

# *Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church*

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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            "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"            - J.S. Bach

## ◆ 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" ELW 879

All Verses




1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## ◆ 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:* Glory 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** O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle)

# Word

## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

**C Thanks be to God.**



PSALM

Psalm 15

*Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)*

I

I



- <sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your | holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;**
- <sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their  
friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.
- <sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those  
who | fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back  
their word.**
- <sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take  
bribes a- | gainst the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.





## SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### ◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bonnie Drewes



## ◆ HOLY GOSPEL

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the seventh chapter.

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

*The Law of God demands righteousness in the heart and not simply the external appearance of righteousness. When Jesus is challenged regarding ancestral traditions, he responds by directing their attention to the source of the problem. It is not what goes in from the outside that defiles; defilement proceeds from the heart.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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 "Guide My Feet" ACS 987  
All Verses

Leader All

1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

◆ 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.*

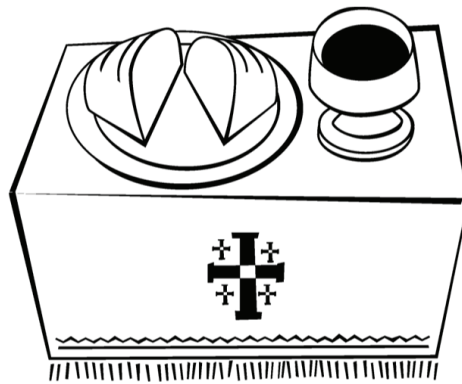
OFFERTORY "Andante" - G.F. Handel/arr. Hal H. Hopson

◆ 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**
- "Change My Heart, O God" - **ELW 801** - REPEAT ONCE
- "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - **ELW 807**
- "Around You, O Lord Jesus" - **ELW 468**
- "In the Singing" - **ELW 466**



## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen.**

## SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

P Gracious God,

**C loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who cannot join us. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**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 "Postlude: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
(tune: Nettleton) - arr. J. Bert Carlson

Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	<b>Serving Sunday September 1</b>	<b>Serving Next Sunday September 8</b>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
<b>Music Ministers</b>	Barbara Fredrickson	Barbara Fredrickson
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mark Johnson	Mark Johnson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Eva Kllogjeri	Eva Kllogjeri
<b>Lector</b>	Kristin Caldwell	Laura Engebretsen
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<b>Ushers</b>	Keith & Christie Peterson	Jason Tyler Karson Englund
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judy Sheahan RuthAnne Pocock Dotty Murray	RuthAnne Pocock Dotty Murray Janet Wyman
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Stephanie & Jeff Knutzen Jean & Mike Miller	RuthAnne Pocock Jerry & Jenny Nelson
<b>Flowers</b>		
<b>Council Member of the Day</b>	Jean Miller	Cheryl Connor

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*Scripture Readings for next Sunday, September 8, are:*

**Isaiah 35:4-7a    Psalm 146    James 2:1-10[11-13]14-17    Mark 7:24-37**

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