

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

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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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 "Gather Us In" - setting, Mark Sedio

For the TEXT, see Gathering Hymn, p. 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 "Gather Us In"
Verses 1-3

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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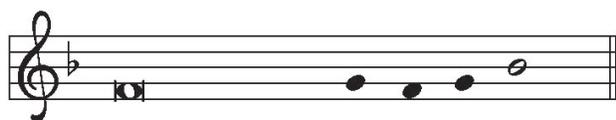
◆ GREETING

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

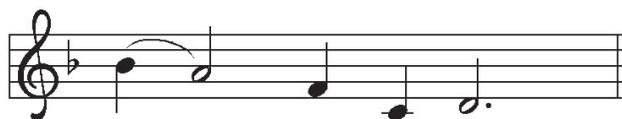
C **And also with you.**

◆ KYRIE

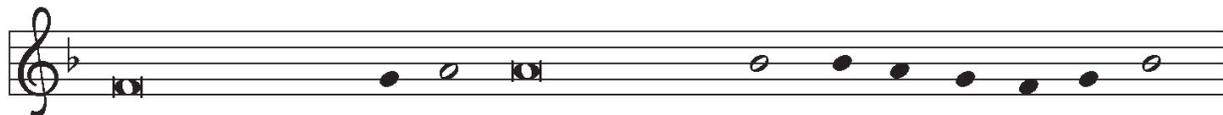
ELW Setting 6



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



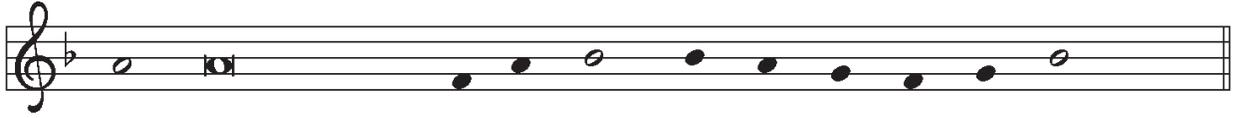
Lord, have mer - cy.



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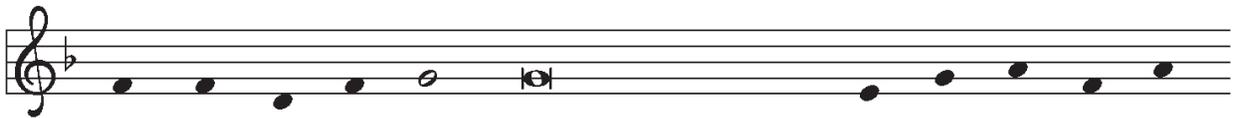
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



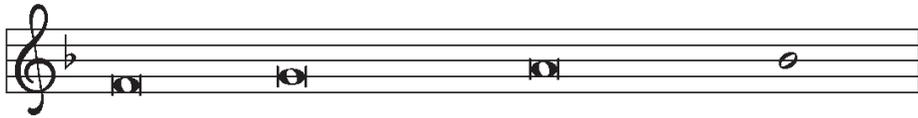
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting 6

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Let us pray.
 O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.
 Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from
 you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,

⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.



PSALM

Psalm 146

The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)



- ¹ Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
- ² **I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ³ Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
- ⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
- ⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;
- ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those
who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.
- ⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those**
who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.
- ⁹ The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the
way | of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ **The LORD shall | reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:2b-19

Temptations of power and wealth have been present in the church from its earliest days. In this section we are reminded that godliness is not a tool to be used for the sake of earthly pursuits. Then as now, Christians must be wary of those who use the appearance of godliness to further their own ends.

^{2b} Teach and urge these duties. ³ If any one teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching which accords with godliness, ⁴ he is puffed up with conceit, he knows nothing; he has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, ⁵ and wrangling among men who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he

who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.”

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN’S SERMON

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SERMON

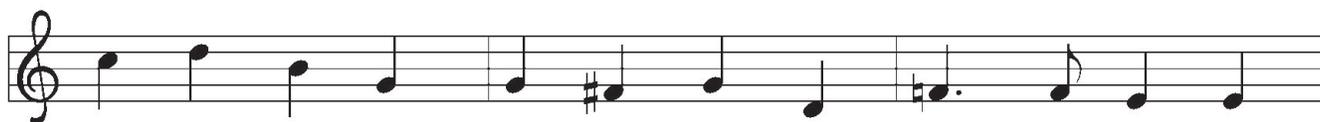
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◆HYMN OF THE DAY "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" ELW 597

All Verses



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



◆ 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 God of grace, **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: Choral Anthem “Build a Longer Table” - David Bjorlin
Congregation remains seated while offering is collected.

TEXT

- 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.
- 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.
- 3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.
- 4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

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!*

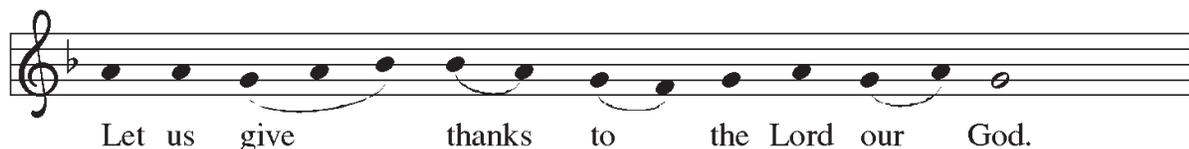


◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

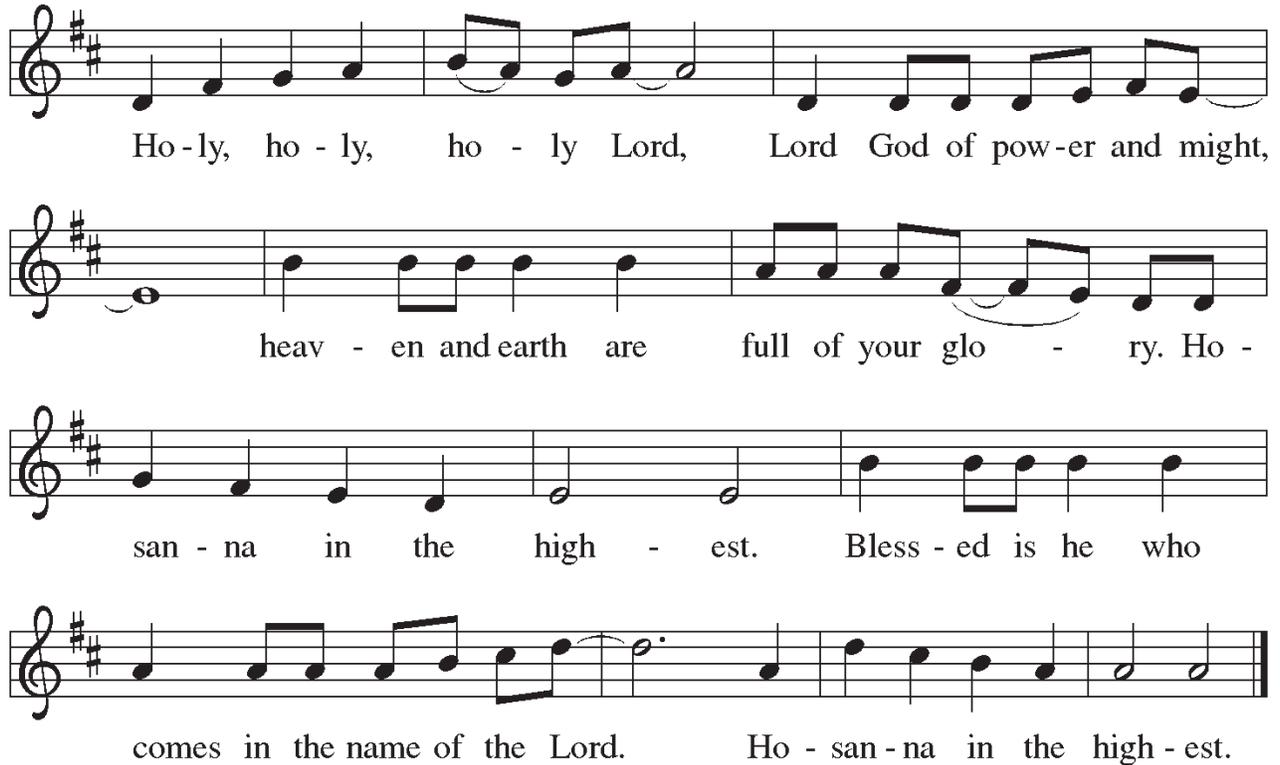
◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:...."

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 6



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed
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 6

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

- "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" - **ELW 712**
 "Christ, Be Our Light" - **ELW 715**
 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" - **ELW 719**
 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" - **ELW 479**
 "I Come with Joy" - **ELW 482**

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

Installation of Council Members

Please welcome our new Council Members:
 Jon Aarstad, Cheryl Conner, Larry Forsythe, Dennis Jensen,
 Keith Peterson, and Jim Zielinski

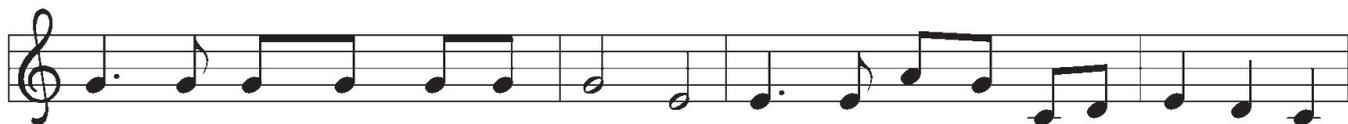
◆ BENEDICTION

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

◆SENDING HYMN "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" ELW 536



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

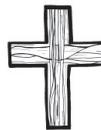
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (excerpt)

- arr. Wilbur Held

Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	Serving Sunday September 28	Serving Next Sunday October 5
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
Music Ministers	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson
Assisting Minister	Bonnie Bowers	Darla Jensen
Acolyte		
Lector	Kris Merritt	Larry Olsen
Greeters	Janet Wyman Judy Sheahan	Christie Peterson Kathy Shoop
Ushers	Gordy Dahl Karson Englund	Mark Johnson Susan Aarstad
Altar Guild	Terri Olsen Kay Zielenski	Terri Olsen Kay Zielenski
Fellowship Hosts	Kris Merritt Parish Life Committee	Judi & Jerry Butterfield Tom & Judy Sheahan
Flowers		Irene Anderson
Council Member of the Day	Brenda Geary	Cheryl Conner



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Edison Lutheran Church - Welcoming.....Nurturing.....Serving



Scripture Readings for next Sunday, October 5th, are:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

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