



Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
November 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

## Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,**  
**yet we stray from your paths.**  
**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression**  
**and do not embrace the freedom**  
**of your faithful promises.**  
**We ignore our neighbors.**  
**We exploit the earth.**  
**We reject your abundance,**  
**trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**  
**Repair our relationships,**  
**restore what we have broken,**  
**renew our hearts,**  
**and bring us to new life.**  
**Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
God the Faithful One loves you,  
**☩** in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song #854 Blessing and Honor**

## 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.

**O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Word

### First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 46

**R** I will be exalted among the nations. (*Ps. 46:10*)

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> **T**here is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the | break of day.

<sup>6</sup> **T**he nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> **C**ome now, regard the works | of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> **“B**e still, then, and know that | I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

### **Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20**

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: Luke 23:33-43**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

#### **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**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

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

## **Offering**

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

God of healing and hope,  
you bless those who are hungry,  
promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast  
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and 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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

*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 are still invited to ask the Vicar for a blessing before you leave. 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 Robbins.*

### **Communion**

#### **Communion Song - Instrumental**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven  
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,  
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who  
hunger and thirst,  
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you **†**  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Song #660 Lift High the Cross**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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, Caden, Jon Lindquist, Lochlan Heyrman, Michael Leposky, Edward Larson, Lori Glaister, Carol Eglsaer, Ruth Snyder, Eric Dahlgren, Larry Malloy, Darlene Hein, Steve Dausey, Dottie Hermanson, Tim Leiphart, and Larry Tweedale.

## **Nursing Home:** Norma Secrest

**Assisted Living:** Pepper VanLandschoot (Jacobetti), Pauline Elavsky – Harbour View, and Jane Guyott

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

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Elaine Robbins

**ASSISTING MINISTER: George – Saturday      Kaye - Sunday**

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**MUSICIAN:** Pastor Ellie Russey

**ALTAR GUILD:** Christi Salo

**FELLOWSHIP HOST:** Norma

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Worship Service - 4:00 pm – In person**

**Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service 10:30am - In person & Facebook**

**Join us for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Eden will be hosting this service.**



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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 Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00a.m.

**There will be a Potluck following the service on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.  
(There will not be a sign-up sheet.) This will be a fun event for all ages as we will be  
decorating for the Advent/Christmas season. Please join us!**

**Eden is now collecting non-perishable food items for the Alger Community Food Pantry.  
Please help feed your neighbor in need.**

**Serving the congregation during worship** - Please consider volunteering on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings to usher, read lessons and prayers, assist with communion, or host fellowship.

**Flower Sponsors** Are always appreciated. Flower sponsorship is \$30 a month. Your gift may be placed in the offering with a notation for flowers and your selected month. Flowers from your home garden or from a church garden are also welcome.

**Volunteer Help Needed** - Our newsletter editor is looking to retire. The current newsletter is prepared in Word. Please speak with Vicar Elaine if you can help. Thank you.

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

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