | to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;**
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork. R

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore, we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to

enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - #774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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 into hell.
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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely (*especially*). Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land (*local Indigenous tribes or settlements may be named*). We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.**

**By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

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 Lon.

COMMUNION HYMN – #496 One Bread, One Body - Sunday

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN - #720 We Are Called

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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Please remember the following people in your prayers: Tara Henry, Craig, Ray Berg, Anne Balko, Arlene Posont, Jonnie True, Gary, Paul Goodburn, Jane & Dennis, Kristy Beaverson, Becky Bowler, Tom, Ryan Gipp, John, Josh Farmer, Paul Baij, Dave, Janet, Cameron, Linda Pietila, Pat Ely, Duke Snyder, Liza, Lee Cherry, Mike H., Blair, Brittany Brock, Gloria Johns, Jackson Lasak, Cindy Little, Sherrie Riordan, Suzie Carberry, Amy Richardson, Ken, and Families of Bernice Houtari and Bob Belfry.

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Assisted Living: Pepper Van Landschoot (Jacobetti)

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

PRESIDING MINISTER: Pastor Lon Hider

ASSISTING MINISTER: George – Saturday

Volunteer - Sunday

USHERS: Carol & Dave E. – Saturday Joanie H. - Sunday
ALTAR GUILD: Elaine Robbins
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Volunteer
MUSICIAN: Matt Tulla

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 19th – Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm – In person
Sunday, Oct. 20th - Sunday Worship Service 10:30am-In person & Facebook



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You can now use Vanco to give online or using the mobile app. Make a one-time gift, or set up a recurring offering.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Eden is looking for two volunteers who would like to join the offering counters team. This involves one Sunday a month following the worship service. Please contact Ruth Lindquist or Joanie Hinsa or the office.

The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am.

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, October 16th at noon.

A Budget Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at 1:30pm

The Free Store will be open on Thursday, October 17th from 1-3pm & 4-6pm.

Support our Youth Fund by dropping off returnable cans and bottles to the church. Thank you.

CHURCH CONTACT INFO: Please note the email addresses you should use for contacting the office and the pastor.

Office: eden@jamadots.com

Pastor: lonhider@gmail.com

Please be sure to update your email contacts to use these email addresses. Former addresses will no longer be used, and you should get an email response through your email provider stating that the message cannot be sent.

In addition, if you have changed any of your contact information (address, phone, email), please complete the directory update form in narthex or contact the church office to update your information.

For Pastoral Care needs, please contact Pastor Lon Hider
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