

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
27 September 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 during reading of first lesson.

Gathering

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

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Evan" - (tune) "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"
- setting, John Carter

For TEXT see Hymn of the Day, p. 12.

◆ 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 "God Is Here!"

ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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 
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: 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 God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle)

Word

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

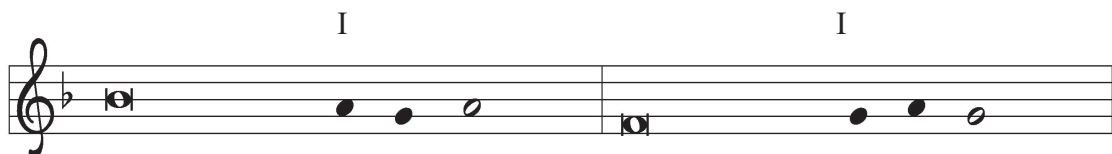
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 25:1-9

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)



- ¹ To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
- ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,**
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
- ³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- ⁴ **Show me your | ways, O LORD,**
and teach | me your paths.
- ⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,**
for they are from | everlasting.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good- | ness, O LORD.
- ⁸ **You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;**
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
- ⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.



SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,

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in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only
in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own
salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bonnie Drewes



◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with

one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’”²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.”²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’”²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went.³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go.³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.”³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe 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 "Oh, That the Lord Would guide My Ways"

ELW 772

All Verses



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

◆ 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 Offertory: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

W. Gladden/Smith and Gerig

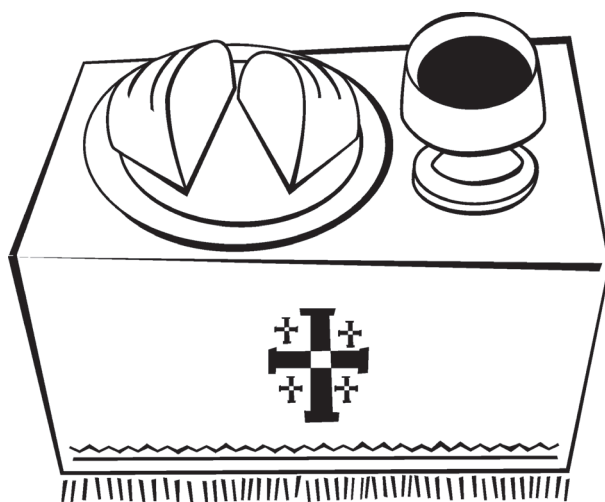
TEXT: See ELW 818, stanzas 1, 3, 4.

Congregation remains seated while offering is collected.

◆OFFERTORY HYMN

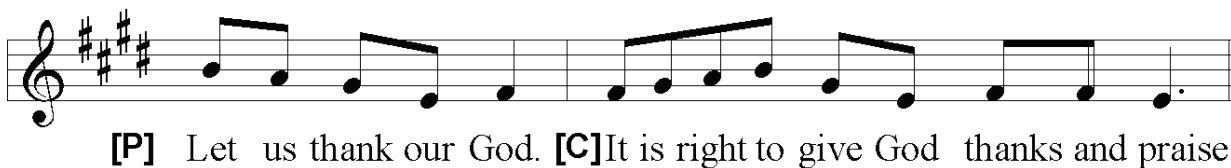
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We of - fer these to you: our -
selves, our time, our pos - ses - sions, signs of your gracious
love. And we bring this bread and wine, that
they may become your bod - y and your blood in the meal we
share. We of - fer our hopes and our vi - sions,
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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

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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**

"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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"You Have come Down to the Lakeshore" - **ELW 817**

"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" - **ELW 814** REPEAT

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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"

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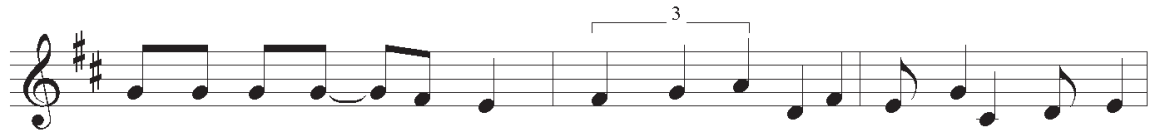
We go out from this place, — and we scat-ter like seeds,



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"

- John Stanley



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	Serving Sunday September 27	Serving Next Sunday October 4
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
Music Ministers	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
Assisting Minister	Mark Johnson	Larry Olsen
Acolyte	Hannah Kress	
Lector	Darla Jensen	Bryan Galbraith
Greeters	Terri Olsen Marie Nelsen	Craig Guthridge RuthAnne Pocock
Ushers	Dan & Patsy Martin	Jason & Linda Tyler
Altar Guild	Debbie Lisser Terri Olsen	Terri Olsen Janet Wyman
Fellowship Hosts	Eric & Nancy Anderson Gailyn & Ron Ploeg Jeff & Stephanie Knutzen	Linda & Dave Vague Mandy & Alex Englund Kris Merritt
Flowers	Bruce & Debbie Lisser	
Council Member of the Day	Cheryl Conner	Cheryl Conner

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, October 4th, are:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

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