

# *Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church*

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## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

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**please tune your radio to 98.7 FM** or join us for the  
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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. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use 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 after Prayer of the Day.

## Gathering

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

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"Andante in F"

Louis Vierne

## ◆ 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 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" ELW 519  
All Verses



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

*Refrain*



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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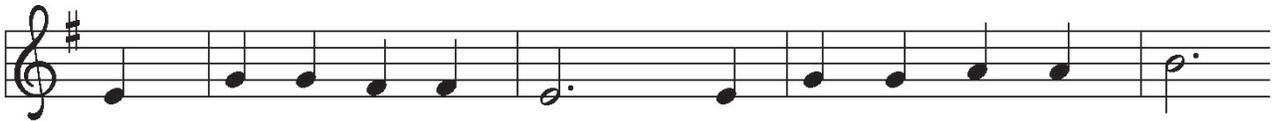
## ◆ GREETING

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

ELW Setting 10



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



## ◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting 10



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## ◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

# Word

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L Word of God. Word of Life.

**C Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM

## Psalm 82

*Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)*

- <sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- <sup>2</sup> **“How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?”**
- <sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;
- <sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- <sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- <sup>6</sup> **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**
- <sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.’”
- <sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

- <sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

**C Thanks be to God.**



◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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



◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "Faith of Our Fathers"

ELW 813

All Verses



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is  
 3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -  
 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,  
 press - ion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,  
 fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



*Refrain*  
 when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,  
 the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O  
 un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.

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## ◆ APOSTLES' CREED

AM Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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 Hear us, O God. C **Your mercy is great.**

# 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 HYMN "As the Grains of Wheat"

**ELW 465**

*Congregation remains seated to sing the hymn while offering is collected.*

Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in-to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*To refrain*



may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

**THE OFFERING**     *The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation's ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!*



◆ **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P     Let us pray.

C     **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



◆ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW Setting 10

P     The Lord be with you.

C     **And also with you.**

P     Lift up your hearts.

C     **We lift them to the Lord.**

P     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C     **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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.



#### ◆ LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

- ~ **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.

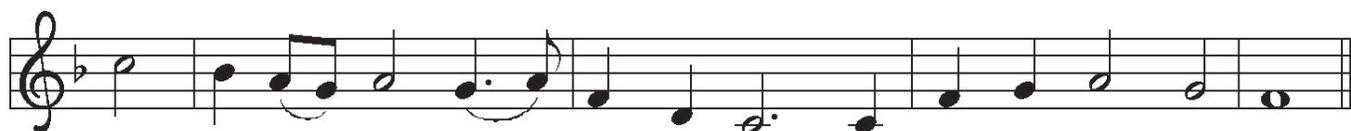
## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 10



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

"Come, Let Us Eat" - **ELW 491**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - **ELW 502**

"United at the Table" - **ELW 498**

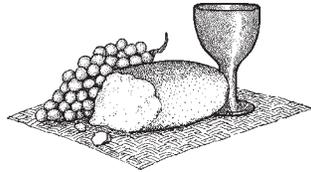
"What Feast of Love" - **ELW 487**

"Here Is Bread" - **ELW 483**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**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.**

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◆SENDING HYMN

"To Be Your Presence"

ELW 546

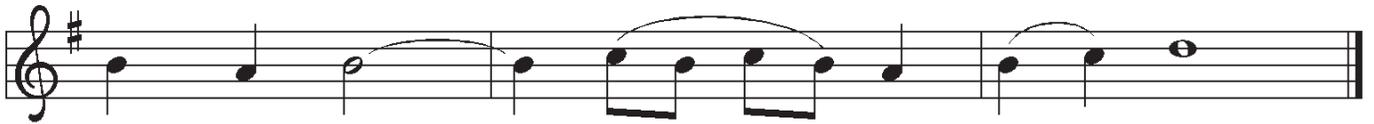
All Verses



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
 love ex - pressed,  
 church, re - joice,

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◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"To Be Your Presence"

(tune: Engelberg)

- arr. Dale Wood



*Scripture Readings for next Sunday, August 24th, are:*

**Isaiah 58:9b-14   Psalm 103:1-8   Hebrews 12:18-29   Luke 13:10-17**

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	<b>Serving Sunday August 17</b>	<b>Serving Next Sunday August 24</b>
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<b>Flowers</b>	Irene Anderson	Jeff & Stephanie Knutzen
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