

Holy Communion

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 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

“Récit de Tierce en Taille”

Jean-Adam Guilain

(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

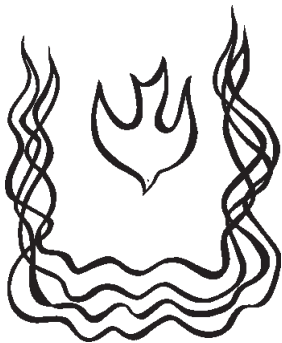
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn 807

GREETING

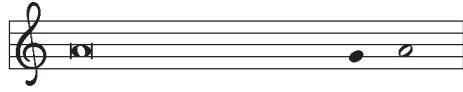
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



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

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Persistently forgiving God, we are a stiff-necked and stubborn people who try your patience; yet, instead of giving us up for lost, you seek us out until we return to you. Soften our hearts and bring us back to our home in you. All this we ask for in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

(Please be seated)

Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-10



Choir: ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast
love;

in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

All: ² Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.

Choir: ³ For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

All: ⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is
evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your
judgment.

Choir: ⁵ Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

All: ⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

Choir: ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

All: ⁸ Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

Choir: ⁹ Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

All: ¹⁰ Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

(Please stand)

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 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 588

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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.

(Please be seated)



Scan to make a financial offering.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Lift High the Cross”

Sydney H. Nicholson,
arr. Robert Hobby

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. [Refrain]*

*Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conq'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]*

*All newborn soldiers of the Crucified,
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. [Refrain]*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Raise us, and let your cross the magnet be. [Refrain]*

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 481

“Come to the Table”

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.**

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

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

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.

“Lead Me, Lord”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord lead me in Thy righteousness,

Make thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only,

that makest me dwell in safety.

-Psalm 5:8; 9:9

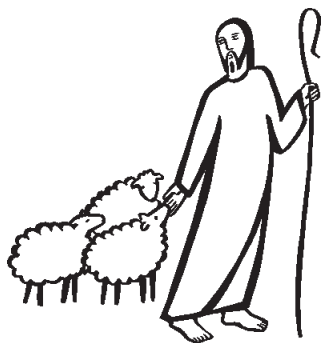
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Hymn 779

(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.**



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

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 676

"Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in E Minor"

Johann Pachelbel

Serving Today

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presider</i>
Carolyn Diamond	<i>assisting</i>
Betty Ann Bergland	<i>reading</i>
Central Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Henry Rye	<i>organ scholar</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Doran Schoeppach	<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 Ellen and Myron Just
in loving memory of their past spouses-Ruth Just and Arne Sovik..

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Judy Korogi
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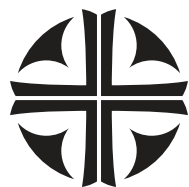
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