



Third Sunday After Epiphany

Eucharist

Sunday, June 14, 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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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

“Prélude, Fugue, et Variation”

César Franck

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

Gathering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We begin as we live, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for water everywhere. In our shared community, we give thanks for the Mississippi, Minnesota and St. Croix; for Minnehaha, Basset, Browns, Nine Mile and Rice Creeks and these shared watersheds.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“We Sing to You, O God”

Hymn 791

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

We turn our hearts to God.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-8a

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before



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

them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Hymn 883
Stanzas 1-4

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35—10:8

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



³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

(Please be seated)

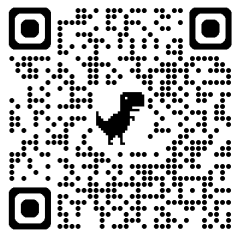
SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

Hymn 575



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financial offering.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Each petition concludes:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

PEACE

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

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Go to the World”

Karen Marroli

We will go to the world in peace, spurning hatred, singing love.

We will be the hands of Christ, bringing strength to those who faint.

And we will overcome with good, we will overcome with grace.

We will go to the world in hope, shunning violence, speaking peace.

We will be the hands of Christ, bringing comfort to those who mourn.

And we will overcome with light, we will overcome with life.

We will go to the world in joy, sparking transformation,

Transformation of the darkness into dawn!

We will go to the world in strength, resisting evil, rejoicing in good.

We will be the hands of Christ, bringing grace to all the earth.

And we will overcome with love, we will overcome with love, we will overcome with love.

-Based on Romans 12:9-21



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

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.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

...Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

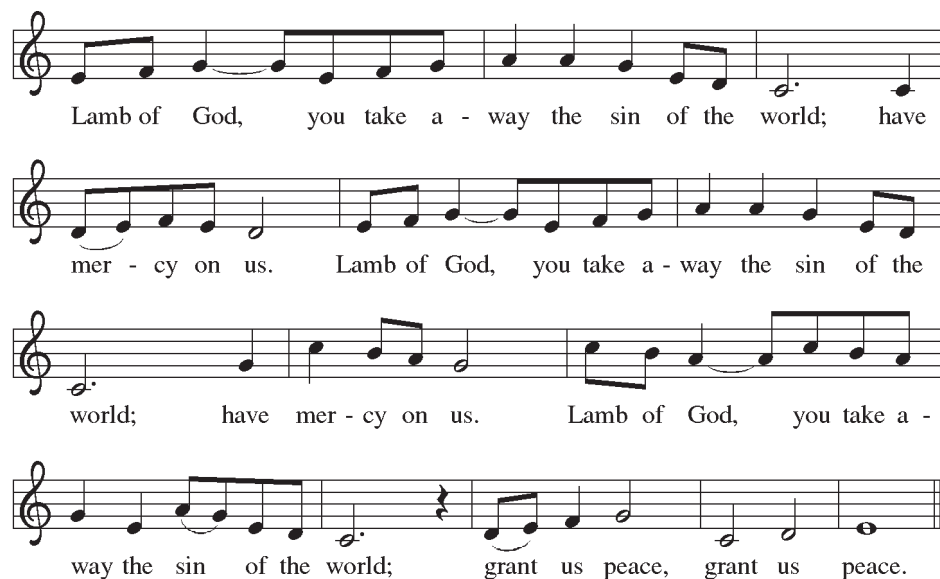
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All are invited to receive these
gifts of God.

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 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Jubilate Deo”

Sung in Latin:

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra:

Servite Domino in laetitia.

Introite in conspectu ejus

In exultatione.

Quoniam suavis est Dominus;

In aeternum misericordia ejus,

Et usque in generationem

Et generationem veritas ejus.

Peter Anglea

Translation:

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all
ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before his presence with singing.

For the Lord is good;

His mercy is everlasting;

And his truth endureth to all
generations.

“We All Are One in Mission”

Hymn 576

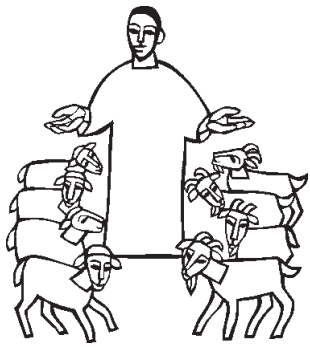
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through
this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that
we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and
forever. **Amen.**

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

Sending

BENEDICTION

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in † Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Founded on Faith”



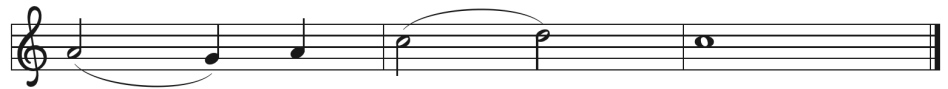
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*“Great Day”

Adolphus Hailstork

**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.*

Serving Today

Pastor Stephanie Fresen	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presiders</i>
Julie Anderson	<i>assisting</i>
Jim Hart	<i>reading</i>
Christopher McCarty	<i>crucifers</i>
Joey Jones	
Pop-up Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Melanie Ohnstad	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Roberta Groening	<i>host</i>

Thanks to:

Sacristans, Usher, and Hospitality Ministry Teams.

Chancel flowers this week are given by Ann Oyen and family in loving memory of Marty who would have celebrated his 80th birthday this June.

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

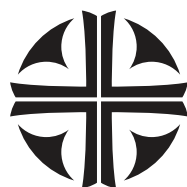
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