



Pentecost Sunday

Eucharist | Baptism

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Exploring the promise of God for all

You are welcome. No exceptions.

Central Lutheran Church experiences God's expansive love and strives to share it abundantly. We affirm all people without regard to age, race, biological sex, housing status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigration, refugee or migration status, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, and physical or mental health or ability. All are a part of God's family, created in God's image.

We strive to practice radical hospitality with all people and work toward racial equity. Everyone is invited to immerse themselves in the life of this community of faith as we explore the promise of God for all.

Worship



Bold print indicates responses spoken by all.



Congregational hymns are found printed in this bulletin or in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).



You are encouraged to listen to your body and stand or remain seated at any point in the service.



Masks are welcome, but not required.



Children are welcome and celebrated in worship. Each Sunday there are Children's Bags at each of the ushers' tables at the entrances to the sanctuary. Inside each bag is a worship activity and snack. Many families sit near the children's tables next to the baptismal font, but you are welcome to sit anywhere in the sanctuary that is comfortable to you.



All are welcome to receive communion at Central. At the ushers' invitation, you will proceed toward the altar where there are regular and gluten-free wafers served with wine or grape juice. Your server will offer bread and wine for all, including children. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please let your server know.



Offering can be made online using the QR code in the bulletin or left in the offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors.

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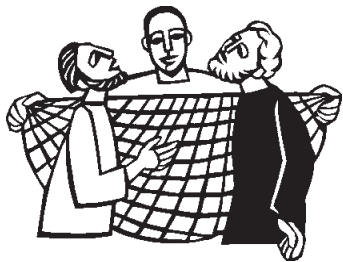
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Welcome to worship at Central Lutheran Church. As you arrive for worship, you are invited to prepare your hearts and minds while listening to the prelude before the service begins today.



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

PRELUDE

“Come Holy Spirit, Lord God”

Dieterich Buxtehude

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

Kindle us, kindle us now.

Lord, we believe, we accept, we adore.

Less than the least though we be.

trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.

Fire of love, burn in us, burn evermore

Till we burn out for thee.

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn 403

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,



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

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

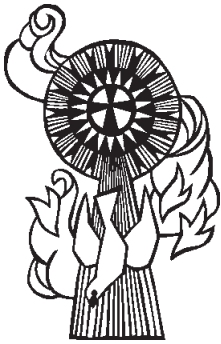
(Please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN
“O Living Breath of God”

Hymn 407

GOSPEL
The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:19-23



¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY
“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

Hymn 402

Baptism

HOLY BAPTISM
Henrik Glenn Nycklemoe, child of Sam and Siri Nycklemoe.
Sponsors: Aron and Allison Block
Marin Nycklemoe

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.



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

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

Henrik Glenn, 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:

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

After each petition: 

Ban-gla-desh and In - di - a: Peace, be yours. —
Tai - wan and Chi - na:
etc.

After each verse: *leader sings refrain,*
then all repeat:



For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.

Petition (*sung by leader*):

*Bangladesh and India,
Taiwan and China,
Japan and Hong Kong,
North and South Korea,
Indonesia, Viet Nam,
Thailand, Malaysia,
Philippines and Australia,
Papua New Guinea,
Iraq and Iran,
Palestine and Israel,
Afghanistan, Jordan,
Syria and Turkey.*

Response (**all**):

**Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.**

Leader sings refrain, then all repeat

*France and Spain,
Switzerland and Italy,
Romania and Slovenia,
Czech and Slovak Republics,
Russia and Finland,
Austria and Hungary;
Croatia, Estonia,
Latvia and Poland,
Norway and Sweden,
Iceland and Denmark,
Netherlands and Germany,
Ireland and England.*

**Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.
Peace, be yours.**

Leader sings refrain, then all repeat

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then all repeat:



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<i>South Africa, Angola,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Madagascar, Namibia,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Botswana, Malawi,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Mozambique, Zimbabwe,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Sierra Leone,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Central African Republic,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Senegal, Liberia,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Cameroon, Nigeria,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Tanzania and Sudan,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Kenya and Congo,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Ethiopia, Somalia,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Eritrea and Rwanda.</i>	Peace, be yours.
Leader sings refrain, then all repeat	

<i>Bolivia and Chile,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Uruguay and Paraguay,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Ecuador, Guyana,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Brazil and Argentina,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Colombia, Venezuela,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Costa Rica, Mexico,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Salvador, Honduras,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Nicaragua, Guatemala,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Greenland and Canada,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>Haiti and Jamaica,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>United States and Cuba,</i>	Peace, be yours.
<i>all immigrants and exiles.</i>	Peace, be yours.

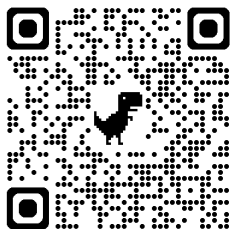
Leader sings refrain, then all repeat

Merciful God, you bring all healing...Use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please be seated)



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God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING “Come Gracious Spirit”

Dale Wood

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN “Hail Thee, Festival Day”

Hymn 394
Verses 1 and 2 for Pentecost

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:

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father...
...Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

At home in God's new life, we sing together the prayer Jesus taught:



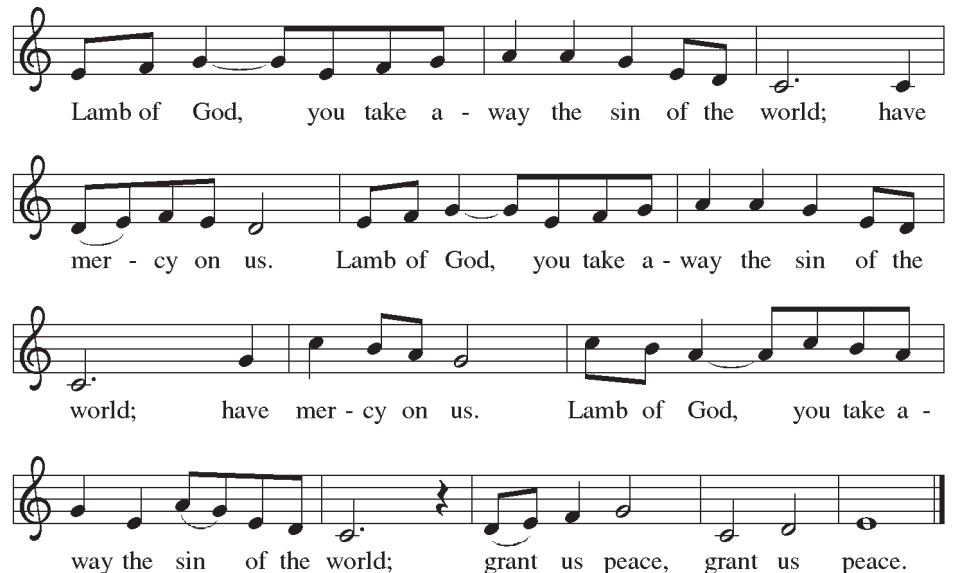
Our - Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name,
Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done here on earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our dail-ly bread; and for - give our tres - pass - es,
Lord, for-give as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us,
for - give us, Lord, For - give us, 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.

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

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

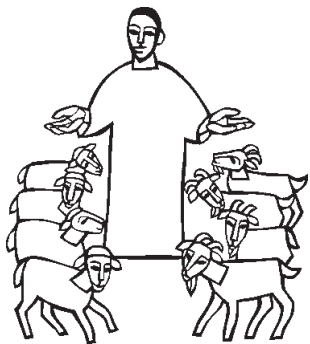
COMMUNION

“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 2026, Central will be sending donations to Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas.*



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

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold Friedel

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Hymn 471

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hymn 400

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, praise the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

Paul Manz

Serving Today

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presiders</i>
Reverend Kathie Nycklemoe	
Tom Allen	<i>assisting</i>
Ann Oyen	<i>reading</i>
Michael Acuña Dee	<i>crucifer</i>
JoAnna Johnson	<i>quartet</i>
Robin Helgen	
Bill Pederson	
David Gindra	
James Hild	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Ann Oyen	<i>host</i>

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