



Sunday, November 9, 2025

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Sermon One with Children

Gathering Hymn What a Friend We Have Jesus ELW #742

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling on God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Source of all life, **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by your love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire

us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Choir Special Music Gather Us In

First Reading Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

- ²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 17:1-9

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to Luke 20:27-38

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Two

Hymn of the Day Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

ELW #441

Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body *especially* Ernie, Ron, Danelle. Ronald, Jackie, Judy, Mary Lou, Lisa, Landon, Ed, Kathy, Cherie, Gary, Barb, Lindsay, Betsy, Jim, Chris, Robert, Michelle, Karen, Monica, Gwendolyn, and the family of Kathy. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we

grow in faith together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith (*especially*). Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Noisy Offering

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for

the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **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.**

Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

Sending Song Jerusalem, My Happy Home

ELW #628

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Calendar

Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

9:00 a.m. The Chosen Bible Study

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

5:30 p.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday, November 16, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

Our Bible Study of *The Chosen* TV series will conclude November 18. We will resume again after the holidays in January 2026.

In past years, EKLC has always participated in Holiday Basket Food Drives in conjunction with other area churches and the Cambridge Food Pantry. This year, we will still be participating, however, it is going to work a little differently. We already have been able to sign up for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. The advantage to this is that those who desire to help out, will be able to watch for pre-holiday sales on the items in need.

- Thanksgiving Basket – Canned corn and canned cranberry sauce (any brands). Collection bin will be in the narthex soon and we will collect through November 2, 2025.
- Christmas Basket – Cake mixes and canned frosting (any flavor/brand). Collection bin will be in the narthex soon and we will collect through November 30, 2025. Thank you in advance for your help!

