



Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**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.

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 #812 Faith of Our Fathers - Saturday**  
**#733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness - Sunday**

**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, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Word

### First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

**R** Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (*Ps.* 33:22)

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God <sup>|</sup> is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to <sup>|</sup> be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup> **The LORD looks <sup>|</sup> down from heaven,  
and sees all <sup>|</sup> humankind.**

<sup>14</sup> God sits firmly en- <sup>|</sup> throned and watches  
all who dwell <sup>|</sup> on the earth.

<sup>15</sup> **God fashions <sup>|</sup> all their hearts  
and observes <sup>|</sup> all their deeds. R**

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size <sup>|</sup> of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by <sup>|</sup> their great strength.

<sup>17</sup> **The horse gives vain <sup>|</sup> hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it <sup>|</sup> cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup> **to deliver their <sup>|</sup> lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in <sup>|</sup> time of famine. R**

<sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,  
our helper | and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,  
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,  
even as we place our | hope in you. **R**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Luke 12:32-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day #764 Have No Fear, Little Flock**

## **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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Creator God,**

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,**

**that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,  
for by your Word you made all things:  
you spoke light into darkness,  
called forth beauty from chaos,  
and brought life into being.  
For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel  
to tell of your wonderful gifts:  
freedom from captivity,  
water on the desert journey,  
a pathway home from exile,  
wisdom for life with you.  
For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,  
you speak to us and call us to witness:  
forgiveness through the cross,  
life to those entombed by death,  
the way of your self-giving love.  
For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God;  
rekindle your gifts within us:  
renew our faith, increase our hope,  
and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.  
Faithful to your Word, O God,  
draw near to all who call on you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory 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.

### **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 #759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee – Saturday**  
**#768 Lead Me, Guide Me - Sunday**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

### **Thanks be to God.**

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**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Anne Balko, Gary Boldt, Cindy Little, Arlene Posont, Tara Henry, Larry, Al Young, Jean Mattson, John Trzeciak, Caden, Pam LeVeque, Jon Lindquist, Lena, Lochlan Heyrman, Candace Dennis, Michael Leposky, all foster children, Edward Larson, Lori Glaister. Families and friends of Patricia Robb, Virginia (Cotey) Cota, and Wayne St. Martin.

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

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Bruce Dausey

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**Joanie - Sunday**

**USHERS:** Volunteer – Saturday

**David & Brandalyn - Sunday**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Paula Ackerman

**MUSICIAN:**

**FELLOWSHIP HOST:** Joanie Hinsä

### **EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday, August 16 – Saturday Worship Service - 5:00 pm – In person**

**Sunday, August 17 - Sunday Worship Service 10:30am-In person & Facebook**



### GIVE USING VANCO ONLINE OR IN THE APP

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



**There will be a Fall Fest meeting following the service on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**The Free Store will be open on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3 & 4-6p.m.**

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

**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.

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### Join us for the Lifelong Faith Formation 2025 Fall Classes!

Registration is open for the fall classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. The Lifelong Faith Formation program provides a variety of classes for shared listening and learning via Zoom. With a special thanks to our fall teachers, here are the classes they will teach this fall:

**Caring for Creation – A discussion study of the theological, societal, and scientific reasoning of the ELCA Social Statement** with Chuck Thomas, NGLSynod Vice President

**Feeding your Soul - practicing spiritual practices** with Pastors Terry Cathcart, Terry Frankenstein, Lee Goodwin, Grant Van Lishout, and Deacons D'Etta Broam, and Noreen Stevens

**In the Beginning: The first 11 Chapters of Genesis** with Pastor Tommy Wimsae

**Introduction to Biblical Hebrew** with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn

**Recognizing, Responding, and Re-Visioning Discipleship in an age of Christian Nationalism** with Pastor David Van Kley

Courses are free but may require the purchase of books or other materials.

**Please register by September 15!**

For more detailed information and to register, visit the synod website *Resources* page:

<https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/>

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