

# Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 31st & June 1st, 2025

## **Announcements**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.** 

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

## Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.

## Gathering Song #661 I love to Tell the Story - Saturday Famous One - Sunday - attached

## 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.** 

## Kyrie - Sunday only



## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Word

## First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm: Psalm 97

- **R** Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. (Ps. 97:12)
  - <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice; let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
  - <sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,

righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,

burning up enemies on | every side.

<sup>4</sup> Lightnings light | up the world;

the earth | sees and trembles.

<sup>5</sup> The mountains | melt like wax before the Lord of | all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD, and all the peoples | see your glory. R

<sup>7</sup> Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

<sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice, because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth; you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

10 You who love the LORD, hate evil!

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup> Light dawns | for the righteous, and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

12 Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's | holy name. R

## Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

<sup>12</sup> "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup> "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

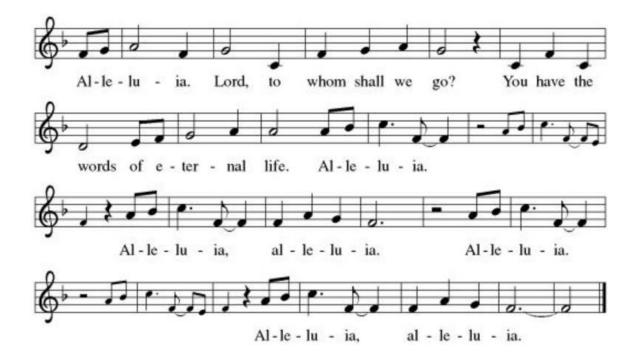
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

- <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: John 17:20-26

The holy gospel according to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 592 Just As I Am - Saturday Stand in Your Love - Sunday - attached

#### 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**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community and support the well-being of children and young people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

#### Meal

#### **Offering**

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.
Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
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.

## Sending Song #838 Beautiful Savior - Saturday God so Loved – Sunday - attached

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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<u>Please remember the following people in your prayers</u>: Anne Balko, Gary Boldt, Cindy Little, Arlene Posont, Tara Henry, Larry, Al Young, John Trzeciak, Dave Eglsaer, Caden, Pam LeVeque,

Jon Lindquist, and the Family of Bruce Hill.

**Nursing Home:** Norma Secreast

**Assisted Living:** Pepper Van Landschoot (Jacobetti), Pauline Elavsky (Harbour View-Munising) **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: Bruce Dausey** 

ASSISTING MINISTER: George – Saturday Joanie Hinsa - Sunday

USHERS: Volunteer – Saturday David & Brandalyn - Sunday

ALTAR GUILD: Donna LeRoy/Patsy LaCombe

MUSICIAN: Candace Dennis
FELLOWSHIP HOST: Jim & Deb Perttula

#### **EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

Saturday, June 7 – Saturday Worship Service - 5:00 pm – In person Sunday, June 8 - 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.



The annual <u>Fish Fry</u> will take place <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 8<sup>th</sup></u> following the worship service. Please plan on joining us! There will be a sign-up list if you wish to bring a dish.

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

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

We are updating the prayer chain effective June 1st. If you would like to be on the new updated prayer chain, there is a sign-up form on the bulletin board (it is pink). Important note - there will be two ways to receive prayer requests.

You may be on the phone call list or on the text list. Both lists will be activated when a prayer request is received. The new list will be provided by June 1st.

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

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

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