



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Eucharist

Sunday, August 16, 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

“Elevation” from *Mass for the Convents*

François Couperin

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;

**God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Build a Longer Table”



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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!

Music: W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
Text: ELW Holy Communion Setting 10

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

We turn our hearts to God.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)



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

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



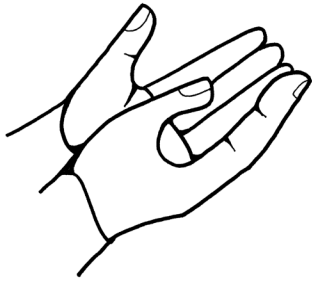
Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.



GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 587

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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.

(Please be seated)



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God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“God Be Merciful”

Adolphus Hailstork

*God be merciful unto us and bless us;
and cause thy face to shine upon us.
May thy way be known upon the earth,
and thy saving health among all the nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God,
let the people praise thee, O God;
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.
Amen.*

- from Psalm 67

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

Communion

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

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

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

"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.

"My Song Shall Be Alway"

Gerald Near

My song shall be alway of the lovingkindness of the Lord.

With my mouth will I show forth thy truth.

For I have said, "mercy is set up forever;

thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens."

- from Psalm 89

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

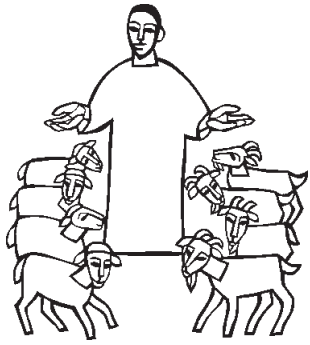
Hymn 612

(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.**



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

***African American Spiritual**

*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.*

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 650

*“In Christ There Is No East or West”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux” from
Suite on the First Tone

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Serving Today

Pastor Brian Gutzmann	<i>preaching</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>hospitality</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>vbs coordinator</i>
Jeff Block	<i>assisting</i>
Ben Longman	<i>reading</i>
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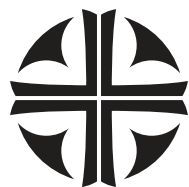
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