



Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church **Reformation Sunday and 120th Anniversary Celebration** October 25th & 26th, 2025

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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.
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 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.**

Gathering Song #574 Here I Am, Lord

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, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46

R The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (*Ps. 46:7*)

¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

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

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

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

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

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

⁷ The LORD of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
⁸ **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”
¹¹ The LORD of | hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Eternal God, we give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to found this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

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 the Vicar 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 Vicar Elaine Robbins.

Communion

Communion Song - Instrumental

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Prayer of Celebration and Commitment

For the 120th Anniversary of Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church

Let us pray.

Gracious and merciful God,

On this day of joyful celebration,
we come before You with hearts full of gratitude.

You have carried Eden through 120 years of ministry —
through seasons of growth and of challenge,
through transformation, trials, and triumphs.

We thank You, Lord, for Your faithfulness through the generations.

We remember and honor those who came before us —

the founders, the faithful servants, the quiet builders of this church.

Their prayers, sacrifices, and vision laid the foundation on which we now stand.

For their legacy, we give thanks.

We thank You, Lord, for those who built with courage and hope.

We give thanks for this present moment —

for the hands and hearts who serve today,

for those who teach, lead, clean, sing, repair, comfort, and pray.

In every act of love, we see the body of Christ alive among us.

We thank You, Lord, for the people of Eden today.

Lord, You have brought us this far not to rest, but to renew.

As we step forward into the next chapter,

show us the mission You are calling us to.

Help us listen well, love boldly, and serve joyfully.

Guide us, Lord, into the work You have prepared for us.

Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors.

Let us not grow weary or comfortable,

but send us into the world as bearers of grace and compassion.

Give us eyes to see and hearts to love as You love.

We commit ourselves anew this day:

We are Your people, Lord.

Strengthen our faith,

stretch our hearts,

steady our hands.

May Eden be a place where mercy lives,

truth is spoken,

and Your light shines.

Let our lives reflect Your Kingdom come.

With gratitude for the past, joy in the present, and hope for the future,

we lift this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ,

the foundation and cornerstone of Eden.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Sending Song #779 Amazing Grace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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PRESIDING MINISTER: Elaine Robbins

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Norma - Sunday

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Deb & Jim - Sunday

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Perttula

FELLOWSHIP HOST: Potluck

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 1 – Saturday Worship Service - 5:00 pm – In person

Sunday, Nov. 2 - Sunday Worship Service 10:30am - In person & Facebook

***** Nov. 2nd Daylight Savings Time Ends *****



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Christmas Cantata practice begins Sunday, October 26th at 1:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The concert is scheduled for December the 14th. **All Singers are Welcome!**

The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00a.m.

Please note time change for the Saturday worship service. Beginning on November 8th the Saturday worship service will be permanently changed from 5:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Serving the congregation during worship - Please consider volunteering on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings to usher, read lessons and prayers, assist with communion, or host fellowship.

Flower Sponsors Are always appreciated. Flower sponsorship is \$30 a month. Your gift may be placed in the offering with a notation for flowers and your selected month. Flowers from your home garden or from a church garden are also welcome.

Volunteer Help Needed - Our newsletter editor is looking to retire. The current newsletter is prepared in Word. Please speak with Vicar Elaine if you can help. Thank you.

Support our Youth Fund by dropping off returnable cans and bottles at the church.

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