

Holy Communion

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 23, 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

“Air” from *Suite No. 1*

Florence Price

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

Colossians 1:11-14

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power,

so that you may have all endurance and patience,

joyfully giving thanks to the Father,

who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us and transferred us into the kingdom of God’s beloved Son,

in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GATHERING HYMN

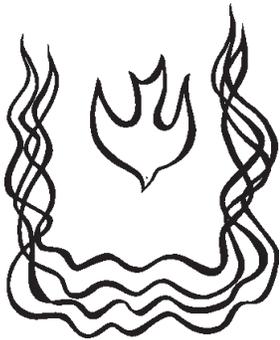
Hymn 727

“Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth”

GREETING

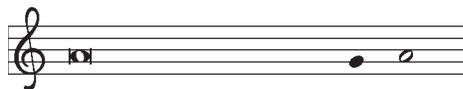
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.



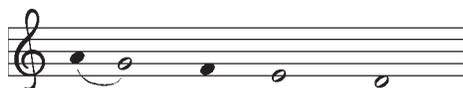
Lord, have mer - cy.



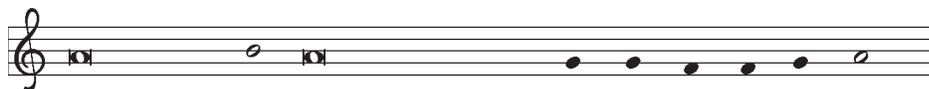
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, in your Son Jesus Christ you richly bless us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. Grant us one thing more: grateful hearts to sing your praise, in this world and the world to come. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word

CHILDREN'S TIME



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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

"Song of Zechariah"

Luke 1:68-79



Choir: ⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.

⁶⁹ You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David.

All: ⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to
save us | from our enemies,

⁷¹ from the hands of | all who hate us,
⁷² to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.

Choir: ⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,
free to worship you | without fear,
⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.

All: ⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most
High,

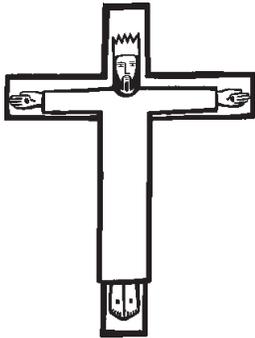
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,
⁷⁷ to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.

Canticle continues on next page... ₃

Choir: ⁷⁸In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the
shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 431

“O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

Each petition concludes:

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace
and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated)

GENEROSITY IN GATHERING

“The King of Love”

Arr. Paul Christiansen

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

H.W. Baker

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 680

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

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.

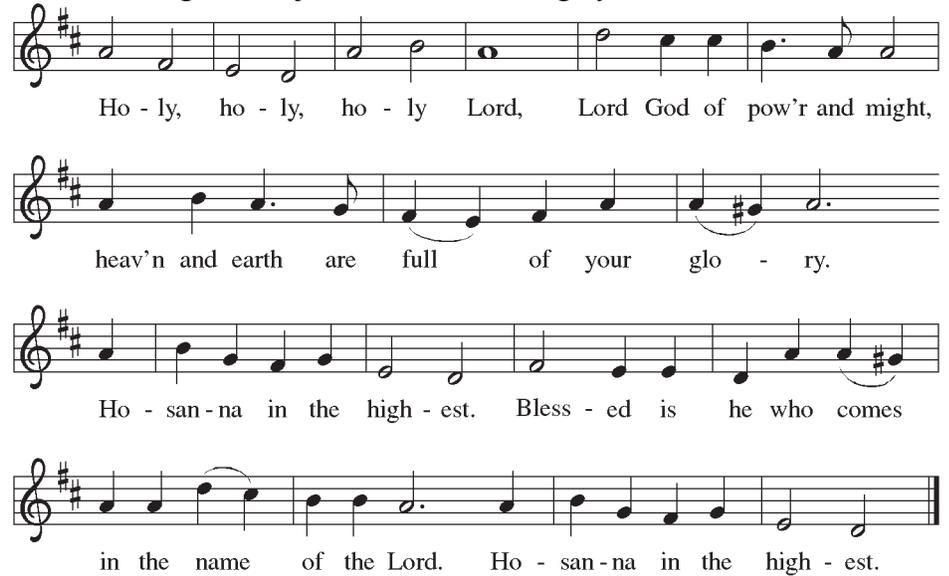


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financial offering.



*God feeds us with the
presence of Jesus Christ.*

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, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory...to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.**

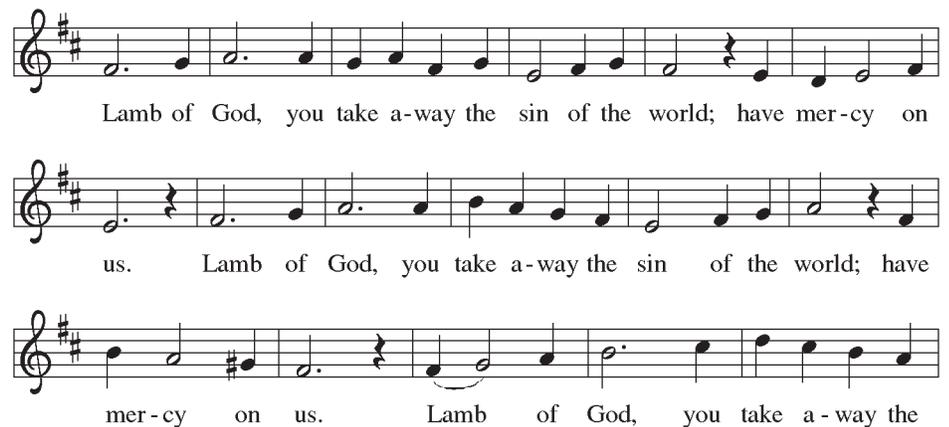
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*All are invited to receive these
gifts of God.*

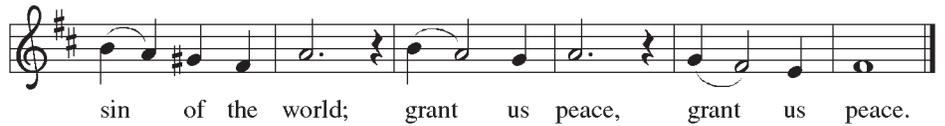
*Children are welcome to
come forward and receive
communion or a blessing.*

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



“Sicut Cervus”

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sung in Latin:

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes
aquarum,*

ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Translation:

As the hart longs for the water
springs,

So longs my soul for thee, O God.

-Psalm 42:1

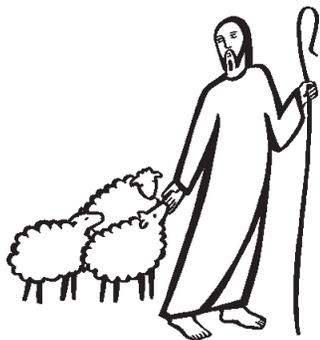
“Beautiful Savior”

Hymn 838

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name. **Amen.**



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

Sending

BLESSING

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, † and the Holy Spirit, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Hymn 694

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Liturgical Prelude No. 11

Gaston Litaize

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presider</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>hospitality</i>
Abigail Pribbenow	<i>assisting</i>
Deborah Bauknight	<i>reader</i>
Sam Friesen	<i>crucifer</i>
Central Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Doran Schoeppach	<i>host</i>

Thanks to:

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

Chancel flowers this week are given by by Emily Olson and Jason Sangrait
in honor of Ken and Lynn Olson as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22.

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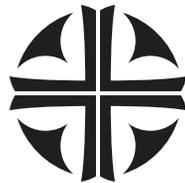
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