



Worship Service
Sunday, November 15, 2020
8:45 A.M.

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.

Take some time after the sermon to listen for God and then place your commitment card before God as an act of worship. We give thanks to God for all of the blessings we have received, and offer to God that which God has first given us.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prayer

Ludwig van Beethoven

*O Lord, your goodness reaches far, as high as clouds are soaring;
Your tender mercies crown our days, our lives with peace restoring.
Lord God, our rock and fortress strong, to you our love and prayers belong
As now we come before you, as now we come before you.*

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ELW 693



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
- 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved of God, called to be saints:

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Righteous God, our merciful one, you made the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Word of God. Word of life.

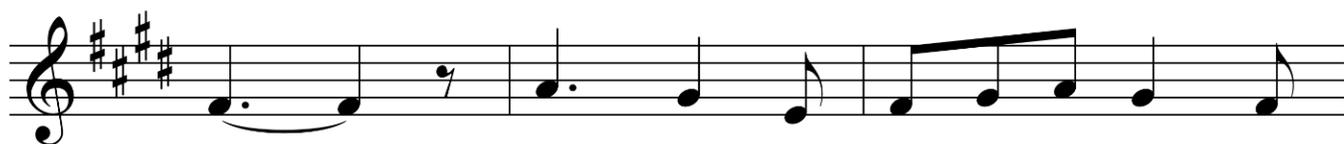
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

The gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’

²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

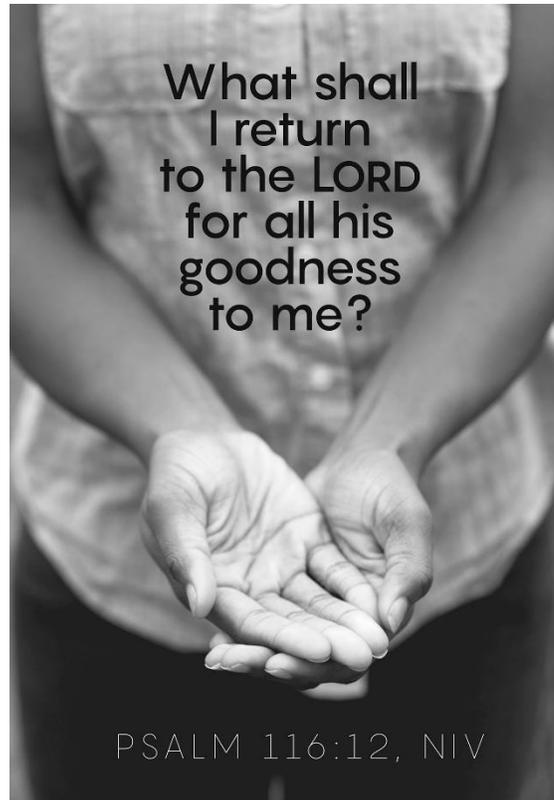
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

At this time, we invite you 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.

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 card mailed to you or by going to the church website: edgebrooklutheran.org/commitment.

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 when you have concluded your offering:

Prayer of Dedication:

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

ELW 678



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for God's power to come upon the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each petition with,
"Hear us and help us."

... Receive these prayers for the same of him who lived, died, and rose for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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, and to give time to commune those gathered
with others in the household.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved
children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
Amen.

SENDING

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* **ELW 674**



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *St. George's Windsor (Come, Ye Thankful)* Flor Peeters



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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 one of our pastors, 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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***See you next week for worship livestream
at 5pm on Saturday and 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!
We continue sharing in communion. Please call/email the church
office if you need elements brought to you.***



Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.

We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. With coronavirus cases on the rise, we will continue worshipping online at this time. Please be vigilant and check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council (council@edgebrooklutheran.org) with any concerns. Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!