

Holy Communion

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 28, 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:

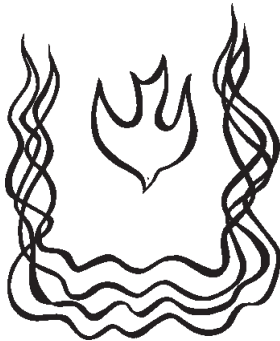
Bold print indicates responses spoken by all. Masks are welcomed. Congregational hymns are found printed in this bulletin or in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

PRELUDE

“Prelude”

William Hunt

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



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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

Remembering our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father, $\dagger$ 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

“Build a Longer Table”



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



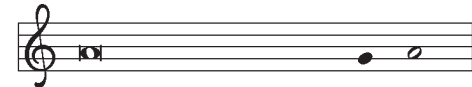
Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



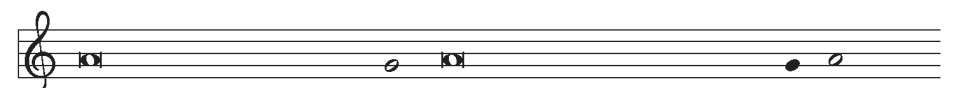
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



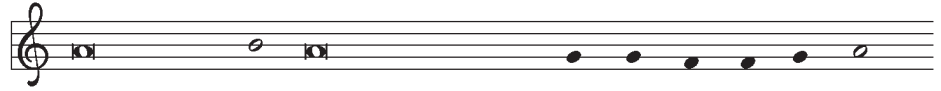
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.

Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Woe to those who are at ease in Zion

and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory

and lounge on their couches

and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David improvise on instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine from bowls

and anoint themselves with the finest oils

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,

and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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

PSALM 146



Choir: ¹ *Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!*
 ² *I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;*
I will sing praises | to my God
 while I | have my being.

All: ³ **Put not your | trust in rulers,**
 in mortals in whom there | is no help.
⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
 and in that day | their thoughts perish.

Choir: ⁵ *Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,*
 whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
⁶ *who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in*
 them;
 who keeps promis- | es forever;
⁷ *who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
 and food to | those who hunger.

All: ⁸ **The Lord sets the | captive free.**
 The Lord opens the eyes | of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;
 the Lord | loves the righteous.

Choir: ⁹ *The Lord cares | for the stranger;*
 the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates
 the way | of the wicked.
¹⁰ *The Lord shall | reign forever,*
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 | Hallelujah!

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Wind and Cold Roar”



1 Co - rre_el vien-to_en es - ta gran ciu-dad, mu - chos tem - bla -
1 Wind and cold roar through the cit - y street; some folk have no
2 Those with - in may swell with civ - ic pride; man - y wait out -
3 Vi - o - lence and ha - tred, near and far, ter - ror, slaugh - ter,



rán: per - dón, Se - ñor. Pa - ra u - nos hoy ha - brá ca -
heat: for - give us, Lord. Man - y have warm homes, wool clothes to
side: for - give us, Lord. Some have man - y chanc - es to suc -
war: for - give us, Lord. You in - sist the hun - gry shall be



lor, pa - ra o - tros, no: per - dón, Se - ñor.
wear; this is so un - fair: for - give us, Lord.
ceed; oth - ers live in need: for - give us, Lord.
fed; let us give them bread: for - give us, Lord.



A - yú - da - nos a en - ten - der nues - tra
Help us grasp how this is our sin; teach us,



cul - pa, oh Se - ñor. Nues - tras a - le - grí - as son do -
save us by your cross, for the things we crave and seek to



lor pa - ra mu - chos hoy: per - dón, Se - ñor.
win cost our neigh-bors loss. For - give us, Lord.

Text: Homero R. Perera, 1939–2019; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946
Music: CORRE EL VIENTO, Homero R. Perera

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,

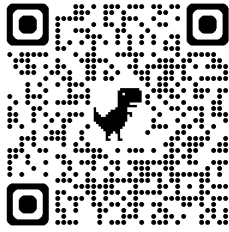
Hear our prayer.

...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

“Gather Us In”

Marty Haugen,
arr. Mark Sedio

*Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of history
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives
that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away
Here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.*

-Marty Haugen

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 479

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

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.

“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!

It is indeed right...and join in their unending hymn:

I - sa - iah in a vi - sion did of old the Lord of hosts en - throned on
high be - hold, whose splen - did train was wide out - spread un - til its stream - ing
glo - ry did the tem - ple fill. A - bove God's throne the shin - ing ser - a - phim
with six - fold wings did rev - 'rence un - to him. With two each ser - aph hid his
glo - rious face, and two a - bout his feet did in - ter - lace, and with the
oth - er two he soared on high, and one un - to an - oth - er thus did cry:
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
is the Lord of hosts! His glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!" The beams and lin - tels
at their cry - ing shook, and all the house was filled with bil - lowing smoke.

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.

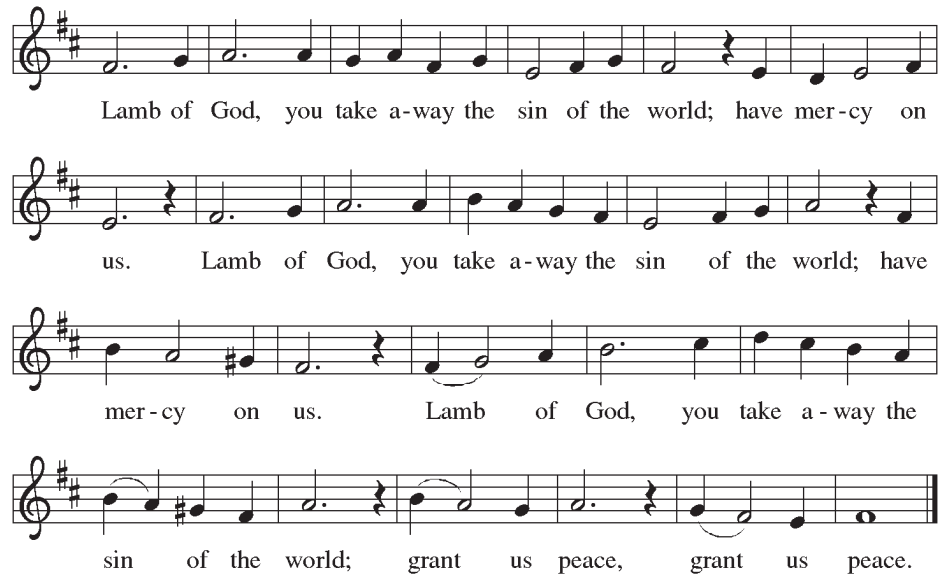
All are invited to receive these
gifts of God.

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

(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.

“It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks”

Paul Bouman

*It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
To tell of your kindnesses early in the morning
and to your faithfulness in the night season;
And on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.
For you have made me glad by your acts,
O Lord, and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
Lord! How great are your works! Your thoughts are very deep.
It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.*

-Psalm 92:1-5

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”

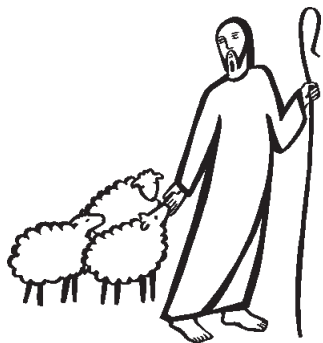
Hymn 471

(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.**

**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.*



*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 546

"To Be Your Presence"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Engleberg"
(Based on closing hymn tune)

David Cherwien

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Brian Gutzmann	<i>presider</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>hospitality</i>
Tom Edelen	<i>assisting</i>
Deborah Bauknight	<i>reading</i>
Christopher McCarty	<i>crucifer</i>
Central Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Carolyn Diamond	<i>postlude</i>
Henry Rye	<i>organ scholar</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Allison Eger	<i>great room ambassador</i>

Thanks to:

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and all who are serving.

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in honor and celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary.

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Judy Korogi
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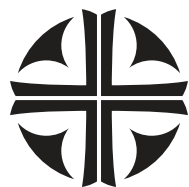
Gathering Hymn: Text; David Bjorlin, b. 1984 Music: Noel Nouvelet, French carol

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