



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Eucharist

Sunday, August 9, 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

*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

Chorale Prelude on “Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult” William Bolcom

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.**

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn 756

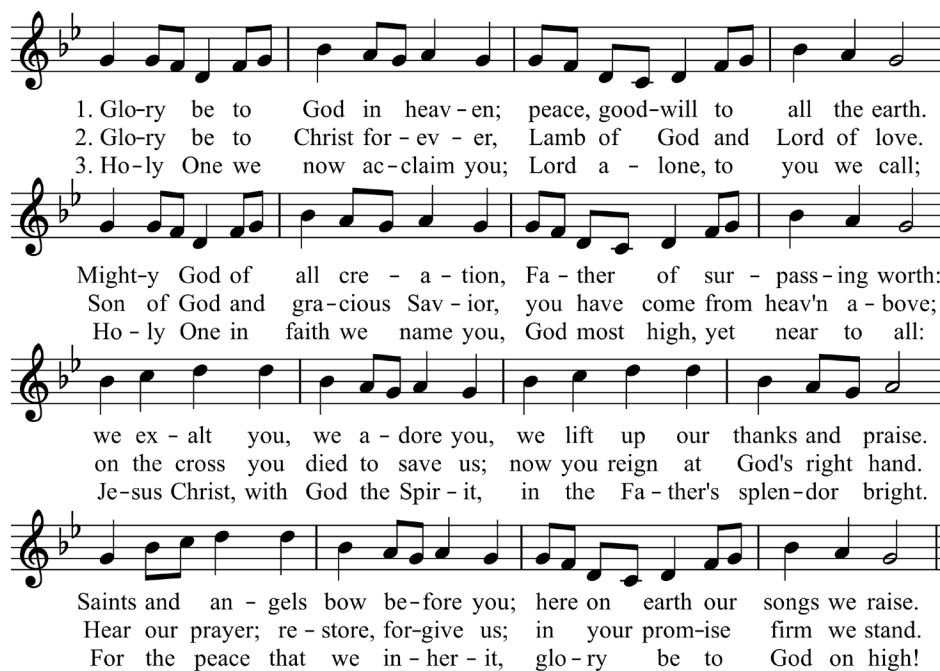
“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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 be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2. Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3. Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;
Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift up our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.

Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

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Text: ELW Holy Communion Setting 10

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

We turn our hearts to God.

O God our defender, storms emerge around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your children from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)



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

Word

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Calm to the Waves”

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, “Peace, be still.”

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 763

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition concludes:

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.



Scan to make a
financial offering.



God feeds us with the
presence of Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“O Lord, Increase My Faith”

Orlando Gibbons

*O Lord, increase my faith,
strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;
endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience
in all my adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.*

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 486

“God Extends an Invitation”

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:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God...
...Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by
your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

As the beloved of God, 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.

(Please be seated)

Communion

*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”



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

“Praise, Praise, You Are My Rock”

Rusty Edwards,

arr. Aaron David Miller

*Praise, praise! You are my rock.
The wind, the waves are high.
You hold me when the waves are
strong.
You hold me lest I die, I die.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my
rock.*

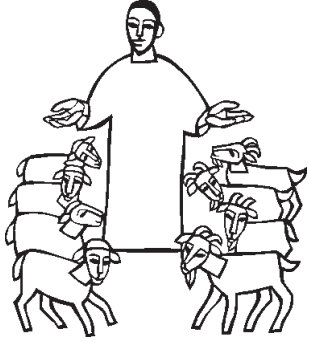
*Praise, praise! You are my rock.
My desert sand is dry.
You break the rock, a river flows.
You hear me when I cry, I cry.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my
rock.*

*Praise, praise! You are my rock.
You calm the fear and pain.
One word of faith and I am well,
I rise to praise and walk again.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my
rock.
Praise, praise! You are my rock.
The Easter grave is sealed;
you roll the stone--you, God alone--
then sin and death are healed, are
healed.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my
rock.*

-Herbert F. Brokering

“When Peace Like a River”

Hymn 785



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

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope ✠ by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hymn 773

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Finale” from *Petite Suite*

Gerald Bales

Serving Today

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>preaching</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>hospitality</i>
Tom Edelen	<i>assisting</i>
Tom von Fischer	<i>reading</i>
Michael Acuña Dee	<i>crucifer</i>
JoAnna Johnson	<i>quartet</i>
Robin Helgen	
Bill Pederson	
David Gindra	
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Marie Wiegert	<i>host</i>

Thanks to:

Sacristans, Usher, and Hospitality Ministry Teams.

Chancel flowers this week are given by Ann and Ansis Viksnins in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary on August 9.

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

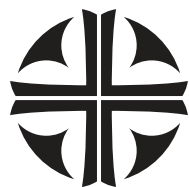
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