



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Eucharist

Sunday, August 30, 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

Two settings of “If You But Trust
in God to Guide You”

Settings, Johann Sebastian
Bach and Paul Manz

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 26:1-8

Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.**

**For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.**

I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evildoers
and will not sit with the wicked.

**I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O Lord,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

**O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn 667

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

We turn our hearts to God.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O Lord, you know;
 remember me and visit me,
 and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
 In your forbearance do not take me away;
 know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
 and your words became to me a joy
 and the delight of my heart,
 for I am called by your name,
 O Lord, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
 nor did I rejoice;
 under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
 for you had filled me with indignation.



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

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 769

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

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

“Faithful Cross”

Leeland Sateren

*Faithful Cross; above all other,
One and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron;
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.*

*Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory,
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For a while the ancient rigor
That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom tend.*

*Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a Victim won the day!*

-Venantius Fortunatus, Tr. J. M. Neale

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 486

“God Extends an Invitation”

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.

"Lead Me, Lord"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only,
that makest me to dwell in safety.*

-from Psalms 5 and 4.

"Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song"

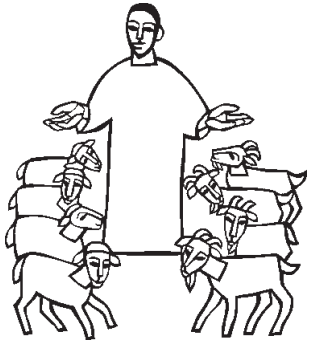
Hymn 808

(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.*

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 548

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Marche Triomphale”

Paul Fey

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preaching</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>hospitality</i>
Allison Eger	<i>assisting</i>
Chris Stensaas	<i>reading</i>
JoAnna Johnson	<i>quartet</i>
Robin Helgen	
Bill Pederson	
David Gindra	
Gregory Peterson	<i>organist</i>
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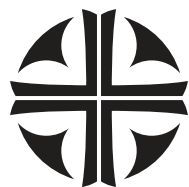
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