

# Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Good Stewards Together: Stewards of the Body of Christ

Welcome!! A few reminders for a safe and meaningful worship experience:

- This service is livestreamed for those wishing to worship online.
- Masks must be worn properly and at all times when indoors. We will
  continue wearing our masks during worship out of love and care for our
  neighbors, especially those not fully vaccinated, including our children.
- Singing will be led by cantors.
- Offerings can be placed in the offering plate by the ushers' station or given electronically at www.edgebrooklutheran.org/donate.
- We will use pre-packed communion cups, with the wafer on top of the grape juice. Instructions will be given after the Lord's Prayer. Advise the ushers if you need a gluten-free wafer.
- Sharing of the peace will occur outside after the benediction.

Thank you for your participation and commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all!

# **GATHERING**

**VOCAL PRELUDE** 

We Are Your People

text: Brian Wren

We are your people, Spirit of grace, You dare to make us to all our neighbors Christ's living voice, hands and face.

Joined in community, treasured and fed, May we discover gifts in each other, Willing to lead and be led.

Spirit, unite us; make us, by grace, Willing and ready, Christ's living body, Loving the whole human race.

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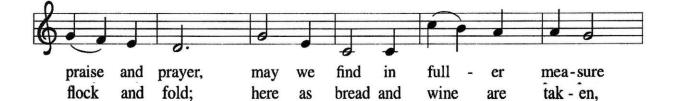
**HYMN** 

God Is Here

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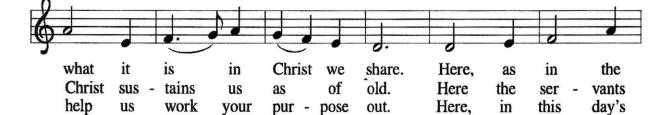
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#### **GREETING**

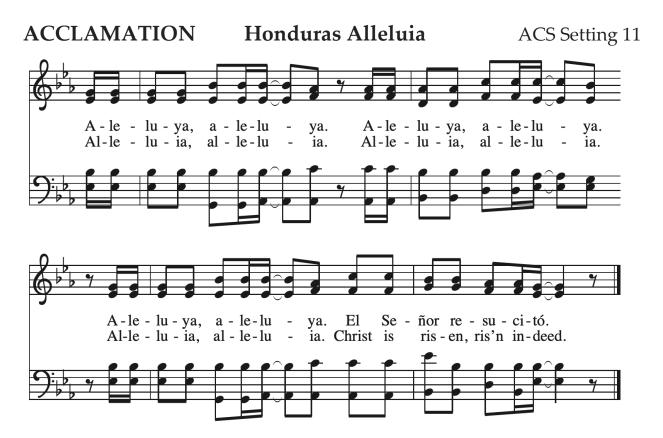
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. **And also with you.** 

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of unity, despite our individual inadequacies, you call us to be the body of Christ together. Giving each of us distinct gifts, re-member us and equip each of us to provide guidance and accountability for one another, that we all may become more faithful followers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **WORD**



#### SCRIPTURE – 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

<sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

<sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Word of God. Word of Life.

#### Thanks be to God.



# **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.

**MEDITATION** 

Variation on 'Abbot's Leigh' David Cherwien

## **SENDING**

#### **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

You are invited to dispose of their communion packs as you exit the building and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace on the church lawn.

# We Go Together Make the person look like you. Then, write down or draw some ways that you use different parts of your body to love and serve God and others. Remember that we are one body with many parts! Where Do You Belong? Think about communities where you belong, other than your family such as teams, ensembles, or a classroom. Choose one and name the different roles that you and other members play. One group I belong to is \_\_\_\_\_ The role(s) I have is \_\_\_\_\_\_ Other people play these roles: If everyone played the same role, our group would be: \_\_\_\_\_ How do these differences help unite your group/community? \_\_\_\_\_

This week, our family is praying for: \_\_\_\_\_



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

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