



Fifteenth Weekend after Pentecost

Eucharist | Evening Prayer

Saturday, September 5, 2026, 5 p.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 as the day
fades to night.*

PRELUDE

“Adagio” from *Sonata No. 12*, K. 332

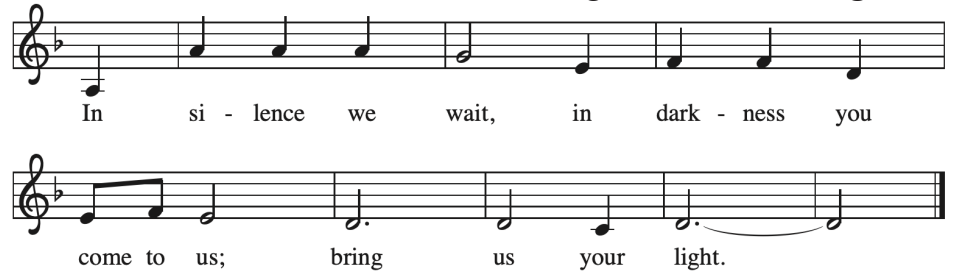
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(At the sound of the bell, please stand)

Gathering

HYMN OF LIGHT

Leader sings once, then all sing twice



GATHERING HYMN

Hymn 522

“As We Gather at Your Table”

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We turn our hearts to God.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your steadfast mercy. We look to you for guidance and counsel, and we trust that you will remove all that is harmful, and lead us toward that which gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



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

(Please be seated)

Word

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand.

⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If your sibling sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 359

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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.

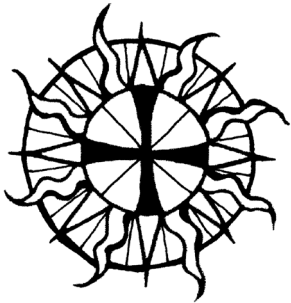
And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Eric Thiman





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God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

“All Who Are Thirsty”
Sing twice

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,

come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.

All who are thirst - y,

There's e - nough for all.

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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.

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.



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

Musical Meditation

Based on the Evening Hymn.

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

"Thou Art God"

Lionel Bourne

(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.**

EVENING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Hymn 543

DISMISSAL

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"Ar hyd y nos"

Setting, Frank Stoldt

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preaching</i>
Lorene Gilliksen	<i>assisting/reading</i>
Robin Helgen	<i>song leader</i>
Joel Bolen	<i>pianist/organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Judy Hedman	<i>host</i>

Thanks to:

Sacristans, Usher, and Hospitality Ministry Teams.

Chancel flowers this week are given by the family of Kari and John Aasan
in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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

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