

Holy Communion

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

“Allegretto” from *Sonata No. 4 in B Flat Major*

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

Remembering our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father, ✠ the
Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Creating God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Immanuel, you promise that your home shall be with us.

You will be our God, and we shall be your people.

Sustaining Spirit, we give you thanks that your home is among us. You
dwell with us and accompany us on our journey.

Almighty God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

GATHERING HYMN

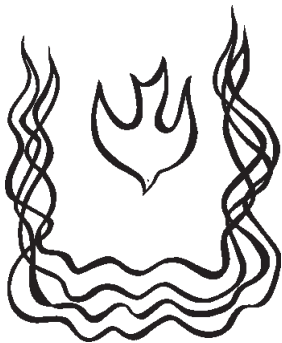
“All Are Welcome”

Hymn 641

GREETING

The grace of our 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.*



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Source of life and blessing, of garden, orchard, field, root us in faithfulness and nourish us by your ever-flowing Spirit, that, perceiving only the good we might do, our lives may be fruitful, our labor productive, and our service useful, at home in our communion with Jesus, our brother. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

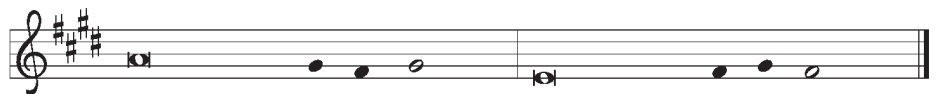
¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

PSALM 1



Choir: ¹ *Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!*

All: ² **Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**



Choir: ³ *They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit
in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.*

All: ⁴ **It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

Choir: ⁵ *Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.*

All: ⁶ **For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

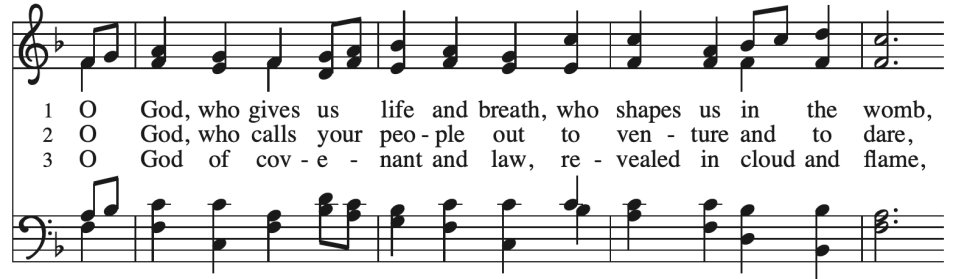
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SERMON

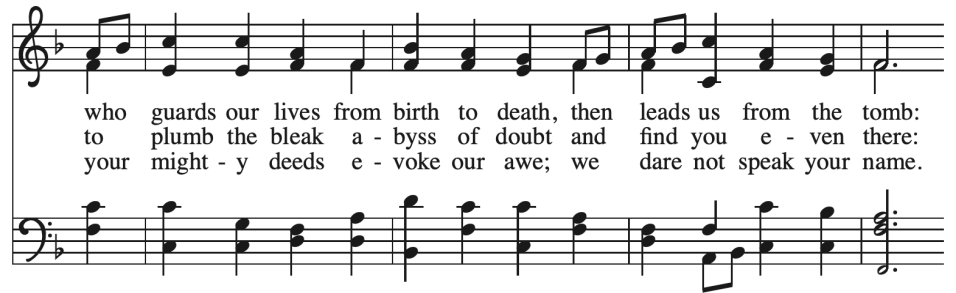
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HYMN OF THE DAY

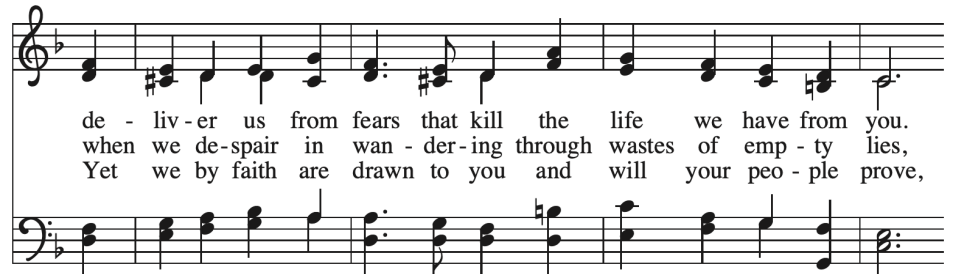
“O God, Who Gives Us Life”



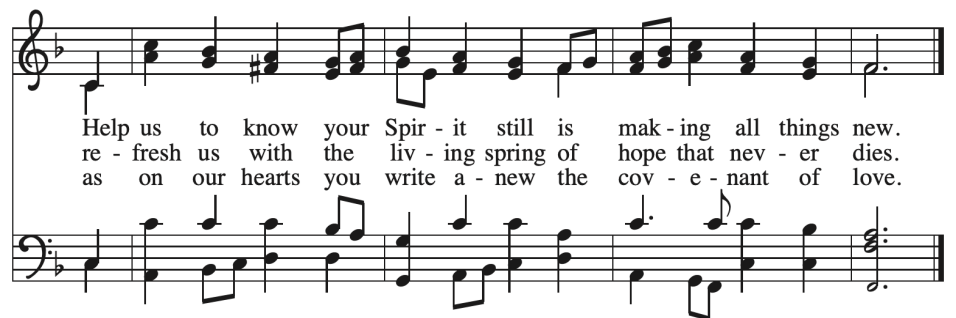
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of all as dear to us as our own needs...

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

...and offer you thanks from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.



Scan to make a financial offering.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“The Road Home”

Southern Harmony,
arr. Stephen Paulus

*Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost,
So long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?
After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling*

*From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.
Rise up, follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
As where you belong:
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.*

-Michael Dennis Browne

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 773

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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.

It is indeed right...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 God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal...
...All glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one, we pray as 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

"Lamb of God"



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



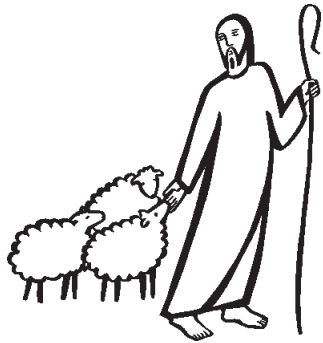
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



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

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

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



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

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-
1847) wrote his Six Organ
Sonatas in 1844. By this
time, he was well known not
just as a composer, but also
a virtuoso pianist, organist,
and improviser. Though
a German, Mendelssohn
frequently traveled to England,
and the Six Sonatas were
commissioned by English
publisher Coventry and
Hollier. They were to be a
set of “voluntaries,” but six
Sonatas were on a much larger
scale than typical English
voluntaries.*

*Pedalboards and pedal
technique were much more
developed in Germany than
in England at this time, and
this is evident in the music:
the sonatas frequently feature
virtuosic pedal lines that
would have been difficult to
accomplish on an English
pedalboard. However, these
passages are usually written in
such a way that the right hand
could play both hand parts,
with the left hand playing the
pedal part. Whether this is
intentional or not, one can only
speculate, but it would have
likely made the pieces more
marketable in England.*

“Panis Angelicus”

*Sung in Latin:
Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.*

*Te trina Deitas,
Unaque poscimus,
Sic nos tu visita,
Sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas
Duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.*

Cèsar Franck,
arr. Susan Palo Cherwien

Translation:
The bread of the angels
becomes the bread of mortals;
the bread of heaven
puts an end to prefigurations.
O wondrous thing!
the poor, the slave and the humble
feed on their Lord.

Of you, threefold and
one God, we ask:
Come to visit us
as we worship you;
lead us on your paths
to where we want to go:
to the light in which you dwell.

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Hymn 802

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, revealing that your home is among us. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your love and mercy this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hymn 808

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news of God’s love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Maestoso e Vivace” from
Sonata No. 4 in B Flat Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presider</i>
Ron Fiscus	<i>assisting</i>
Robert Sime	<i>reading</i>
Bill Pederson	<i>soloist</i>
Central Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Rexanne Spicer	<i>great room ambassador</i>

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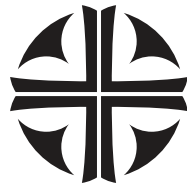
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