

EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ the Creator Sunday

September 19 & 20, 2026

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our hope, our heart, our home. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,

we confess that we participate in systems that perpetuate oppression and injustice. We are often numb to the pain of the world around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures. Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will. Amen.

All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you: God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of + Jesus Christ, and frees you to love the world as you have been loved. Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more. When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure. Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

#685: Take My Life That I May Be

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, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Litany of Praise for Creation

Glory to you, O God: you speak a word of power, and so you create the world. We praise you, O God: **We praise you, O God.** For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life, for the earth ordered from chaos, and for light and dark, we bless you, O God: **We bless you, O God.**

For the cosmos beyond our earth, for the sky above our heads, and for the cycle of evening and morning, we exalt you, O God: **We exalt you, O God.**

For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, for the land with its mountains and plains, and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits, we magnify you, O God: **We magnify you, O God.**

For the sun to rule the day, for the moon to brighten the night, and for the shining stars, we extol you, O God: **We extol you, O God.**

For the fish in the sea, for the birds of the air, and for the monsters in the deep, we glorify you, O God: **We glorify you, O God.**

For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all livestock, and for everything that creeps on the earth, we adore you, O God: **We adore you, O God.**

For humankind made in your image, for setting us on your good earth, and for providing us food to eat, we worship you, O God: **We worship you, O God.**

Bless us, your creatures. Accept our praise, and make us worthy of your marvelous creation. We praise you, O God: **We praise you, O God.**

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading — Genesis 1:1—2:3

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148:1-14

Refrain: *Let all praise the name of the Lord.*

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights;

**praise him, all you his angels,
praise him, all you his hosts. R**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens. R**

You mountains and all you hills,
you fruit trees and all you cedars;
**you wild beasts and all tame animals,
you creeping things and you winged fowl. R**

Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,
the princes and all the judges of the earth,
**young men too, and maidens,
old men and boys. R**

Praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted.

**His majesty is above earth and heaven,
and he has lifted up the horn of his people. R**

Refrain: *Let all praise the name of the Lord.*

Second Reading — Acts 17:22a, 24-28

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Gospel — John 1:1-5

Minister: The holy gospel according to John.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed.

Minister: The gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

#858: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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 & Offering

Prayers of Intercession

O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray: that churches around the globe collaborate in care for the earth, and that all the baptized nurture a zeal for the wellbeing of creation. Hear us, O God, source of life [and ground of our being]:

Your mercy is great.

For the earth we pray: that this bounteous creation receive continued divine blessing, that the air be wholesome, that the waters be plenteous and clean, that the land be treasured, and that animals be protected. Grant that what on earth has been despoiled will be healed. Hear us, O God, our creator [and fruitful garden]: **Your mercy is great.** For the nations we pray: that farmers, herders, foragers, fishers, and grocers provide the food humans need, that legislators strive in all things for the common good, and that science and technology lead us toward more responsible ways to live. Hear us, O God, our stronghold [and sun of justice]: **Your mercy is great.**

6 For our country we pray: that national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges be safeguarded, that all natural resources benefit the whole population, and that our children learn respect for nature. Hear us, O God, our guardian [and rainbow of promise]: **Your mercy is great.**

For those in need we pray: that humankind be sheltered from pandemic and from extreme weather, and that all who are sick or suffering receive medical attention and communal support. Give heed to those whose names we call out to you (especially). Hear us, O God, our healer [and heart of the universe]: **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered. We praise you [for Hildegard of Bingen, Francis of Assisi, and] for all believers who have lived and died in communion with the

earth. Grant that in your good time we join with all your creatures in your presence forever. Hear us, O God, the beginning and the end: Your mercy is great. Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Meal

Offering

Thank you for your generosity, which allows Eden to serve our neighbors.

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

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

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

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 may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing. 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 what it means to be baptized and share in the meal at the Lord's Supper Table, please talk with Vicar Elaine

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God our Mother root you deep in grace. God our Neighbor stand with you in strength. God our Nourishment sustain you in hope and bless you unto evergreen life. **Amen.**

Sending Song

#765: Lord of All Hopefulness

Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace. Flourish with creation.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.



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YTD income: \$70,928.17
YTD expenses: \$82,550.01

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Anne Balko, Tara Henry, Larry Tweeddale, Dottie Hermanson, Larry, Patricia Hyry, Wayne Dausey, Billie Lindquist, Michelle McLaughlin, Lisa Balko, David Heyrman, Mike, Patti Espinoza, Darlene Hehn, Violet Gerou, Glen Davis, Jilene Tweeddale, & Stan Purvis

Nursing Home & Assisted Living:

Norma Seacrest, Pauline Elavsky (Harbour View), Jane Guyott, & Richard Ihamaki

In Service:

Craig Oas, Mike Knickerbocker, Peter Peterson, Mathew Moilanen, and our veterans who have returned to their communities.

Serving This Weekend

Presiding Minister:

Vicar Elaine Robbins

Assisting Ministers:

Saturday – George Balko

Sunday – Volunteer

Ushers:

Saturday – Harry Robbins

Sunday – Volunteer

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