



Holy Communion

Advent I

Sunday, November 27, 2022

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

Welcome to Central Lutheran Church.

You are welcome, no exceptions.

Here are a few notes you might find helpful for worship:

Bold print indicates responses spoken by all.

Masks are welcomed, and everyone should mask while singing.

Congregational hymns are found printed in this bulletin or in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

PRELUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

Johann Sebastian Bach

(At the sound of the bell, please stand and face the font)

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

Many voices open the world’s hearts to the hopes and dreams of this Advent season. From the voices of many generations, hear their answers...

...What gives you hope?

Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in the world.

From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

Hymn 436

Stanza 1 - unison; 2 - harmony;

3 - unison

GREETING

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



*The Holy Spirit gathers
us in unity on this first
day of the week.*

KYRIE

Sung by all in Greek

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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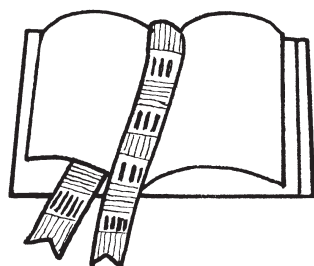
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us— ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow— old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. In scripture we hear stories of people like us, so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours.

Amen.

(Please be seated)



*God speaks to us in
 scripture reading,
 preaching, and song.*

Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

PSALM

Psalm 122

Choir sings refrain then all repeat

I was glad when they said to me, let us
 go to the house_ of the Lord.

Choir: ¹I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
²Now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
³Jerusalem is built as a city
 that is at unity with itself;
⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

All: Refrain

*Choir: ⁵For there are the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May the prosper who love you.
⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
⁸For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.
⁹Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”*

All: Refrain

READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
²In days to come the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established
as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all
the nations shall stream to it.
³Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain
of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his
ways and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD
from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peo-
ples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into
pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall
they learn war any more.
⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Choir: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your
salvation.*

All: Repeat



GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

printed on page 9

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In God’s house, everyone is welcome...

Let us pray:

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, “Bring your full self.

There’s room for you here.”

But we say, “Our lives are too messy.”

You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams.

There’s room for you here.”

But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.”

You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers.

There’s room for you here.”

But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”

God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts
that there’s room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for
giving only our Sunday best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

There’s room for every story. Amen.

Family of faith...
Thanks be to God!

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of Abraham and Isaac,
God of Tamar and Ruth,
God of Mary and Joseph,
We bow our heads today hoping to catch a glimpse
or a shimmer of you.

Each petition concludes:

God of grace:

Hear our prayer.

From Abraham to Mary, you made room for every story—and that love
continues to make room for us. Teach us to do the same for our neighbor
so this world will know love.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Lost in the Night”

Arr. Kyle Haugen
Finnish Folk Song

*Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish.
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?*

*Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow!
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?*

*Sorrowing wanderers, in darkness yet dwelling,
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon, Christ is coming soon!*

*Will not day come soon?
Come and save us soon!
Christ is coming soon!*



*God feeds us with the
presence of Jesus Christ.*

*All are invited to receive
these gifts of God.*

*Children are welcome to
come forward and receive
communion or a blessing.*

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

1. All earth is hope-ful, the Sav-ior comes at last!
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - ry - bo - dy free.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins.

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Hymn 247
Stanza 1 - choir



*God blesses us and sends
us for shared mission in
our shared world.*

(Please stand)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

As you leave this place,
may you go knowing that from generation to generation,
we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God
has been by our side. From generation to generation, we are not alone.
The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name,
loves you, and calls you forth, saying, “Go be the person you are called
to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.” May it be so.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“The King Shall Come”

Hymn 260
Stanzas 1-4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

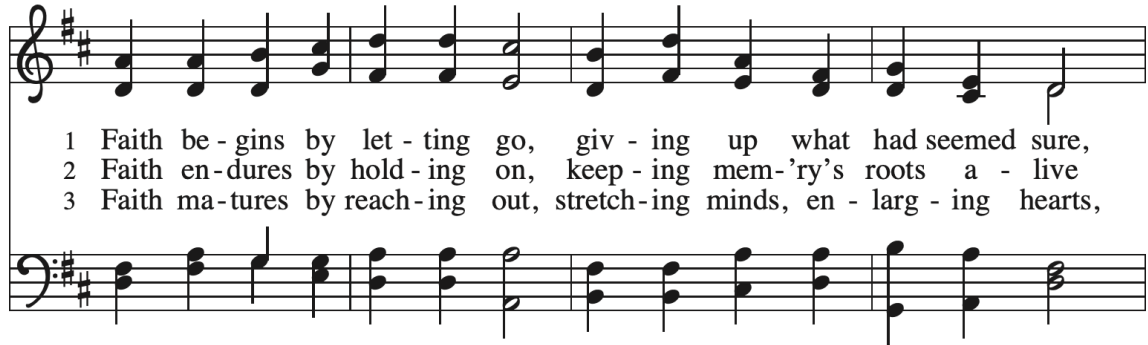
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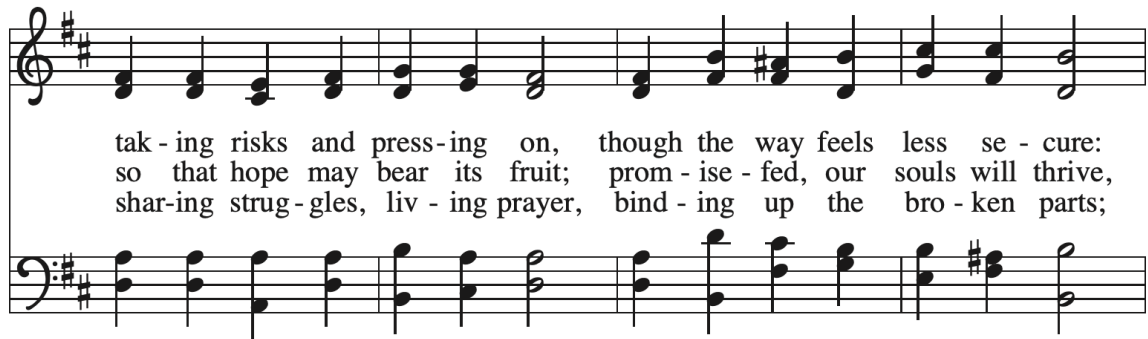
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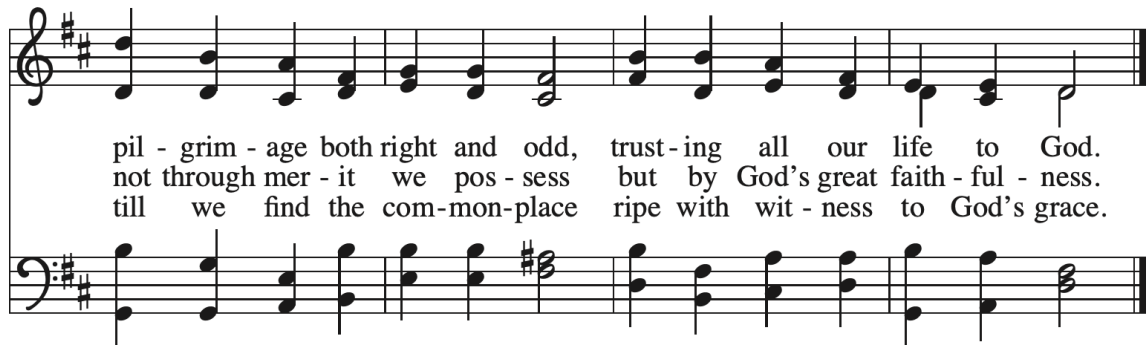
Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presider</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>hospitality</i>
Jack Friesen	<i>assisting minister</i>
Steven Langmo	<i>reader</i>
Sara Gunsch	<i>crucifer</i>
Susan Troselius	<i>conductor</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Central Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Dean Samuelson	<i>great room ambassador</i>

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