

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026
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, elcbow.org.

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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 "From Depths of Woe I Cry to You"

- setting, Samuel Scheidt

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

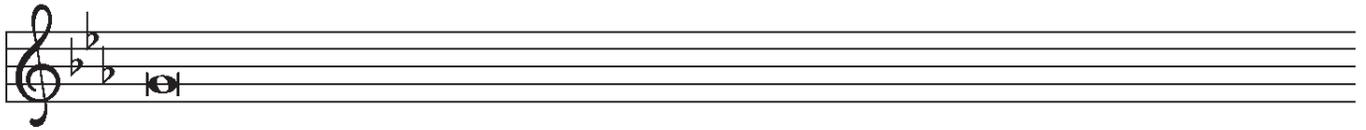
AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

AM Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

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

AM Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what
we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your
will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

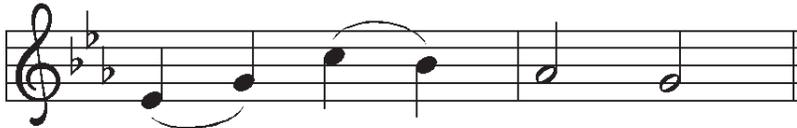
P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained
minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**



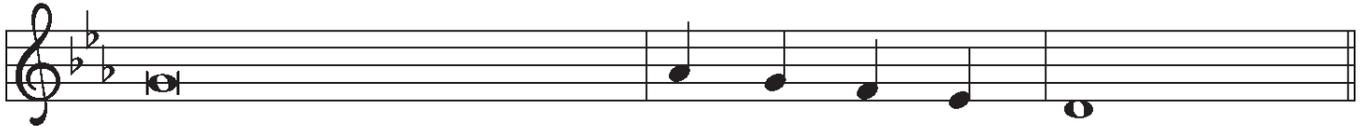
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

◆ 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.**



◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the

woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

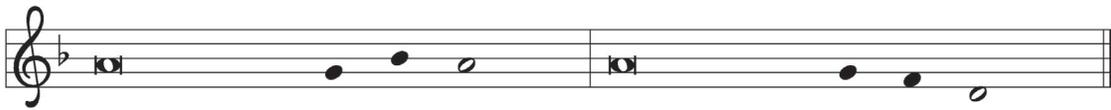
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 32

Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. (Ps. 32:10)



- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions [|] are forgiven,
and whose sin is [|] put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- [|] putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there [|] is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- [|] ered away,
because of my groaning [|] all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me [|] day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the [|] heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- [|] ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave
me the guilt [|] of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in [|] time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they [|] shall not reach them.**

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⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve ^l me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts ^l of deliverance.

⁸ **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ^l you should go;
I will guide you ^l with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ^l understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will ^l not stay near you.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations ^l of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust ^l in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ^l in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are ^l true of heart.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

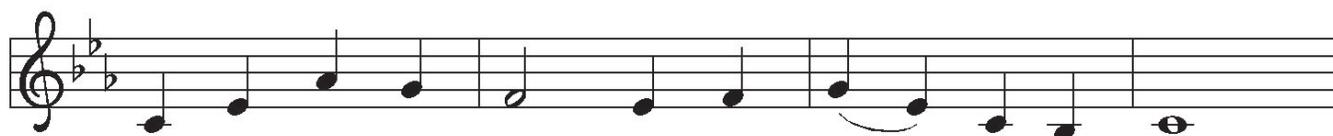
¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

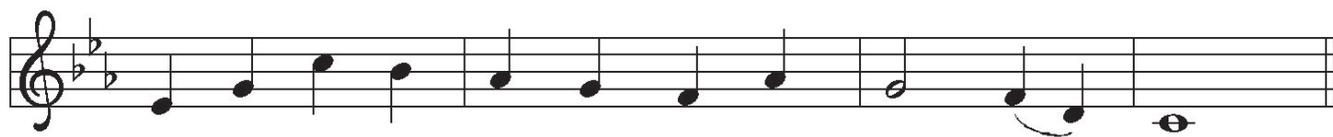
C **Thanks be to God.**

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 1



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourth chapter.

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

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

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‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the
pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw
yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to
the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all
the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I
will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to
him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY "When We Are Tested"

ACS 922

All Verses



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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◆ 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 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 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: “As Your Spirit in the Desert” *Congregation remains seated while offering is collected.*

Choir As your spirit in the desert
Led the Christ to dust and stone,
So instill our hearts with courage
Now to cross where Christ has gone.

Assembly



Let us cross in - to the wil-der-ness So to walk where Christ has gone.

Choir As your fire and cloudy pillar
Israel’s tribes to Canaan led,
May your Presence be our comfort,
May your manna be our bread.

Assembly



Let us cross in - to the wil-der-ness With God’s man - na as our bread.

Choir Though wild beasts may lurk in the shadow,
And dire thirst may sear and sting,
You have promised living waters
Waiting for us at the spring.

Assembly



Let us cross out of the wil-der-ness To the wa - ters of the spring.

Choir Through the narrow gate now draw us,
Past all empires’ pull and strife,
Where beyond our fear and clinging
Stands the threshold of new life.

Assembly



Let us cross out of the wil-der-ness To the thresh - old of new life.

Choir God of Desert, God of Promise,
You have bid us journey on
Through the days of dust and darkness
To the rising of the dawn.

Assembly



Let us cross out of the wil-der-ness To the ris - ing of the dawn.

◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.



◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 1

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

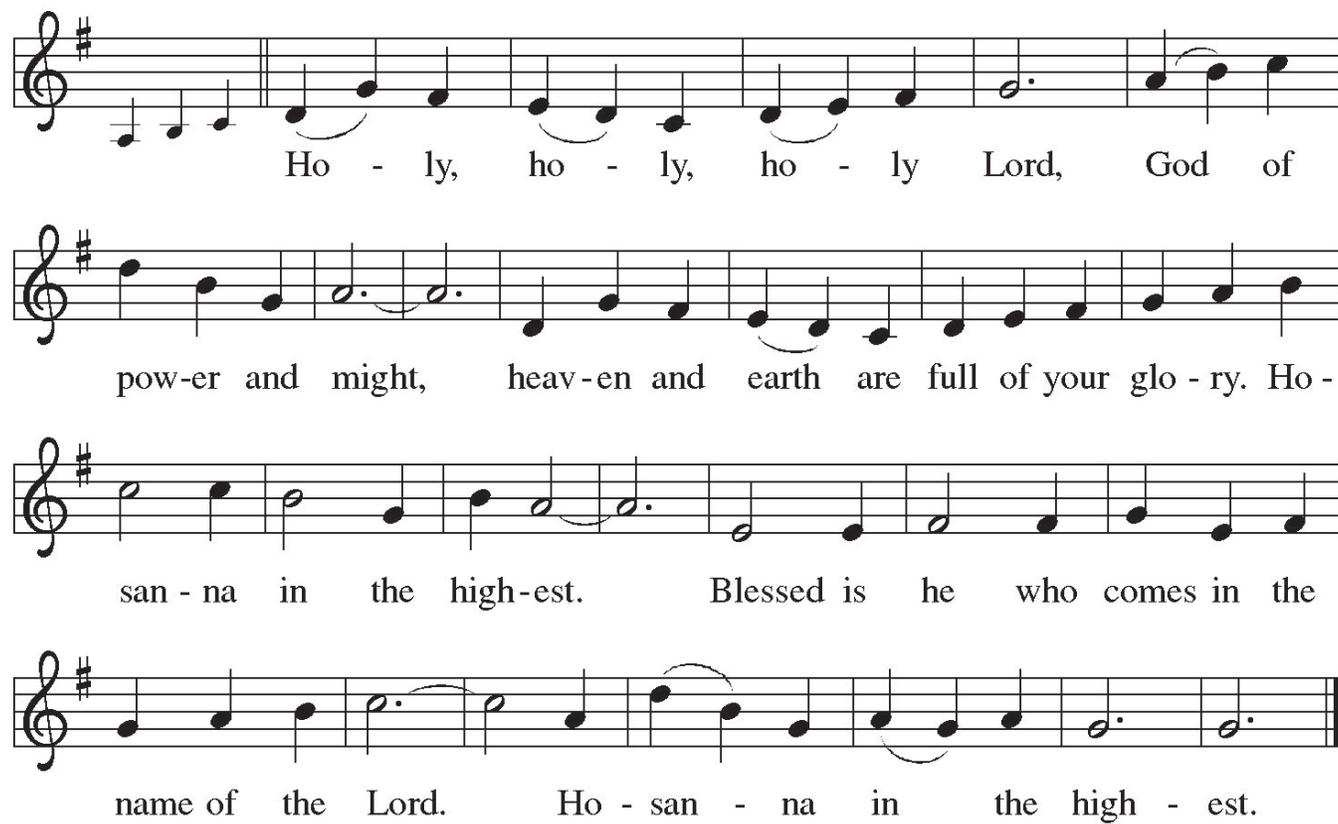
P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

.... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:....."

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◆ Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 1



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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 Choral Anthem

- Albert Hay Malotte / arr. Peter Blau Ormsby



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

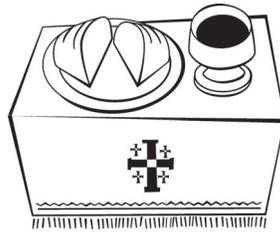
"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 1

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.

- "Holy, Holy, Holy" - **ELW 473** REPEAT
- "We Come to the Hungry Feast" - **ELW 479**
- "Bread of Life from Heaven" - **ELW 474**
- "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" - **ELW 325**
- "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" - **ELW 319**
- "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" - **ELW 326**





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 Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lor's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

◆ **POSTLUDE:** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
(tune: Deo Gracias) - arr. David N. Johnson

Congregation remains standing, but sits as the cross passes them by.

◆ **SENDING**

AM Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.



Scripture Readings for next Sunday, March 1st, are:

Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17

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

Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	Serving Sunday February 22	Serving Next Sunday March 1
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
Music Ministers	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
Assisting Minister	Bonnie Bowers	Kaycee Stubben
Acolyte	Drake Conner	Cameron Dahl
Lector	Kris Merritt	Larry Olsen
Greeters	Debbie Conijn Terri Olsen	Steven & Sarah Dahl
Ushers	Mike & Jean Miller	Bud & Bonnie Bowers
Altar Guild	Debbie Lisser Julie Rousseau	Amber Lagerlund Janet Wyman
Fellowship Hosts	Cheryl Conner Larry & Terri Olsen Janet & Brad Wyman	Debbie Conijn Mike & Jean Miller Katy Olson
Flowers	Lent - no flowers	Lent - no flowers
Council Member of the Day	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb



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