

Saturday, October 23, 2021 5:00 P.M.

GATHERING

WELCOME

As part of Stewardship Commitment weekend, each of our worship services allows time for prayerful commitment, in which we are invited to consider our response to God's faithfulness and abundance, and make a financial pledge for the coming year to God's ministry that we share at Edgebrook Lutheran Church.

We give thanks to God for all of the blessings we have received, and offer to God that which God has first given us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sarah (Are) Speed

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

GOSPEL – Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Reverend Christina Garrett Klein

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT WEEKEND

You are invited to pray about what God is calling us to do at ELC through our mission and ministries, and how God is calling you to respond.

In anticipation of making our pledges, let us prepare our hearts using the body prayer inspired by Julian of Norwich, written by our Spiritual Direction Intern, Nicole VanderDoes.

When you are ready, please complete a commitment card with your financial pledge for your household for the 2021 year. You can do so with the physical card, through the church website: edgebrooklutheran.org/commitment, or by using the QR code.

We commit this pledge to God as an act of worship. Thank you for joining ELC as we participate in God's mission in the world. You are invited to pray this prayer of dedication when you have concluded your offering: Accept these commitment cards as signs of our faithfulness to you in our giving and in our living. Bless us as good stewards of your gifts, moving us to respond in gratitude to your grace and your goodness so that all can have enough. Amen.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

+++ Receive the Meal +++

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. We pause for prayer and reflection.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood, you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

We share a sign of God's peace with one another. God Bless You and Be Well!



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Our Mission:

Transforming lives by sharing a saving faith in Jesus Christ and living the Gospel through service

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, connect with our ministries, meet with our pastor, or learn more about ELC and how to join, feel free to call or email us. You are always welcome here.

+ Pastor Christina Klein

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Thanks be to God, again, on repeat.

I am more and more convinced every day that the world is spinning faster; do you feel it? There are a million and one things that pull on my attention, that distract and discourage; so in the fast moving blur of it all my mother tells me to take a deep breath. My father tells me to remember who I am. My gut tells me there is something more here, and they are right. They are all right. So [at worship], I reorient myself. I pull prayers from my pockets and give them to God, because fear cannot stand when it's standing in the light. I pull money from my pockets and give it to God because cynicism cannot grow when it is met with hopeful action. I pull doubt from my pockets and give it to God because doubt met with love cannot stay where it started. And bit by bit, I move to holy ground. The world is spinning slower now. This ritual of giving reorients me, in an off-kilter world, it helps me see. I give and am returned to the center of me, to the center of God, to a place that is free. Thanks be to God for the reorienting.