



Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.  
Good Stewards Together: Faith, Fellowship, and Fun

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](http://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 Called to Be God's People*

text: Thomas A. Jackson; music: Paul Manz

*We are called to be God's people  
Showing by our lives His grace  
One in heart and one in spirit  
Sign of hope for all the race  
Let us show how He has changed us  
And remade us as His own  
Let us share our life together  
As we shall around His throne*

## WELCOME

## 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 relationships, thank you for making each of us unique. Help us to get to know each other, and in doing so, know more about you, so that we can be good stewards of our relationships with each other and with you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### ACCLAMATION

### Honduras Alleluia

ACS Setting 11



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

## SCRIPTURE – Acts 2:42-47

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

## SONG OF REFLECTION *I Come with Joy*

ELW 496

*Cantor: I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.*

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.*

## MEAL

### PRAYER

### 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.*

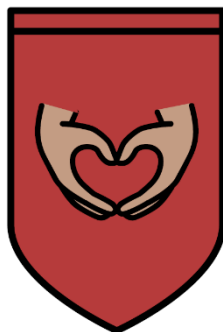
**MEDITATION**      *Variation on 'Orientis Partibus'*      Henry Markworth

## SENDING

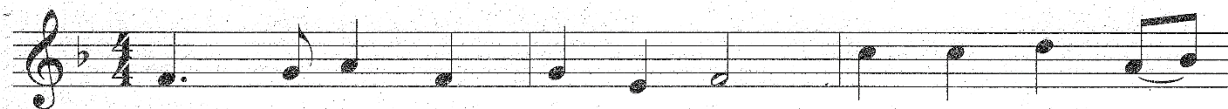
### BENEDICTION

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

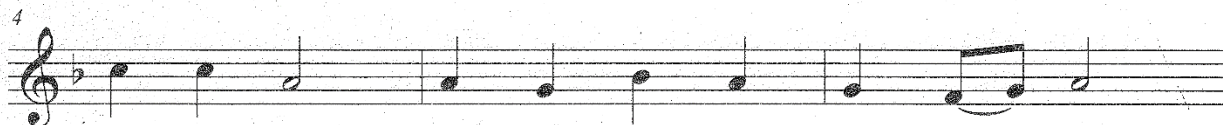
**Amen.**



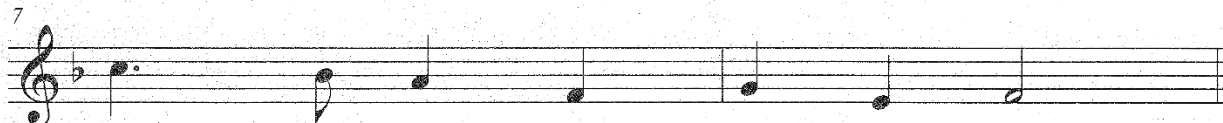
SENDING HYMN *There's a Spirit in the Air* text: Brian Wren  
tune: Orientis Partibus



1. There's a Spi - rit in the air, tell - ing Christ - ians  
2. When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry  
3. When a stran - ger's not a - lone, where the home - less  
4. There's a Spi - rit in the air, call - ing peo - ple\_\_



ev' - ry - where, praise the love that Christ re - vealed,  
child is fed: praise the love that Christ re - vealed,  
find a home, praise the love that Christ re - vealed,  
ev' - ry - where, praise the love that Christ re - vealed,



liv - ing, work - ing in our world.  
liv - ing, work - ing in our world.  
liv - ing, work - ing in our world.  
liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Orientis Partibus (There's a Spirit...)* Frank Ferko

*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.*

The book of Acts tells us that the first members of the Christian church **shared everything**. Sharing is a great way to **show God's love!**

Draw lines to match the things you could share with a friend.

If a friend had this...



I could share this:



## Everything In Common

The earliest believers of the Christian church shared everything in common with each other. Can you figure out what these groups of words have in common? Answers are on the back page.

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|----|---------------|---------------|----|---------|---------|
| 1. | Apple         | Scissors      | 3. | Ohio    | Iowa    |
|    | Letter        | Balloon       |    | Alabama | Hawaii  |
| 2. | Brown Coconut | Quiet Rhino   | 4. | Kayak   | Racecar |
|    | Funny Girl    | Tiny Umbrella |    | Mom     | Eye     |

Draw lines to connect the pieces of this week's memory verses in order.

## Memory Verse



Acts 4:34

There was not a needy person among them,

the proceeds of what was sold.

sold them and brought

For as many as owned lands or houses

Acts 4:33

and grace was upon them all.

The apostles gave their testimony

to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,



### Look It Up!

The early believers did not own anything, but shared everything with each other. Look up Mark 10:17-31 to read what Jesus has to say about sharing our possessions.



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*Everything in Common Answers:*

1. All had double letters.
2. Each set of two words begins with consecutive letters of the alphabet.
3. All have more vowels than consonants.
4. All are palindromes – words that are spelled the same forward and backward.