

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
20 September 2026
10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

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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 during reading of first lesson.

Gathering

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

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Paul Manz

For TEXT see ELW 807

◆ 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 "Lord of Light"

ELW 688

Verses 1, 2, and 3



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860–1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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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

Bonnie Drewes

Cantor 

Cantor 

Cong. 

(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 Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle)

Word

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10–4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites and also many animals?

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 145:1-8

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)



- ¹ I will exalt you, my [|] God and king,
and bless your name forev- [|] er and ever.
- ² **Every day [|] will I bless you**
and praise your name forev- [|] er and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly [|] to be praised!
There is no end [|] to your greatness.
- ⁴ **One generation shall praise your works [|] to another**
and shall de- [|] clare your power.
- ⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor [|] of your majesty
and all your [|] marvelous works.
- ⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your [|] wondrous acts,**
and I will re- [|] count your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of [|] your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully [|] of your righteousness.
- ⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,**
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is confident that the ministry of the gospel will find success. He calls on the Philippians to order their lives according to this truth.

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bonnie Drewes



◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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 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.*

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Choral Anthem: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

- S. Trevor Francis/Gilbert M Martin

TEXT:

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fulness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of its love,
leading onward, leading homeward to that glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore;
He who loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!
He who died to save his loved ones, intercedes for them above;
He who called them his own people, watches over them in love.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of ev'ry love the best;
Vast the ocean of his blessing, sweet the ha, ven of his rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus - for my heav'n of heavens is he;
This my everlasting glory - Jesus' mighty love for me! Amen.

Congregation remains seated while offering is collected.

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 become 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

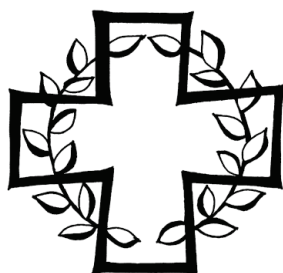
us what we can do to use these gifts to your

glo - ry so that oth - ers may know your love.

◆ 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.**

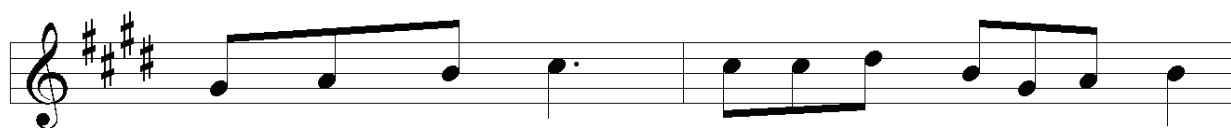


◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 your praise....."



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of in - fin - ite



wis - dom and strength. Heav - en and earth are



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 —



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

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.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Congregation hymns:

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" - **ELW 461**

"Now the Silence" - **ELW 460**

"I Come with Joy" - **ELW 482**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" - **ELW 659**

"Lord of All Hopefulness" - **ELW 765**

"In God Alone" - **ACS 1031** REPEAT as led by the organ.



"In God Alone"

- **ACS 1031** REPEAT as led by the organ.

Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de
In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in

lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.
soul can find its rest, . . . find its rest and peace.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: MON ÂME SE REPOSE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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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.**

◆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 jus-tice, — 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 scatter like seeds,
 help us re-mem — ber this meal and this day as we
 car - ry your Word — to the world.

◆SENDING

AM Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Allegro"

- G.F. Handel



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	Serving Sunday September 20	Serving Next Sunday September 27
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
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Assisting Minister	Chris Omdal	Mark Johnson
Acolyte	Brayden Kress	Hannah Kress
Lector	Laura Engebretsen	Bryan Galbraith
Greeters	Keith & Glenda Gundersen	Terri Olsen Marie Nelsen
Ushers	Brad Wyman Debbie Conijn	Jason & Linda Tyler
Altar Guild	Julie Rousseau Debbie Lisser	Debbie Lisser Terri Olsen
Fellowship Hosts	Inger & Scott Conner Jerry & Judi Butterfield Irene Fadden	Eric & Nancy Anderson Gailyn & Ron Ploeg Jeff & Stephanie Knutzen
Flowers	Kris Merritt	
Council Member of the Day	Jim Zielinski	Cheryl Conner

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, September 27th, are:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

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