



Evening Prayer | Nineteenth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, October 18, 2025

5:00 p.m. Eucharist

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

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

Gathering

Jesus Christ,
you are the light of the world: **the light no night can o - ver-come;**

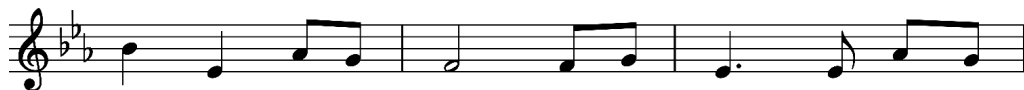
Stay with us now, for it is evening, **and the day is al - most over.**

Let your light scat-ter the shadows, **and shine within your peo-ple here.**

HYMN OF LIGHT



1. Joy - ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
 3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, of the light of peace and
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall
 fills the night with won - der, love that
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle



raise our songs to you, God of day - break, God of
 warms the wear - y soul, Love that bursts all chains a -
 Christ who lights our way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal -



shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word

GLOBAL MISSION GREETING

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

PSALMODY

Psalm 141



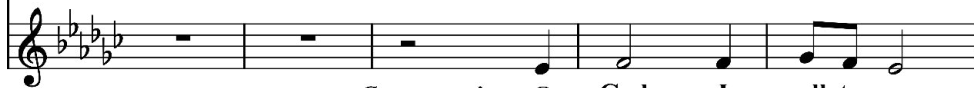
All: Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the



lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.



Leader: O God, I call to you, come to me now; O



Congregation: O God, I call to you,



hear my voice when I cry to you.



come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



you. Let my prayer rise up like



fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an



in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with -
hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your
Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

love be burn - ing bright.
heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
bright. Let my prayer rise up like

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

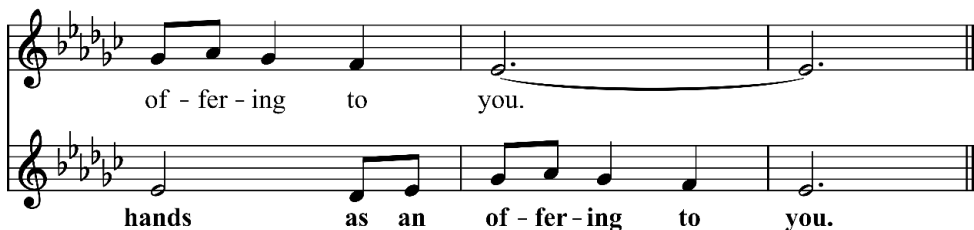
of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the
hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

God of all Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to
All praise to the God of all Cre - a - tor of

Christ and the Spir - it of love.
life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir-it of

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
love. Let my prayer rise up like

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my



GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

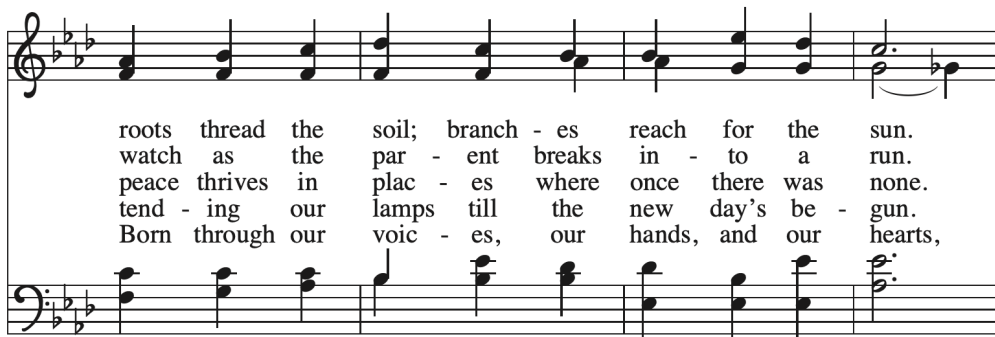
"What Is the World Like"
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Each petition concludes:

God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, 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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Charles C. Converse

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

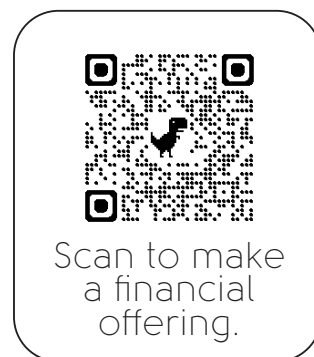
Hymn 691

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

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.

Indeed we give you thanks, O mothering 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

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

(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 God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

EVENING HYMN

*+“We Shall Overcome”

Stanzas 1–3 and 5



1	We	shall	o - ver -	come,	we	shall	o - ver -	come,
2	We'll	walk	hand in	hand,	we'll	walk	hand in	hand,
3	We	shall	all have	peace,	we	shall	all have	peace,
4	We	shall	see the	Lord,	we	shall	see the	Lord,
5	We	are	not a -	fraid,	we	are	not a -	fraid,
6	God	is	on our	side,	God	is	on our	side,



we	shall	o - ver -	come some -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
we'll	walk	hand in	hand some -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
we	shall	all have	peace some -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
we	shall	see the	Lord some -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
we	are	not a -	fraid to -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
God	is	on our	side to -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our



hearts	we	do be -	lieve we	shall	o - ver -	come some -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve we'll	walk	hand in	hand some -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve we	shall	all have	peace some -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve we	shall	see the	Lord some -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve we	are	not a -	fraid to -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve God	is	on our	side to -	day.

Text: traditional

Music: WE SHALL OVERCOME. African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

+The origins of the song and lyrics are unclear, possibly evolving from other songs of the time. The song first appeared as “We’ll Overcome” in 1945, during a labor strike against American Tobacco in Charleston, South Carolina. In the 1960s, the song served as a rallying cry for the civil rights movement.

In the last hundred years, “We Shall Overcome” has become known as a protest song in many parts of the world, including China, Lebanon, and parts of Eastern Europe. In Bangladesh and Bengali speaking parts of India, two versions of the song were popularized: one by folk singer Hemanga Biswas, and one recorded by the Calcutta Youth Choir during 1971 during the Bangladesh War of Independence. To this day it is regularly sung at public events in Bangladesh.

Serving Tonight

Reverend Franklin Ishida	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presider</i>
Tom Allen	<i>assisting minister/reader</i>
Andrew Heintz	<i>song leader</i>
Joel Bolen	<i>pianist/organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Joan Van Wirt	<i>host</i>
Ann Oyen	<i>healing prayers</i>

Thanks to:

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

Chancel flowers this week are given by Betty Reveling in loving memory of
her twin brother Bruce. Their birthday is October 31.

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Judy Korogi
at 612-788-1288 or receptionist@centralmpls.org.

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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.*



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