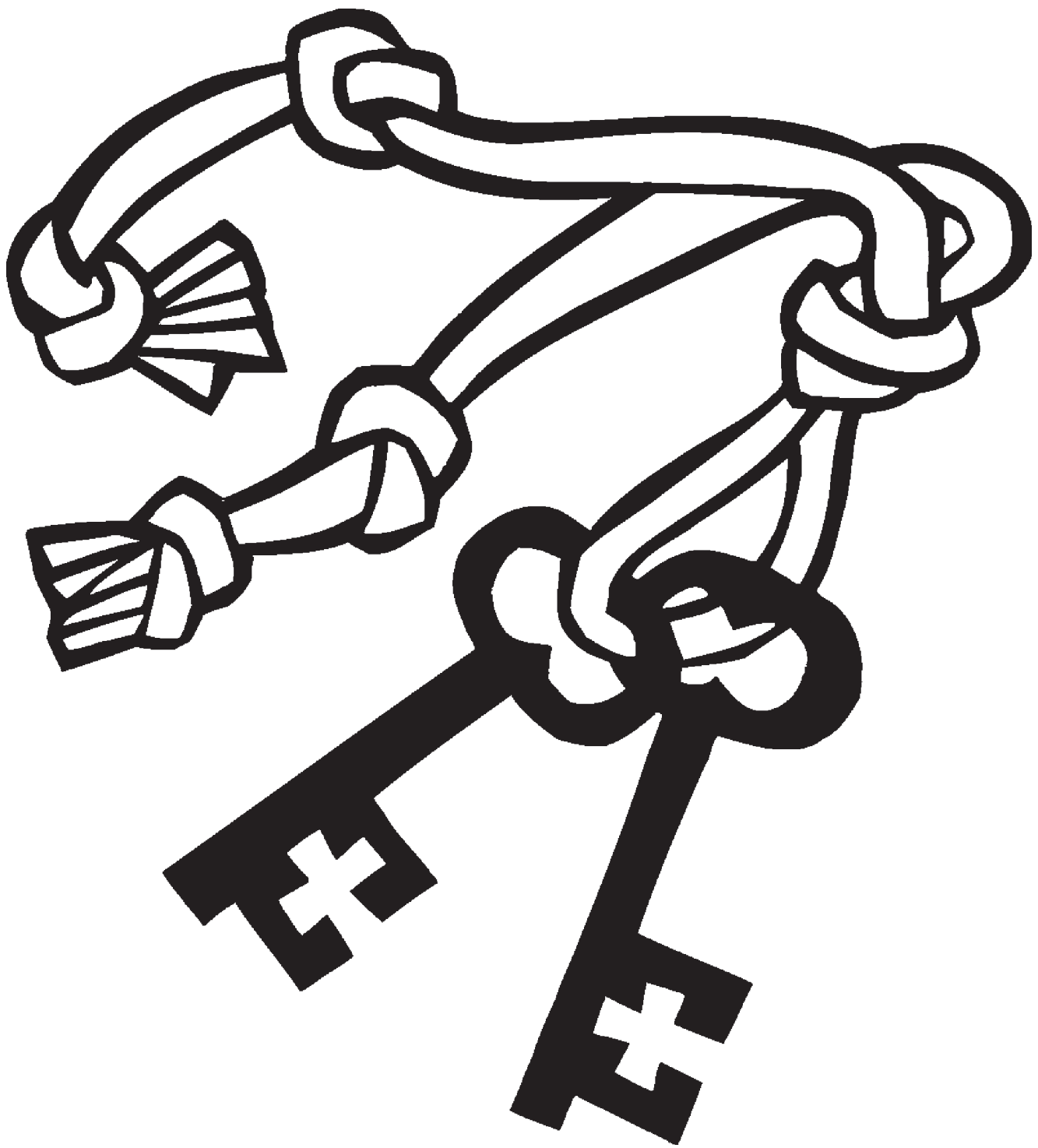




Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Eucharist

Sunday, August 23, 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 “Rhosymedre”
Based on the opening hymn tune

Setting,
Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

**On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.**

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

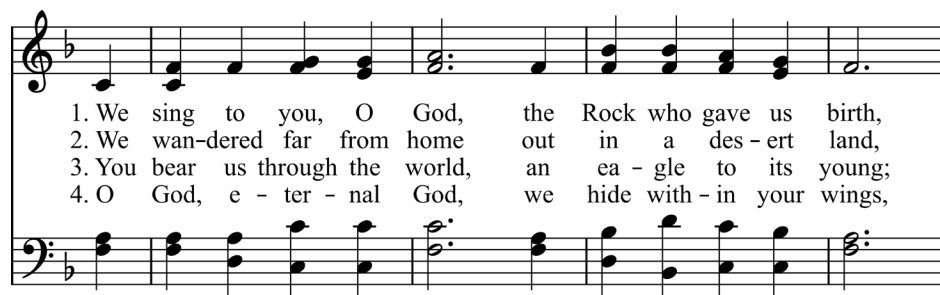
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.**

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

GATHERING HYMN

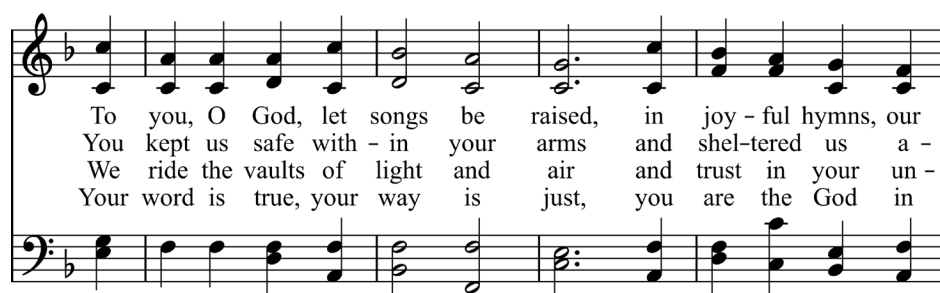
“We Sing to You, O God”



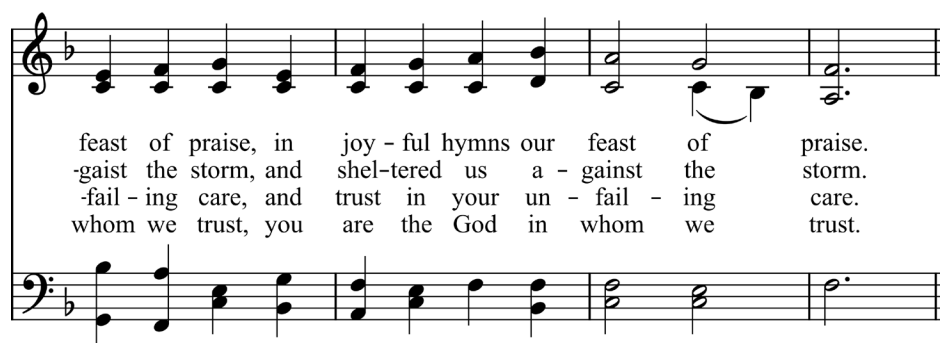
1. We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
 2. We wan-dered far from home out in a des-ert land,
 3. You bear us through the world, an ea-gle to its young;
 4. O God, e-ter-nal God, we hide with-in your wings,



let our re-joic-ing sing your name in all the earth.
 you shield-ed with your love our fear-ful pil-grim band.
 you rise up on your wings and bear us toward the sun.
 the ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our prais-es ring.



To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joy-ful hymns, our
 You kept us safe with-in your arms and shel-tered us a-
 We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your un-
 Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in



feast of praise, in joy-ful hymns our feast of praise.
 -gaist the storm, and shel-tered us a - gainst the storm.
 -fail-ing care, and trust in your un - fail - ing care.
 whom we trust, you are the God in whom we trust.

Text: Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
 Music: John D. Edwards, 1806-1885
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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.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, 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 51:1-6

- ¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Built on a Rock”

Hymn 652

Stanza 2 – high voices,

stanza 3 – low voices



Scan to make a financial offering.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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)

MUSICAL OFFERING

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Early American Hymn,
arr. Rollo Dilworth

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real, though far-off hymn, that hails a new creation.

Above the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing.

It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.

What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.

Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knell ringing.

When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?

In prison cell, or dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging.

When friends by shame are undefiled. How can I keep from singing?

- Robert Lowry

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

"God Extends an Invitation"

Hymn 486

All sing in Spanish, then in English

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

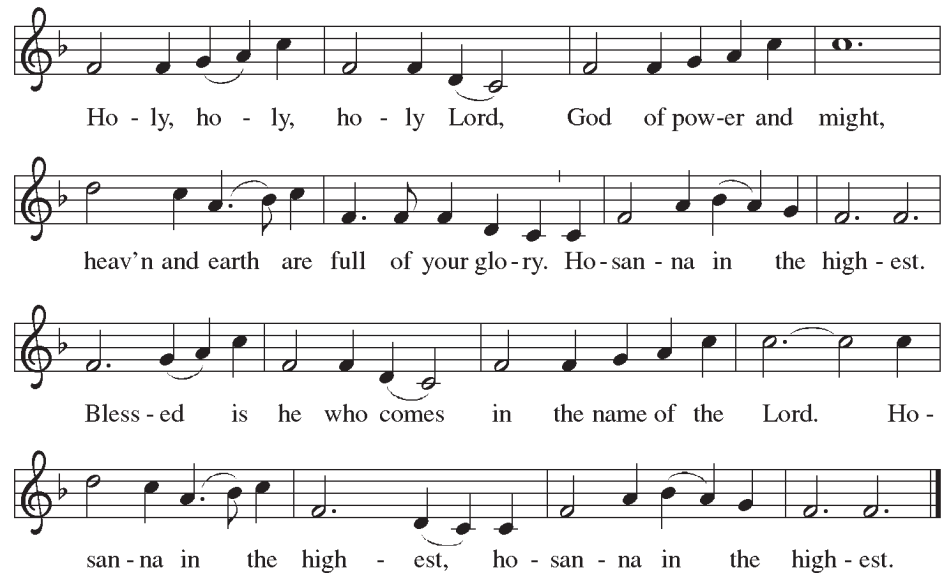
Lift up your hearts.

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.**

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.

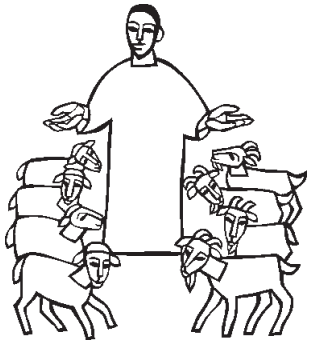
Children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing.

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.



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

“The Road Home”

Southern Harmony,
arr. Stephen Paulus

*Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know
there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?*

*After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day.
Through the air there's a calling from far away.
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.*

*Rise up, follow me, come away is the call.
With the love in your heart as the only song.
There is no such beauty as where you belong.
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.*

- Michael Dennis Browne

“We All Are One in Mission”

Hymn 576

(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

“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”

Refrain

Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain
flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Tu es Petra” from *Byzantine Sketches*

Henri Mulet

Postlude

Perhaps Mulet's best known work, “Tu es Petra” is taken from the larger cycle *Byzantine Sketches*, published in 1920. The work is both inspired by and dedicated to the *Basilique du Sacré-Coeur de Montmartre* in Paris. This movement depicts, in an apocalyptic fashion, Jesus' words: “you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”

Serving Today

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>preaching</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presiding</i>
Sam Friesen	<i>assisting</i>
Rod Richter	<i>reading</i>
Pop-up Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Deborah Bauknight	<i>host</i>

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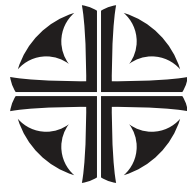
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