

Holy Communion

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 19, 2025

8:30 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:

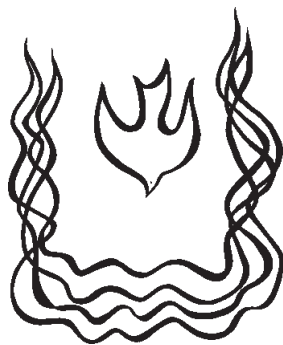
Bold print indicates responses spoken by all. Masks are welcomed. Congregational hymns are found printed in this bulletin or in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

PRELUDE

Movement 1: “Allegro”
from *Sonata No. 5 in C Major*, BWV 529

Johann Sebastian Bach

(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

Adapted from 2 Timothy

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed,
knowing from whom you learned it.

You have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for
salvation through faith in Christ Jesus,

Proclaim the message;

be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

**convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in
teaching.**

As for you, be sober in everything,

endure suffering,

do the work of an evangelist,

carry out your ministry fully.

GATHERING HYMN

“Come All You People”

Hymn 819

*Leader sings stanza 1 in Shona;
then all sing stanzas 1-3 in English*



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

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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 Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing:



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: "The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia." (Heb. 4:12)

All: Repeat Alleluia

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,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

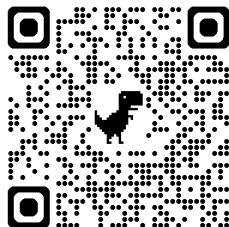
Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Each petition concludes:

God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

During the sharing of the peace, children are welcome to migrate to the children's tables. One of the pastors will come with a snack and a greeting for the children.



Scan to make a financial offering.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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

"He that Keepeth Israel"

Adolphe Schloesser

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

"O God in Heaven"

Hymn 748

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.

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

Our - Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name,
Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done here on earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our dail-ly bread; and for - give our tres - pass - es,
Lord, for-give as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us,
for - give us, Lord, For - give us, Lord. And lead us not
in - to temp-ta-tion, Lead us not; but de-liv-er us from e - vil,
Lord, we pray your mer - cy. For yours is the king - dom,
and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev - er!
A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a-men.

Cambodian Folktune
Text paraphrase/setting: James Erlandson
Harmonization: Mark Sedio
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*All are invited to receive these
gifts of God.*

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

**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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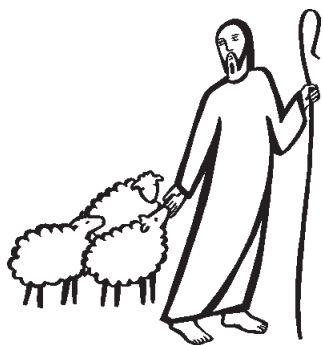
COMMUNION

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” *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.

⁺*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.

Sending

BLESSING

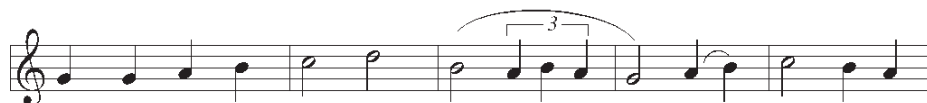
The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING 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.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in B Minor, BWV 544

Johann Sebastian Bach

Serving Today

Reverend Chandran Martin	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presider</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>hospitality</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	
Julie Anderson	<i>assisting</i>
Sloan Vinson	<i>reading</i>
Shanti Austvold	<i>crucifer</i>
David Gindra	<i>soloist</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Henry Rye	<i>organ scholar</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</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
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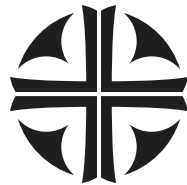
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