

# *Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church*

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## *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*25 August 2024*

*10:30 am*

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,  
**please tune your radio to 98.7 FM** or join us for the  
livestream via Facebook or our website,  
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# Holy Communion

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## **Welcome to worship.**

If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. They may use the Children's Activity Bags, located near the entrance in the Narthex, quietly during the service. **We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.**

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews during reading of first lesson.

## Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

(tune: Laudes Domini)

- Joseph Barnby, arr. John Carter

For TEXT, see Gathering Hymn, page 4.

## ◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

AM God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the aid of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that,  
attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins,  
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

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

AM Gracious God,

**C 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.**

P 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 unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in  
the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

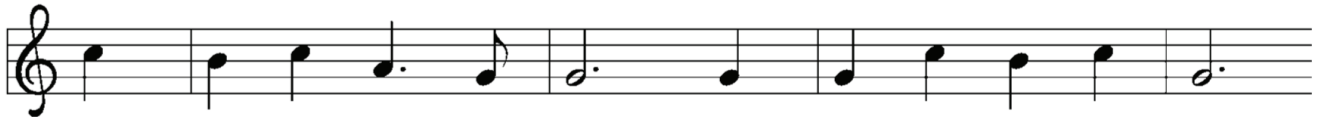
**C Amen.**

◆ GATHERING HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" ELW 853

All Verses



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known  
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896



◆ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**



◆ KYRIE

*Bonnie Drewes*

Cantor

In peace, in peace, to you, O God,— we

Cantor

pray.

Cong.

God of love— have— mer - cy.

(last time) A— men.

Cantor: For broken lives and broken hearts we pray:

**Cong: God of healing, have mercy.**

Cantor: For the unity of your church everywhere we pray:

**Cong: God of hope, have mercy.**

Cantor: That we might know the forgiveness you promise we pray:

**Cong: God of grace, have mercy.**

Cantor: For your parting gift of peace, O Lord, we pray:

**Cong: A-----men.**

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

Bonnie Drewes



*Refrain:* Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace, peace to God's



people. Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace, peace on earth.



1. Let \_\_\_ ev'-ry moun-tain shout the glo-ry of our God. \_\_\_  
2. Praise to God Cre - a - tor, we sing praise to Je - sus Christ. \_\_\_



All crea-tures lift their hearts and praise God's ho-ly name. \_\_\_ (*Refrain*)  
Praise to the Spir-it, ev - er pres - ent in our lives. \_\_\_ (*Refrain*)



◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal.  
Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing  
what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle)

# Word

## FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

*In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

L Word of God. Word of Life.

**C Thanks be to God.**







able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Bonnie Drewes*

Al-le-lu-ia, — Al-le-lu-ia, — Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia. —

## ◆ HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”*

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge  
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◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "Blessed Assurance"  
All Verses

ELW 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## ◆ 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 to the dead.\*  
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.

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## ◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM Merciful God,     **C**   receive our prayer.

# Meal

## ◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all.     **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,  
"The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*

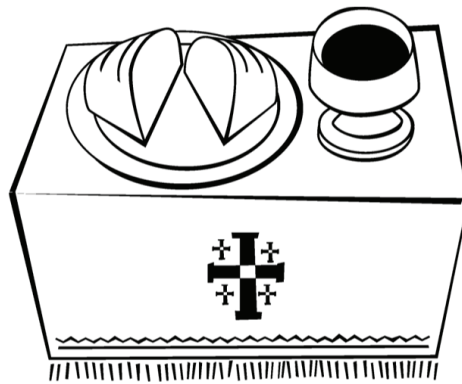
OFFERTORY     "Jesus, Grant Us Hope and Comfort" - J.W. Franck

◆ OFFERTORY HYMN

Bonnie Drewes

We of - fer these to you: our -  
 selves, our time, our pos - ses - sions, signs of your gracious  
 love. And we bring this bread and wine, that  
 they may be - come your - bod - y and your blood in the meal we  
 share. We of - fer our hopes and our vi - sions,  
 joys and pain. We are blessed with so much you have  
 giv - en us; help us share it in your name. Show  
 us what we can do to use these gifts to your  
 glo - ry so that oth - ers may know your love.

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◆ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Bonnie Drewes*



[P] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you.



[P] Lift up your hearts. [C] We lift them up to the Lord.



[P] Let us thank our God. [C] It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P "We should at all times and in all places offer our thanks and praise to you, ....  
 .... with the host of heaven and on earth we sing our praise...."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of in - fin - ite  
 wis - dom and strength. Heav - en and earth are  
*Fine*  
 full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na. Yet, we come to  
 you - to - day; be with us now in this time and this place.  
 We re - mem - ber the pro - mise you gave us so long a -  
 go: You said this bread is your bod - y,  
 bro - ken and shared with us all; This cup, your blood, is for -  
 give - ness, new life and hope for us all  
*D. C. al Fine*  
 new life and hope for us all.

P In the night in which he was betrayed .....

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### ◆ 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.**

**COMMUNION** *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

**If you desire to commune at the altar rail:** Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

**If coming forward is difficult:** Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

### HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

- "Lamb of God" - **ELW 195**
- "O Word of God Incarnate" - **ELW 514**
- "Break Now the Bread of Life" - **ELW 515**
- "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" - **ELW 461**
- "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" - **ELW 464**



## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

# Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ◆ BENEDICTION

P The peace of God,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
keep your hearts and your minds  
in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**



◆SENDING HYMN

"Sending Song"

Bonnie Drewes

We go out from this place, — and we scat-ter like seeds,  
 scat-ter like seeds in the wind and your love sets us gent-ly down. —  
 We are called to bring light — to this world of con-fusion; —  
 help us re-mem-ber this meal and this day as we go out from this  
 place. We are called to make justice, — we are called to bring peace, — to  
 reach out to those a-round us, — to pray and lis-ten and teach. As  
 we go out from this place — and we scat-ter like seeds,  
 help us re-mem-ber this meal and this day as we  
 car-ry your Word — to the world.

◆SENDING

AM Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "When Morning Gilds the Skies" - setting, Hal H. Hopson

Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	<b>Serving Sunday August 25</b>	<b>Serving Next Sunday September 1</b>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
<b>Music Ministers</b>	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mark Johnson	Mark Johnson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Eva Kllogjeri	Eva Kllogjeri
<b>Lector</b>	Patsy Martin	Kristin Caldwell
<b>Greeters</b>	Susie Forsythe Laura Engebretsen	Glenda & Keith Gundersen
<b>Ushers</b>	Linda Johnson Nancy Nygren	Keith & Christie Peterson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Nygren Terri Olsen	Judy Sheahan RuthAnne Pocock, Dotty Murray
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Anne & Bob Kuntz Cheryl Conner	Stephanie & Jeff Knutzen Jean & Mike Miller
<b>Flowers</b>	Jeff & Stephanie Knutzen	
<b>Council Member of the Day</b>	Laura Engebretsen	Christie Peterson

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*Scripture Readings for next Sunday, September 1, are:*

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

**Psalm 15**

**James 1:17-27**

**Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

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