

Holy Communion

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 21, 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

(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

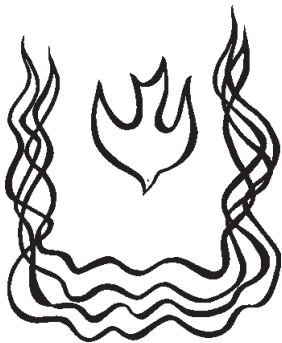
“God Is Here!”

Hymn 526

GREETING

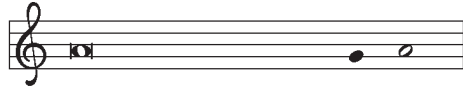
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.



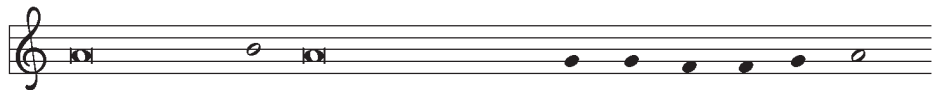
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you call us to embrace both you and the children of this world with unconditional love. Give us grace to discern what your love demands of us, that, being faithful in things both great and small, we may serve you with an undivided heart. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)



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

Word

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113



Choir: ¹ *Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the Lord;
praise the name | of the Lord.*

² *Let the name of the | Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for- | evermore.*

All: ³ **From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | Lord be praised.**

⁴ **The Lord is high a- | bove all nations;
God’s glory a- | bove the heavens.**

Choir: ⁵ *Who is like the | Lord our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,
⁶ but stoops | to behold
the heavens | and the earth?*

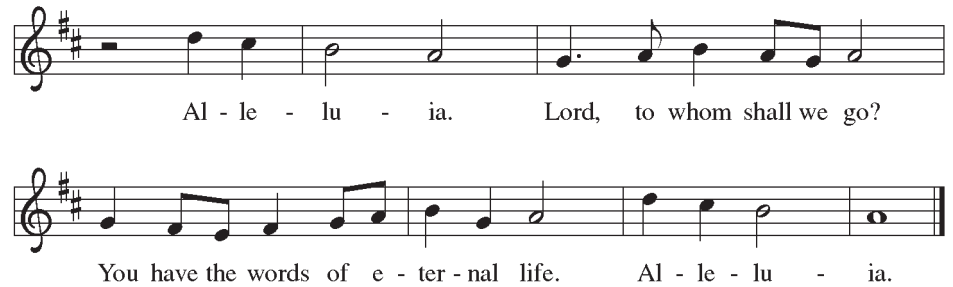
All: ⁷ **The Lord takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,**

⁸ **enthroning them | with the rulers,
with the rulers | of the people.**

Choir: ⁹ *The Lord makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah!*

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

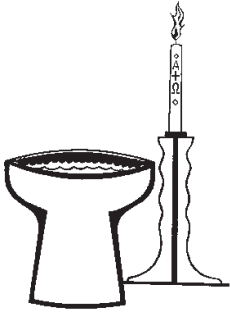
¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for a servant will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON



*You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been
baptized. Alleluia!*

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 583

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

Baptism

HOLY BAPTISM

Austin Michael Tichich, child of Jenny and Jonathan Tichich

Sponsors: Tim and Jessica Tichich and Stacy Edwards and Ryan Port

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

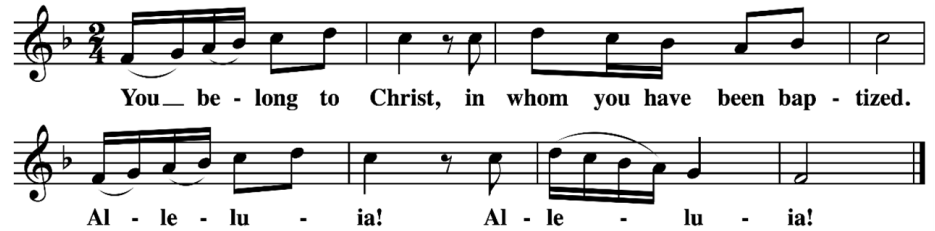
...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Austin Michael, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

After baptism, all are invited to join in singing:



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

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

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)

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I Believe"

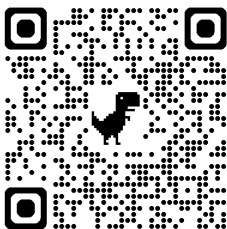
Mark Miller

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.

I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when God is silent.

-Anonymous Jewish Poem



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financial offering.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Meal

(Please stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

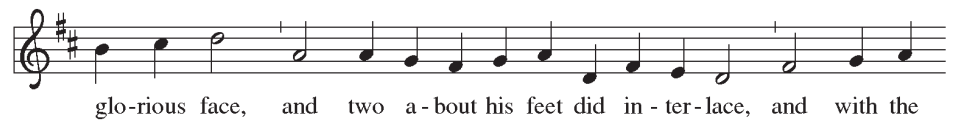
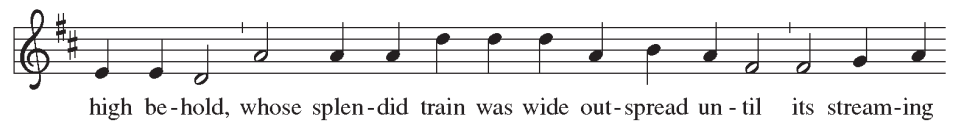
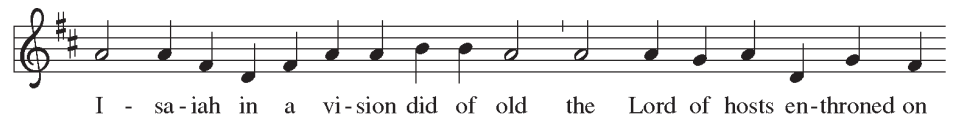
Lift up your hearts.

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:



“Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old” is a chorale by Martin Luther, setting the Sanctus (or “Holy”) of the mass. This was part of his effort to translate and sing the mass in German.

The text is based on a story from Isaiah, and traditionally begins with the seraphim’s cry of “holy, holy, holy.” However, here (uniquely), Luther also included the scripture leading up to and contextualizing that moment.

We will be singing this Sanctus for several weeks, leading up to Reformation Sunday. Think of these weeks as “practice” for Reformation. Jump in and sing as best you can even if it’s not familiar, and remember that mistakes are okay!

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)

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

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

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.

**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.*

"Until I Reach My Home"

*Lord, until I reach my home.
 Until I reach my home;
 I never expect my journey over;
 'til I reach my home.
 I would not be a sinner
 I'll tell you the reason why;
 I'm afraid my Lord might call my name
 And I wouldn't be ready to die.
 I went up to the valley
 I didn't go there to stay;
 Then my soul got happy,
 Then I stayed all day.*

***African American Spiritual
 arr. Brandon Boyd**

*"Ain't a That Good News?
 I got a crown up in a that kingdom
 ain-a that good news?
 I got a crown up in a that kingdom
 ain-a that good news?
 I'm a gonna lay down this world gonna
 should up a my cross,
 Gonna take it home, gonna take it
 home, gonna take it home to my Jesus,
 Ain-a that good news?"*

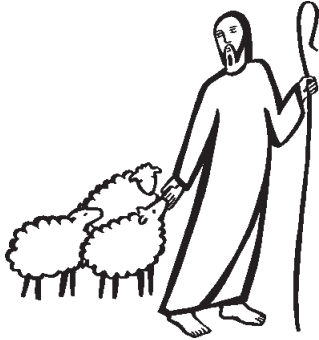
“Deep River”

*African American Spiritual,
arr. Moses Hogan

(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

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

Hymn 589

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Koraal” from *Suite Modale*

Flor Peeters

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Brian Gutzmann	<i>presider</i>
Kathryn Holum	<i>assisting</i>
Sara Stensaas	<i>reading</i>
Christopher Stensaas	<i>crucifer</i>
Robin Helgen	<i>soloist</i>
Central Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Henry Rye	<i>organ scholar</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Deborah Bauknight	<i>great room ambassador</i>
Marie Wiegert	<i>healing prayers</i>
Bonnie Weisenburger	

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and all who are serving.

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If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Judy Korogi
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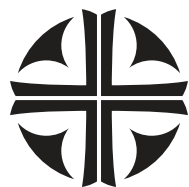
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