EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 17 & 18, 2026

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.
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 and ordained 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

Saturday: #526: When God Is Here
Sunday: All Creatures of Our God and King

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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading — Isaiah 45:1-7

[1] Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
[2] I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
[3] I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
5 I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Refrain: ***Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)***

1 Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.
2 **Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;**
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.
3 Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
4 **For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,**
more to be feared | than all gods. R
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.
6 **Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.
8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord.

9 Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth. **R**

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel — Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he
said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the
Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and
teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show
deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality.
17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar
or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you
putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used
for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to
them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” 21 They answered,
“Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the
things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”
22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and
went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Saturday: #583: Take My Life, That I May Be
Sunday: Earth and All Stars

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.
Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry (*local seminarians or newly called ministers may be named*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church (*congregational ministries may be named*). Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sharing of Peace

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

Meal

Offering

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

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.
Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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.

Sending Song

Saturday: #705: God of Grace and God of Glory
Sunday: The Lord's Prayer

Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Assembly: Thanks be to God.

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September income: $6,232.71
September expenses: $8,092.02
YTD income: $77,160.88
YTD expenses: $88,888.88

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Anne Balko, Tara Henry, Larry Tweedale, Dottie Hermanson, Larry Blake, Patricia Hyry, Wayne Dausey, Billie Lindquist, Michelle McLaughlin, Lisa Balko, David Heyrman, Mike, Darlene Hehn, Violet Gerou, Glenn Davis, Jilene Tweedale, Stan Purvis, Dorene Sidbeck, Duane, Vicky Lindquist & friends & family of Teddy Radloff

Nursing Home & Assisted Living:

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

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 – David Decet
Ushers:
Saturday – Harry Robbins
Sunday – Volunteer
Altar Guild: Deb Perttula • Fellowship Host: Joanie Hinsa

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