



## Evening Prayer | Ninth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 9, 2025

5:00 p.m. Eucharist & Holy Baptism

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.

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

### PRELUDE

Allegretto in C minor, D915

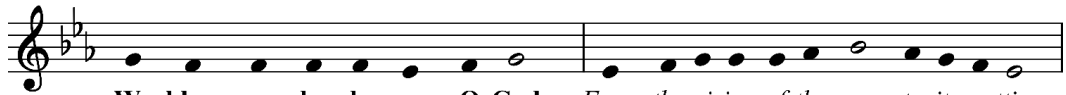
Franz Schubert

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

### Gathering



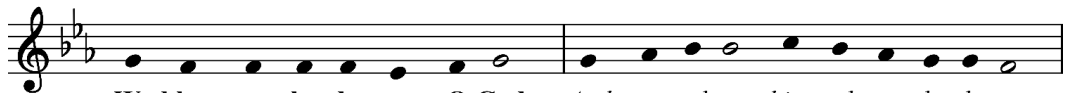
O— ser-vants of God, let us sing our praise.



We bless your ho-ly name, O God. From the rising of the sun to its setting,



We— bless your ho-ly name, O God. You lift up the weak and hungry.

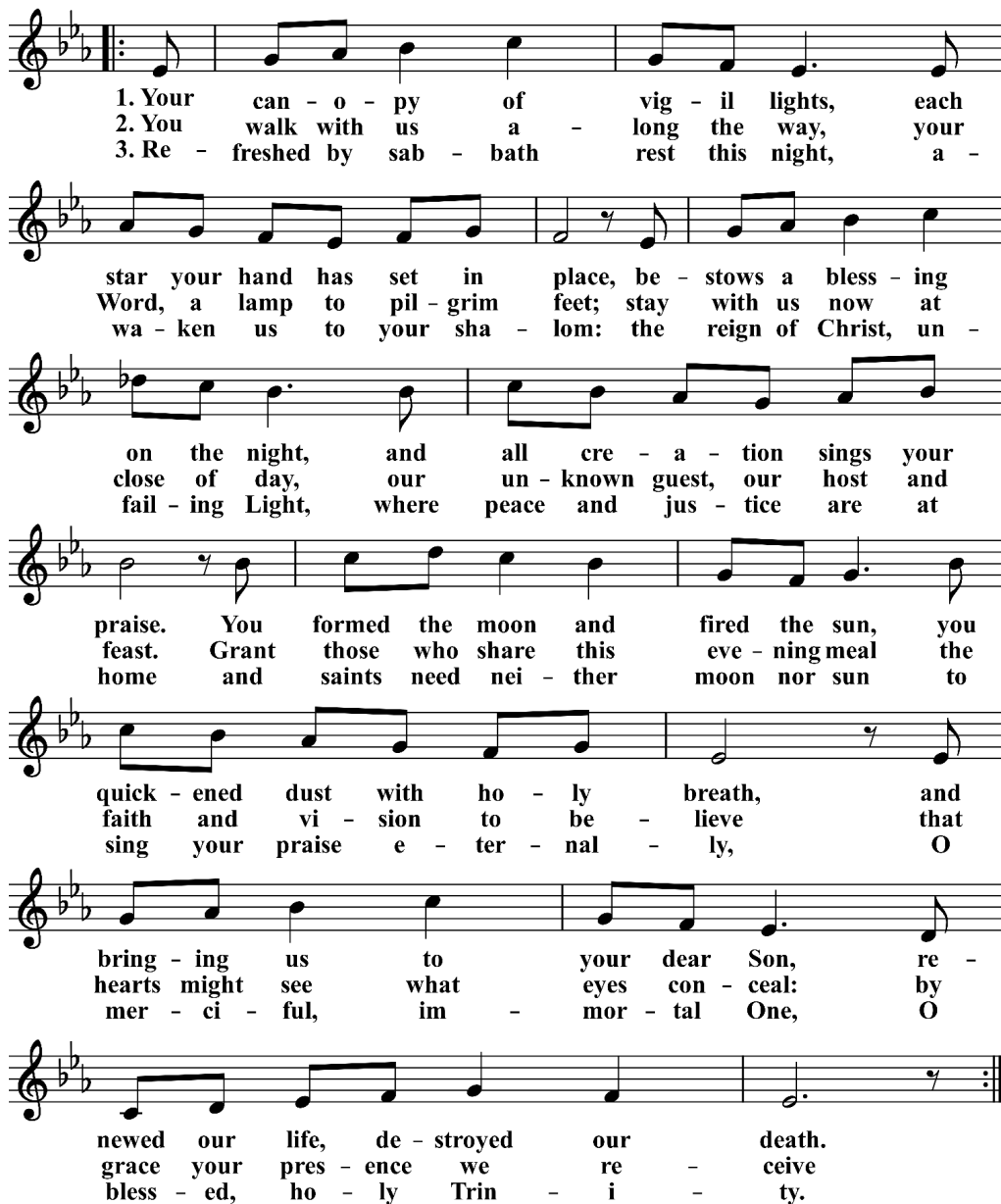


We bless your ho-ly name, O God. And your glory shines above the heavens.



We— bless your ho-ly name, O God.

# HYMN OF LIGHT



1. Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each  
 2. You walk with us a - long the way, your  
 3. Re - freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -

star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing  
 Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at  
 wa - ken us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -

on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your  
 close of day, our un - known guest, our host and  
 fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at

praise. You formed the moon and fired the sun, you  
 feast. Grant those who share and this eve - ning meal the  
 home and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to

quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and  
 faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that  
 sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O

bring - ing us to your dear Son, re -  
 hearts might see what eyes con - ceal: by  
 mer - ci - ful, im - mor - tal One, O

newed our life, de - stroyed our death.  
 grace your pres - ence we re - ceive  
 bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Word

### FIRST READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

<sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”



The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

*(Please stand)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 764

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

## Baptism

### HOLY BAPTISM

Georgia Susan Steinke, child of Jessica and John Steinke

Sponsors: John Kircher and Tenley Steinke

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### BAPTISM

Georgia Susan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Text: Galatians 3:27, alt.  
Music: Howard Hughes, b. 1930

*After baptism, all are invited to join in singing:*

**PRAYERS FOR THE SPIRIT, ANNOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS,  
AND GIVING OF THE LIGHT**

#### WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us  
in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming  
word to all the world.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As the beloved of God, we join with all God's people to pray for the needs of the world.

*Each petition concludes:*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your loving-kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

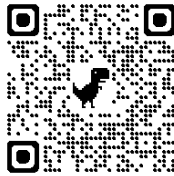
**And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

"Keep Your Lamps, Trimmed and Burning"

\*African American Spiritual



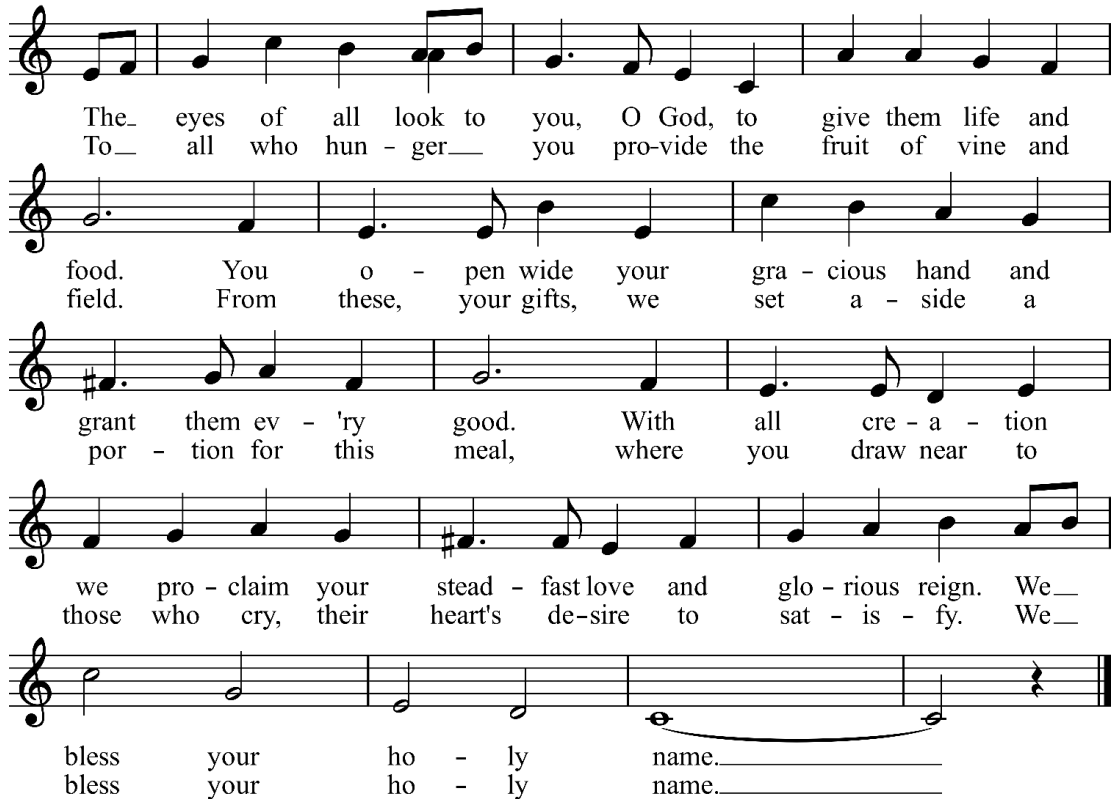
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*\*Many African American spirituals and hymns were never credited to their creators or were claimed by other individuals. On weekends when Central uses music or music texts created by people who were kept in chattel slavery, a donation will be made to a Historical Black College and University (HBCU) as a reparation to their descendants. For 2025, Central will be sending donations to Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.*

# Meal

*(Please stand)*

## PRESENTATION HYMN



The\_ eyes of all look to you, O God, to give them life and  
To\_ all who hun - ger\_ you pro-vide the fruit of vine and  
food. You o - pen wide your gra - cious hand and  
field. From these, your gifts, we set a - side a  
grant them ev - 'ry good. With all cre - a - tion  
por - tion for this meal, where you draw near to  
we pro - claim your stead - fast love and glo - rious reign. We\_  
those who cry, their heart's de-sire to sat - is - fy. We\_  
bless your ho - ly name.\_\_\_\_\_  
bless your ho - ly name.\_\_\_\_\_

## 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.**



As the shadows lengthen, we bless you, sheltering God...

*When the petition concludes:*

Stay with us, for it is evening.

**Stay with us, for it is evening.**

...To you, O God, painter of both night and day, be all glory, all honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus has taught us:

**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

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

Reflection on *Beach Spring*

*(Please stand)*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sending

### BLESSING

The holy Three,  
the holy One  
increase your hope,  
strengthen your faith,  
deepen your love,  
and ✠ grant you peace.  
**Amen.**

### EVENING HYMN

Hymn 618

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

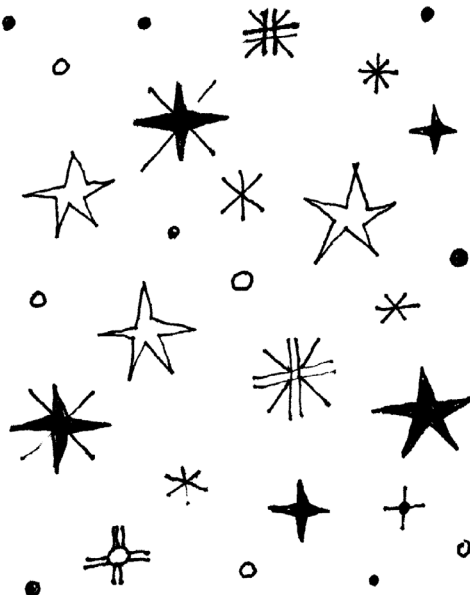
### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

Prelude No. 15, G Major, from the  
*Well Tempered Clavier; Book I*, BWV 860

Johann Sebastian Bach



## Serving Tonight

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Sara Masters	<i>assisting minister/reader</i>
Katie Sankey	<i>song leader</i>
Joel Bolen	<i>pianist/organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Joan Van Wirt	<i>great room ambassador</i>

*Thanks to:*

Sacristans, Usher, and Hospitality Ministry Teams,  
and all who are serving.

Chancel flowers this week are given by in memory of Jim Snustad  
whose funeral was held here on Saturday, July 9.

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Judy Korogi  
at 612-788-1288 or [receptionist@centralmpls.org](mailto:receptionist@centralmpls.org).

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