



Sunday, September 26, 2021
8:45 A.M.

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!**

VOCAL PRELUDE

Abundant Life

Ruth Duck/Marty Haugen

*We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing,
For we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
That all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.*

*When bodies shiver in the night and, weary, waiting for morning,
When children have no bread but tears, and war horns sounds their warning,
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,
That all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.*

*God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
A future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating.
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
That all might have abundant life and peace endure forever.*

GATHERING

WELCOME

REETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with
you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the
name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia

ELW 175



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The musical score consists of two systems of four staves each. Each system has a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in a simple, rhythmic style with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

GOSPEL – Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

REFLECTION SONG *Strengthen for Service, Lord*

ELW 497

Cantor:

*Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken;
and let the ears that heard your word to falsehood never waken.*

*The tongues that sang your holy name now purge of all deception;
keep bright the eyes that saw your love and sharpen their perception.*

*And may the feet that walked your courts be never lured to wander;
but lead the faithful nourished here to journey on in splendor.*



WELCOMING NICOLE VANDERDOES AS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION INTERN

Today, we give thanks to God for all that God has done, and we recognize Nicole Vanderdoes as she begins her internship, serving in the work of Edgebrook Lutheran Church in spiritual direction. Nicole is pursuing her Master of Arts in Christian Spirituality at Loyola University Chicago Institute of Pastoral Studies, with a concentration in Spiritual Direction.

Nicole, having declared your desire to learn and serve within this congregation, will you follow explore spirituality with us, accompany us through holy listening on our spiritual direction journey, and become more attuned to the work of the Spirit so that all are equipped and empowered to be attentive and responsive to God?

Student: Yes, with God's help.

Let us pray... Gracious God, source of all wisdom, whose Spirit empowers our service, accompany and bless Nicole in her listening, learning, questioning, and serving. May she grow in your love and her understanding of the role of spiritual director. Give her health and strength to do faithfully all that you ask of her; through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

And you, people of God, will you support Nicole? Will you pray for her, encourage and speak well of her? Will you open yourself to listen, receive, and respond to God through spiritual direction? Will you offer Nicole your gifts and your time, so that she might be a part of this community of faith and be strengthened for her work?

Congregation: We will.

Let us pray... For all who offer themselves in your name, we give thanks, O God. Grant the joy of service and the promise of your constant care and guidance. Help us all to be willing servants and thankful recipients of ministry, that your name be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Let us give thanks to God and rejoice as we welcome Nicole!
The assembly expresses its welcome with applause.

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.

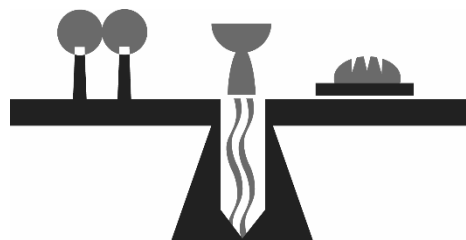
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

+++ Receive the Meal +++

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

We pause for prayer and reflection.

MEDITATION *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* C. Callahan



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.

SENDING HYMN *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* ELW 719



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
3 From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.

- 5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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.

kids Celebrate

Lec tionary 28



gather

Welcome to worship.

God's Spirit works through us. We pray for others.

Our prayers are powerful ways to care about them.

God works through us.

Who can be on the prayer list? Anyone who needs God's care:



fUSsy babies
bUSy parents
bUS riders
enthUSiastic teachers
coUSins
limoUSine drivers
bUSiness people
mUSicians



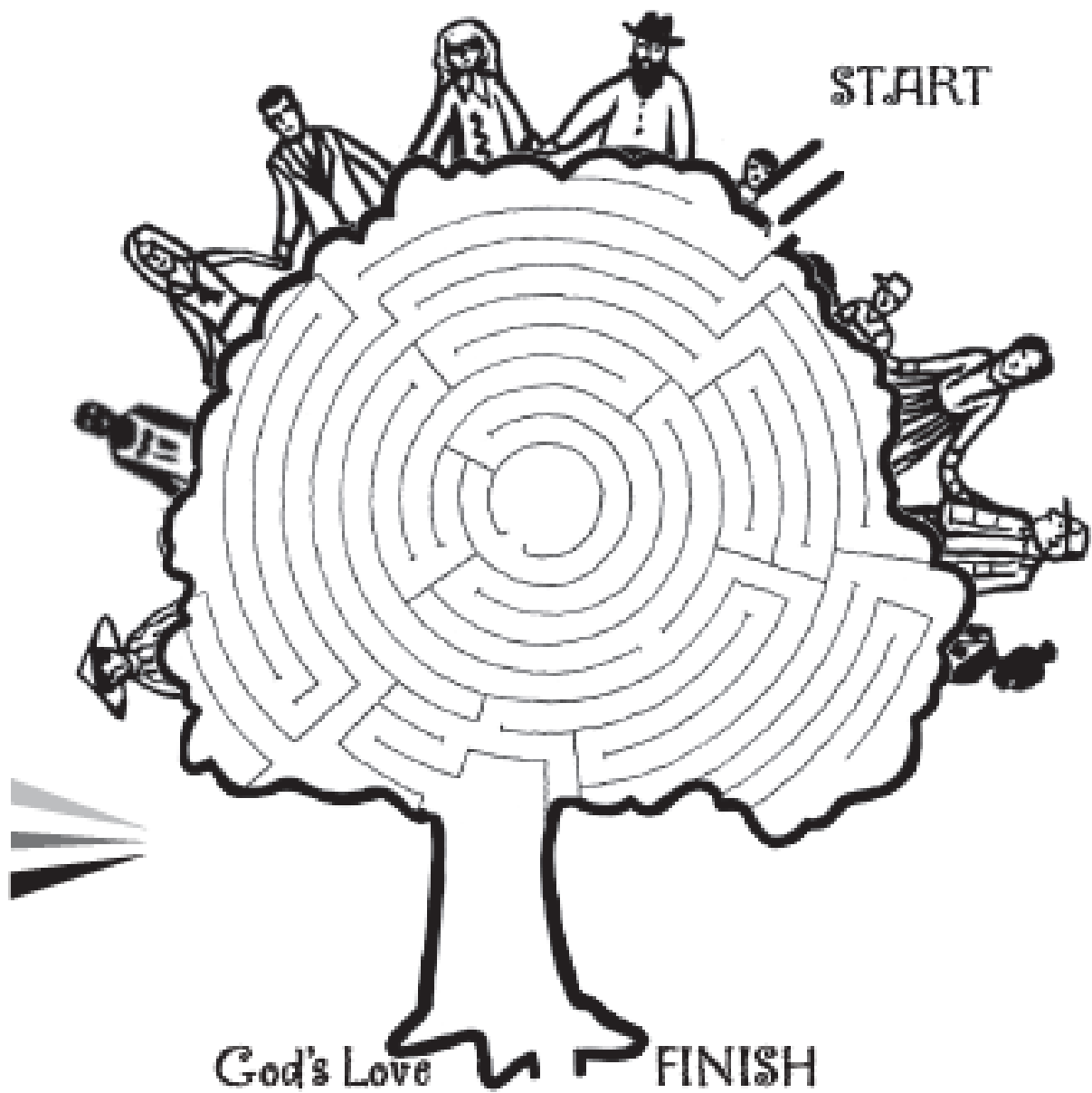
Who is on the prayer list?

All of US!

Draw a picture of some of these people in the empty space on this page or print names of people who fit any of these categories.

Share God's Love

Complete the tree maze to help share God's love with others.





Gospel Crossword

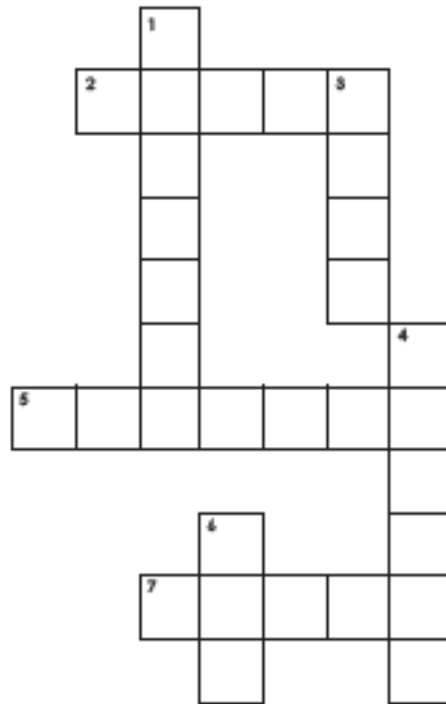
Use the clues below to fill in the crossword about Mark 9:38-41.

ACROSS

2. God's son
5. Amazing act performed by Jesus
7. Liquid in lakes, rivers, and oceans

DOWN

1. Instructor of students
3. Opposite of go
4. Synonym for prize, award
6. Opposite of good



Walking with God

Mark 9:38-50

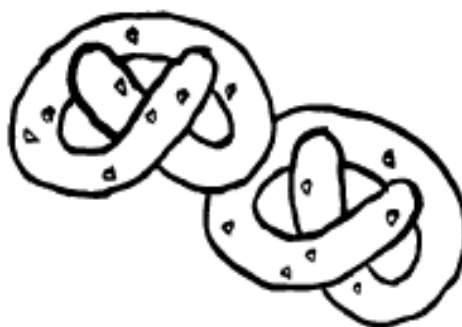
Jesus knew how to get people's attention when he taught. Sometimes he said things that made his hearers (and us!) this in surprise. He said things like, "If your foot makes you stumble, cut it off." Of course, Jesus doesn't want us to cut off our feet. But he does want us to walk in God's path, and to avoid things that lead us away from God. Who are the people in your church who serve as leaders: **In the maze, find the path that leads to Jesus.**

Send

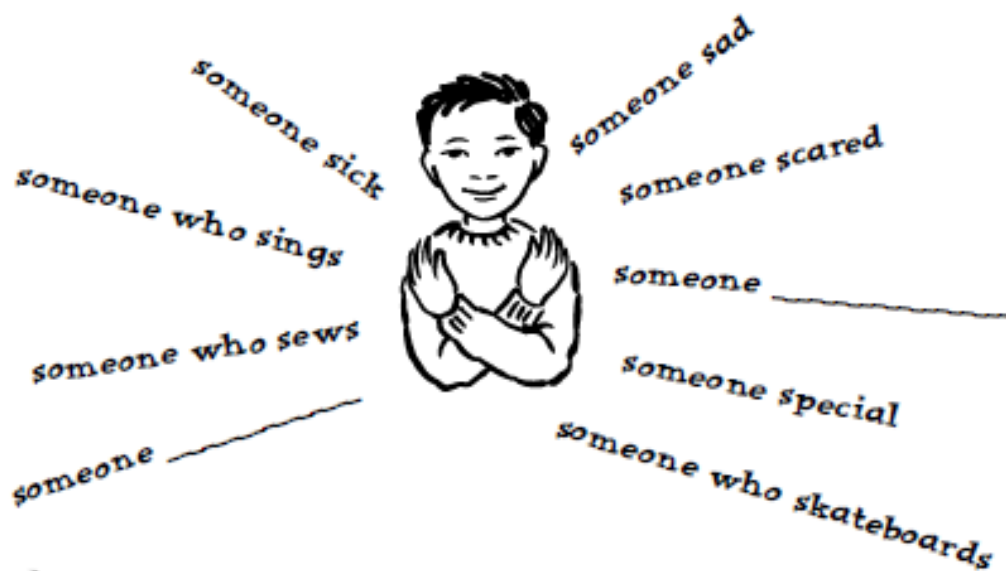
Salty prayers

The Spirit surprises us by giving us the power to pray. Jesus surprises us, saying, "Have salt in yourselves." Jesus wants us to keep our faith active and full of life, not dull or drab.

Draw in more salt on the pretzels.



Pretzels remind us of a person praying with arms folded across the chest. Choose some people on this Someone Special prayer list. Include them in your prayers today and this week. Add other "S" names to the prayer list.



this week

Do some "pretzel prayers" during the week, folding your arms as shown above on this page. Pray for more people on your Someone Special list. Then enjoy a few pretzels to eat as a snack.



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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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Thank you for joining us today!
God Bless You and Be Well!

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