Sabbath to End Homelessness

Eucharist

Sunday, October 11, 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.

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If you brought a $10 Target gift card to worship you are invited to place it one of the cornucopias by the ramp before worship, at communion, or after worship. Thank you for your generosity as we gather for this Sabbath to End Homelessness Weekend.

PRELUDE

"The Peace May Be Exchanged" Dan Locklair

"My House" Leonard Bernstein

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

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

We have not loved our unhoused neighbors as ourselves, forfeiting the chance to know you through them.

We have spoken of our neighbors as numbers and statistics, rather than learning their names and hearing their stories.

We have judged the causes of suffering we do not understand, rather than acting justly and loving mercy.

We have been averse to discomfort, hardening our hearts — avoiding contact, crossing the street, adding to the isolation of those already alone.

We have stayed silent when policies and systems left our neighbors without shelter, believing our actions too small, too futile to matter.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God forgives and heals us.

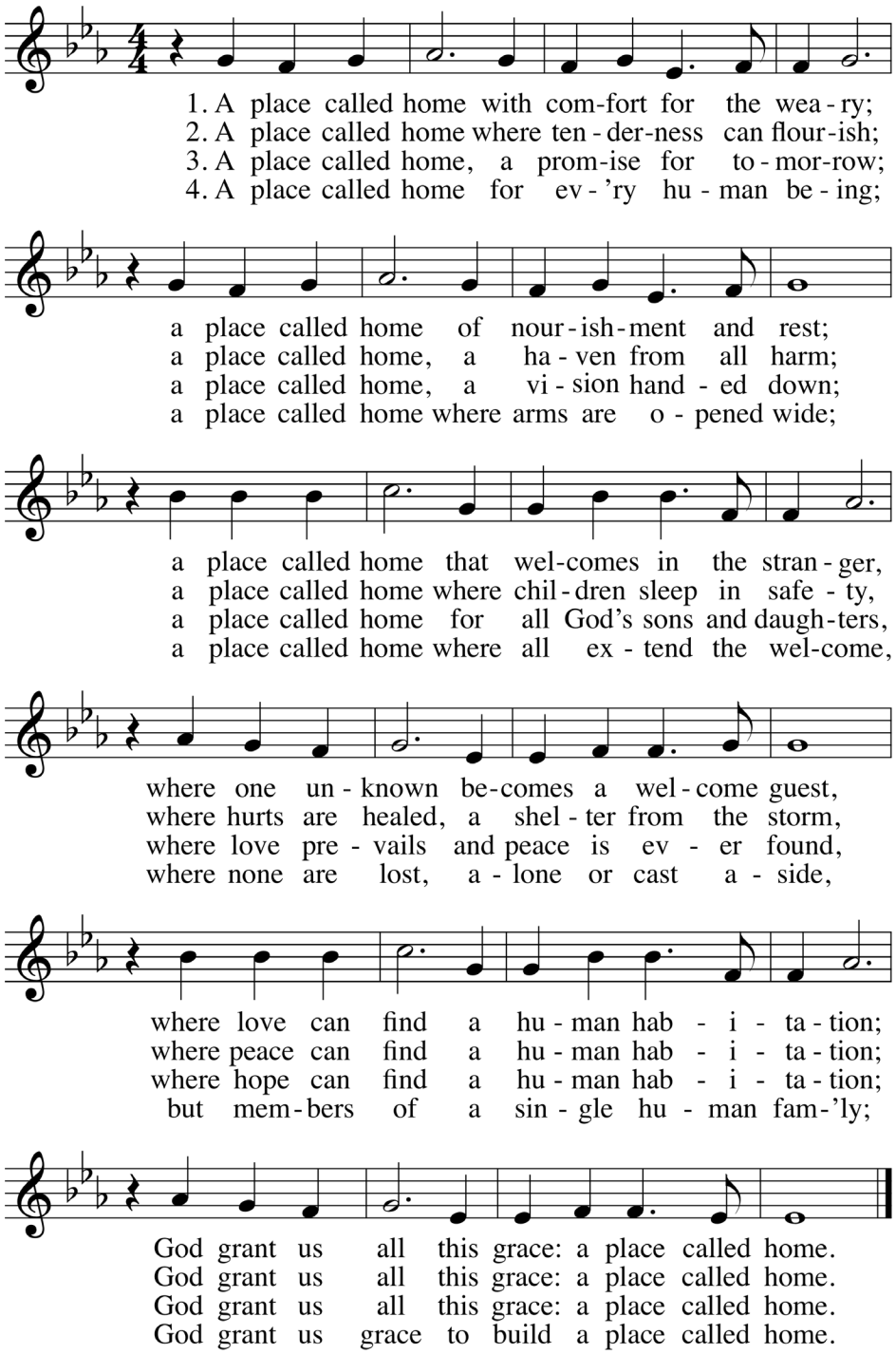
We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your words of healing to us; set us free to serve you.

God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Through Christ, ✝ God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “A Place Called Home”



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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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We turn our hearts to God. Almighty God, who created us in your own image, grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and land, to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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

Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING Philippians 4:1-9

[1] My siblings, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

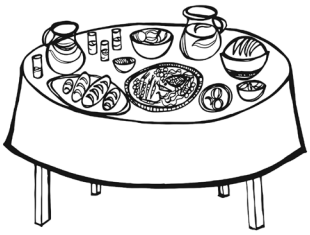
[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace
of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, siblings, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy
of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have
learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God
of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)



SUNG RESPONSE — Hymn 873
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" — *Verses 1–3*

GOSPEL — Matthew 22:1-14
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom
of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet
for his son. 3 He sent his servants to call those who had been invited
to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent
other servants, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have
prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered,
and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' 5 But they made
light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while
the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king
was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned
their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those
invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite
everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 10 Those servants went out
into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so
the wedding hall was filled with guests.
11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man
there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him,
'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was
speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and
foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Each petition concludes:
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please be seated)

Scan to make a financial offering.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Journey Home" Abbie Betinis

A place, a place to live,
a place to grow,
and be.

A place, a place to hope,
a place to dream,
and love...

An end, an end to a journey,
but still we're just beginning:
a place with you,
a place to start anew.

A home, (Un hogar)
a home is our own, (nuestro propia hogar)
yet so much more, (y mucho más)
a world... (un mundo)

A world, (Un mundo)
a world we'll learn,
(aprenderemos)
a world we'll bring, (lo traeremos)
and share... (para compartir)

A world of comfort, of calm,
the hope of our family,
a place of love,
of wonder from above...

A place, a place we'll grow,
a place we'll learn,
and share.

A place to call our own,
to make our own...
Our home.

-Erik Halvorson

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN — Hymn 522
"As We Gather at Your Table" — *Stanzas 1 and 3*

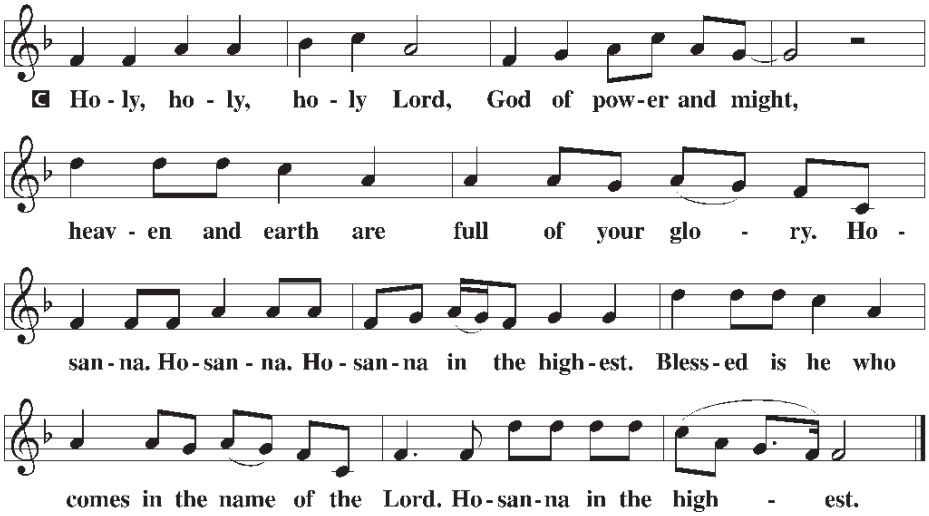
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are steadfast, you alone are merciful...
...Yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is the everlasting kingdom, the peaceable power, and the humble glory, now and forever. **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.

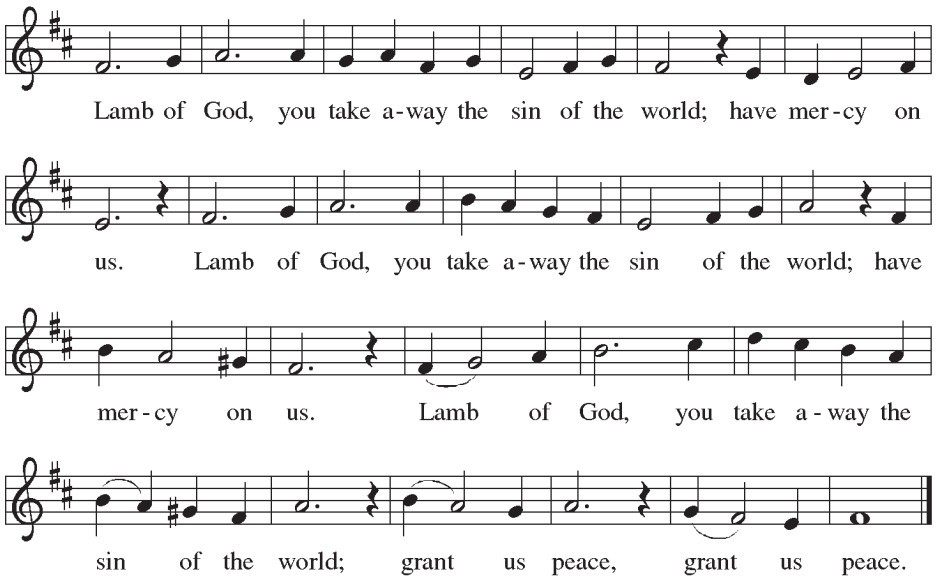
(Please be seated)

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"



"I Come with Joy" Arr. Zebulon Highben

I come with Joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
A new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
The Spirit of the risen Christ, unsee, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
Together met. Together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

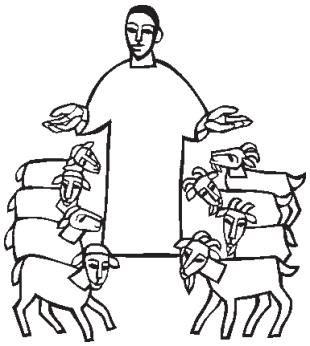
-Brian A. Wren

"Celebration" Cynthia Dobrinski

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**



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

Sending

BENEDICTION

May Christ, who chose the poor and the marginalized to show forth the kingdom of God, empower you to seek and serve God in all persons. May you go forth into the world with open hands and loving hearts. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "God's Work, Our Hands"

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is faithful.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Serving Today

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	*preaching*
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	*presiding*
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	*hospitality*
Allison Eger	*assisting*
Deb Thelen	*reading*
Central Choir	*ensembles*
Central Bell Choir	
Joe Osowski	*choir director*
Marilyn Wahlstrom	*bell choir director*
Melanie Ohnstad	*organist*
Mark Kieffer	*video/sound*
Arlene Lind	*host*

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