

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

Edison
Lutheran Church

14201 Church Rd
Bow, WA 98232

Phone:
(360) 766-6920

Email:
office@elcbow.org

Website:
elcbow.org

Pastor John Guthridge



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
4 October 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.

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

Holy Communion

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

10:30 am

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 during reading of first lesson.

Gathering

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

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

- setting, John Carter

See Gathering Hymn, page 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

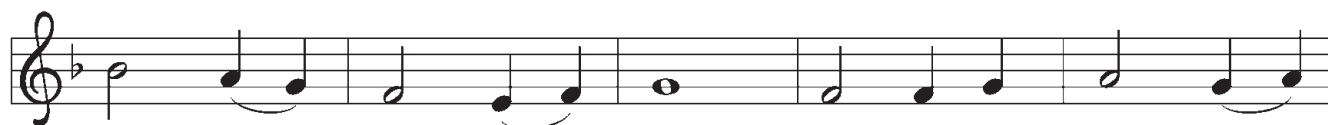
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross "

ELW 526

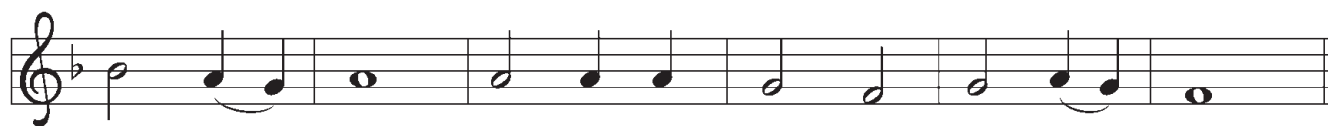
All Verses



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



◆ GREETING

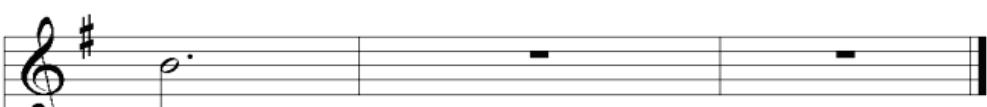
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

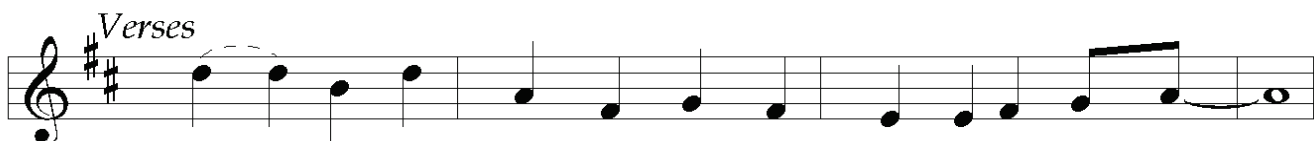
Bonnie Drewes



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 Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle)

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;

it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 80:7-15

Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)



⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and planted it.
⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;**
¹⁵ behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bonnie Drewes



◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

◆ **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Faith Begins by Letting Go "

ACS 1004

(Tune "For the Beauty of the Earth") **All Verses**

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>1 Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.</p> <p>2 Faith endures by holding on,
keeping mem'ry's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.</p> | <p>3 Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.</p> |
|---|---|

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Text © 1996 Hope Publishing Company, Carol
Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved.

◆ **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.*

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!*



Offertory

“Wondrous Love”

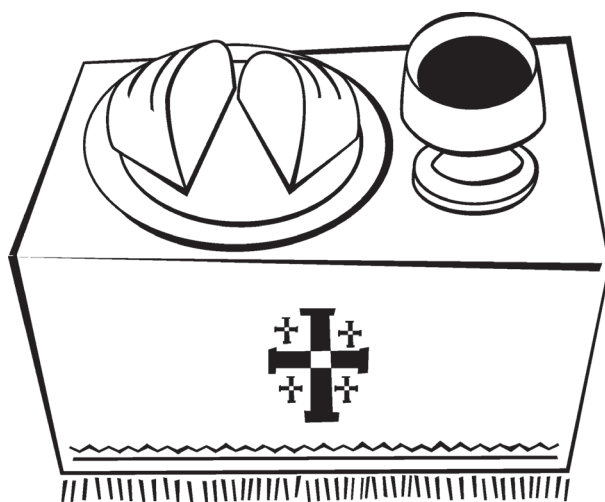
- David N. Johnson

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bonnie Drewes



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
Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Congregation hymns:

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"

- **ELW 464**

"In the Singing"

- **ELW 466**

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

- **ELW 468**



"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

Text and music © 1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, admin. GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

"Jesus Loves Me!"

- **ELW 595**

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

- **ELW 729**

"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

- **ELW 814** REPEAT

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



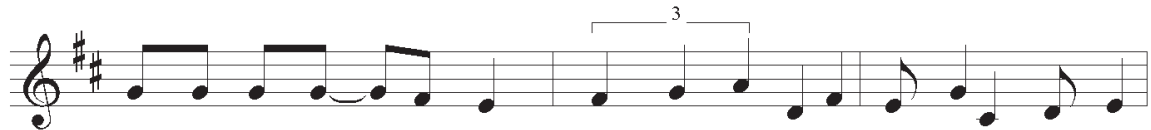
We go out from this place, — and we scat-ter like seeds,



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 "Nachspiel" - Anton Bruckner, ed. Hal H. Hopson



Liturgy for Holy Communion, © 1990/1992/2004 by Bonnie Drewes, bondrewes@yahoo.com Used with permission. Content, liturgy, and artwork from *Sundays and Seasons.com* © copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted under Augsburg Annual License #SB148468. Any hymns reprinted from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *All Creation Sings*, all rights reserved, used by permission ONE LICENSE #A706889 or are public domain. Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE) copyright © 2021, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	Serving Sunday October 4	Serving Next Sunday October 11
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
Music Ministers	Barbara Fredrickson	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
Assisting Minister	Larry Olsen	Darla Jensen
Acolyte		
Lector	Bryan Galbraith	Cat Clark
Greeters	Craig Guthridge RuthAnne Pocock	Bryan Galbraith Susie Aarstad
Ushers	Jason & Linda Tyler	Larry & Susie Forsythe
Altar Guild	Terri Olsen Janet Wyman	Janet Wyman TBD
Fellowship Hosts	Linda & Dave Vague Kris Merritt Larry & Susie Forsythe	Glenda & Keith Gundersen Maria Day Linda & Jason Tyler
Flowers		Christine & Darrel Johnson
Council Member of the Day	Cheryl Conner	Cheryl Conner

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, October 11th, are:

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

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



Edison Lutheran Church, 14201 Church Road, Bow, WA 98232
office@elcbow.org (360) 766-6920 elcbow.org
Pastor John Guthridge