

EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 26 & 27, 2026

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#654: The Church's One Foundation

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.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Word

First Reading — Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 25:1-9

Refrain: *“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you, O my God, I trust.”*

¹ To | you, O Lord,
I lift | up my soul.

2 My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**4 Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths. R**

⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**6 Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

**8 You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way. R

Second Reading — Philippians 2:1-13

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Gospel — Matthew 21:23-32

Minister: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

#515: Break Now the Bread of Life

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need (*especially*). Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered aloud or in your heart.

Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing of the Quilts

Sending Song

#423: Shall We Gather at the River

Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

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

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

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Sunday – Volunteer

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Sunday – Volunteer

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