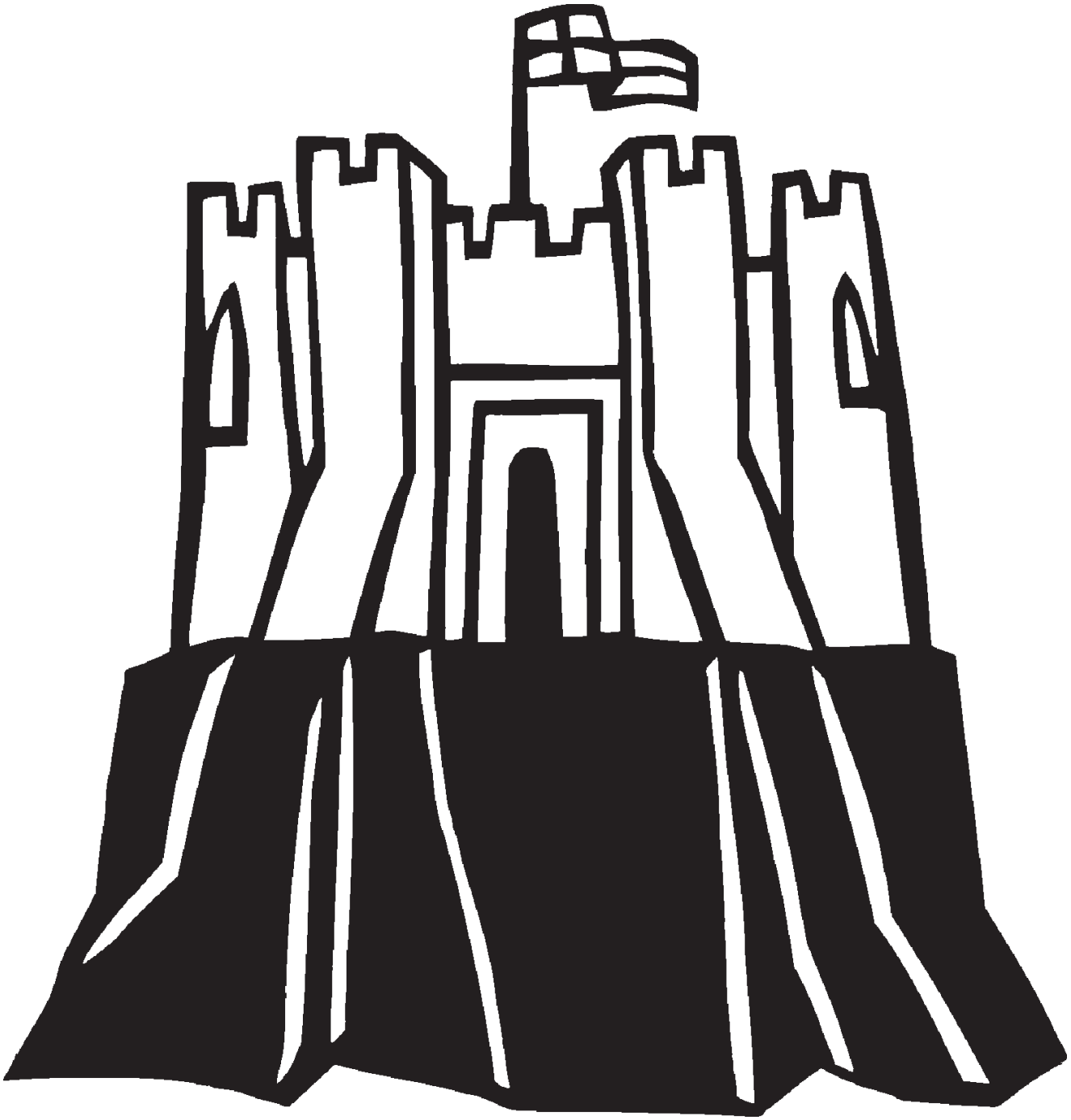

Reformation Sunday

Eucharist

Sunday, October 25, 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
"A Prayer for St. Gregory" Alan Hovhaness

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I see God's grace

Given for me.

Grace to grow,

Grace to fail,

Grace to persist,

Grace to refrain,

Grace to change,

Grace to tarry,

Grace to live,

Grace to die,

I see God's grace

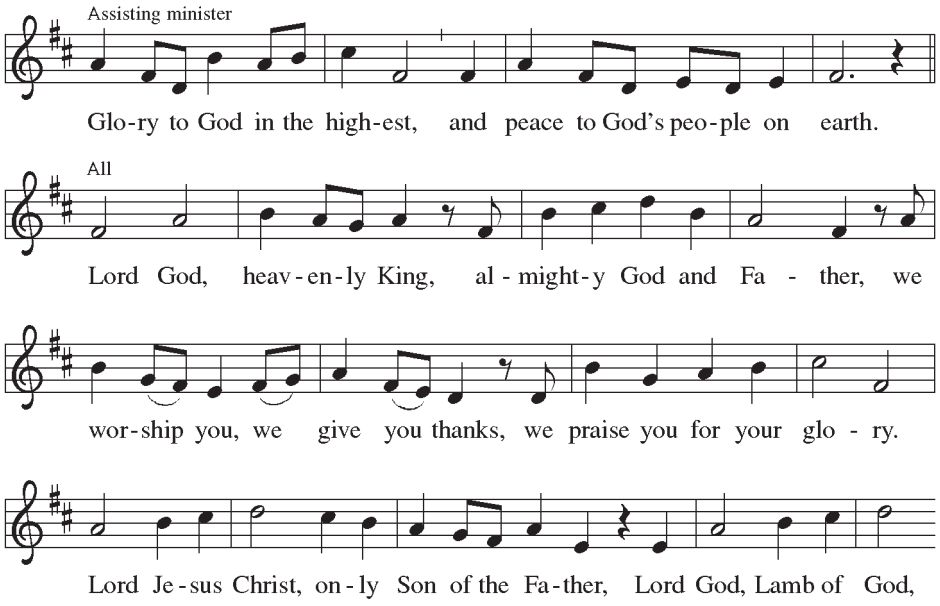
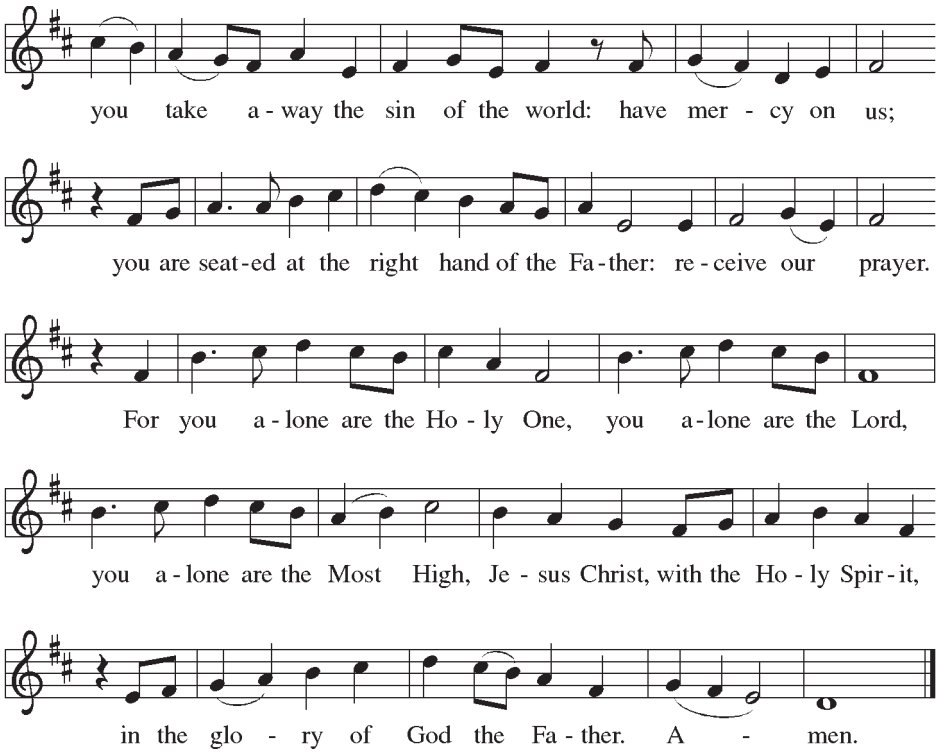
The grace of love and the welcome of a steadfast God.

GATHERING HYMN Hymn 504
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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 in prayer:
God of grace, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Your Spirit fills your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

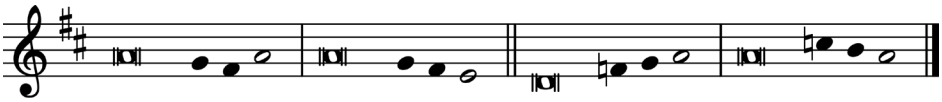
Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not
be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them
by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that
they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is
the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,
says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their
hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer
shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for
they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the
Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

Choir: *1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

All: **4 There is a river whose streams make glad the**
cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

Choir: *6 The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;*
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
7 The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

All: **8 Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the | shields with fire.

Choir: *10 Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in
the earth
11 The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN "Making Their Way"

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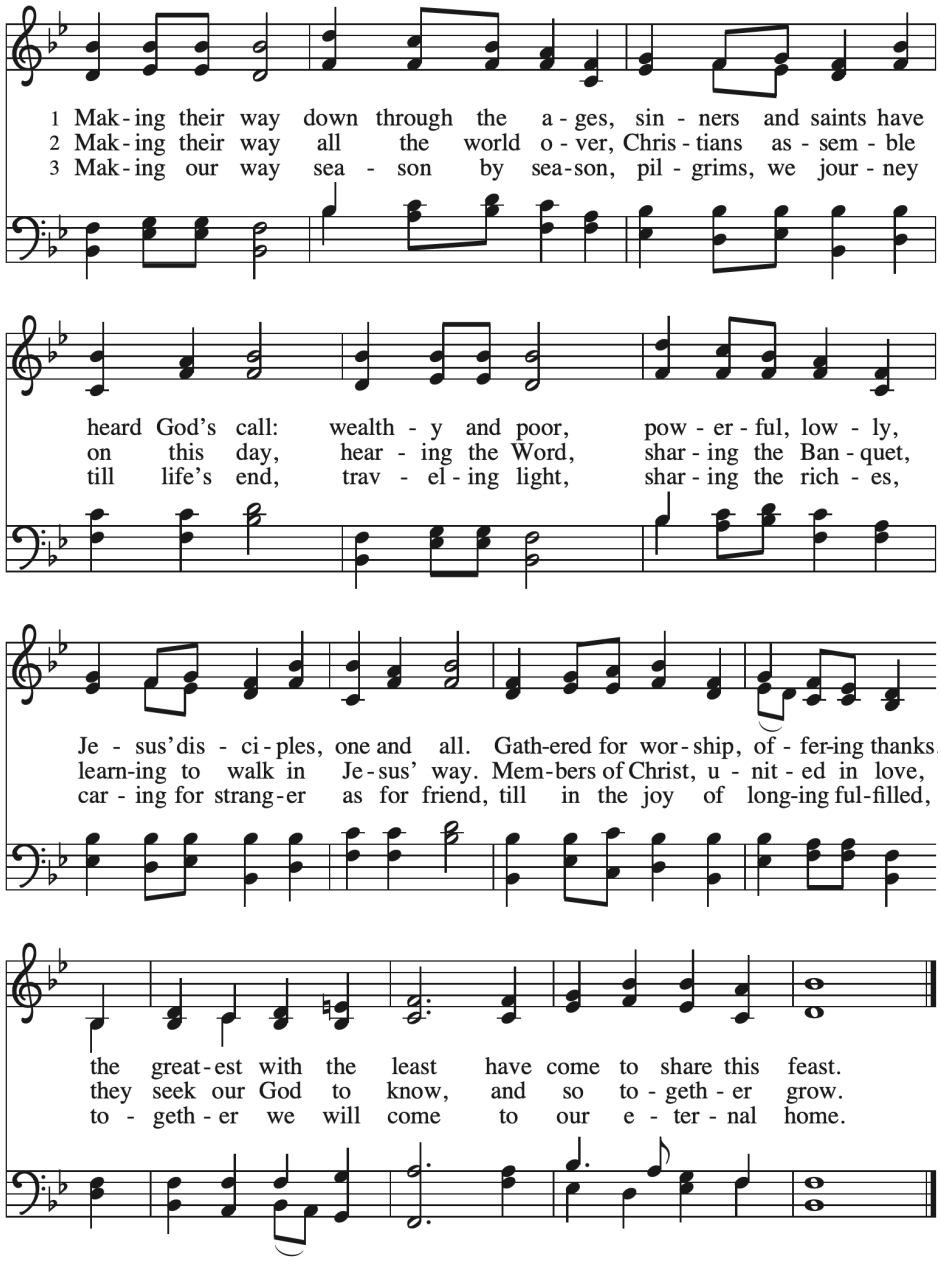
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GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

34 When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they
gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a
question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the
greatest?" 37 He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with

all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is
the greatest and first commandment. [39] And a second is like it: 'You shall
love your neighbor as yourself.' [40] On these two commandments hang all
the Law and the Prophets."

[41] Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them
this question: [42] "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?"
They said to him, "The son of David." [43] He said to them, "How is it then
that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

[44] 'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

[45] "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" [46] No one was
able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him
any more questions.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn 517
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.

GENEROSITY INGATHERING

"The Church's One Foundation" Samuel S. Wesley
Arr. John Ferguson

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord:
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms, rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peach forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

-Samuel J. Stone

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN — Hymn 462
"Now We Join in Celebration" — *Stanza 1*

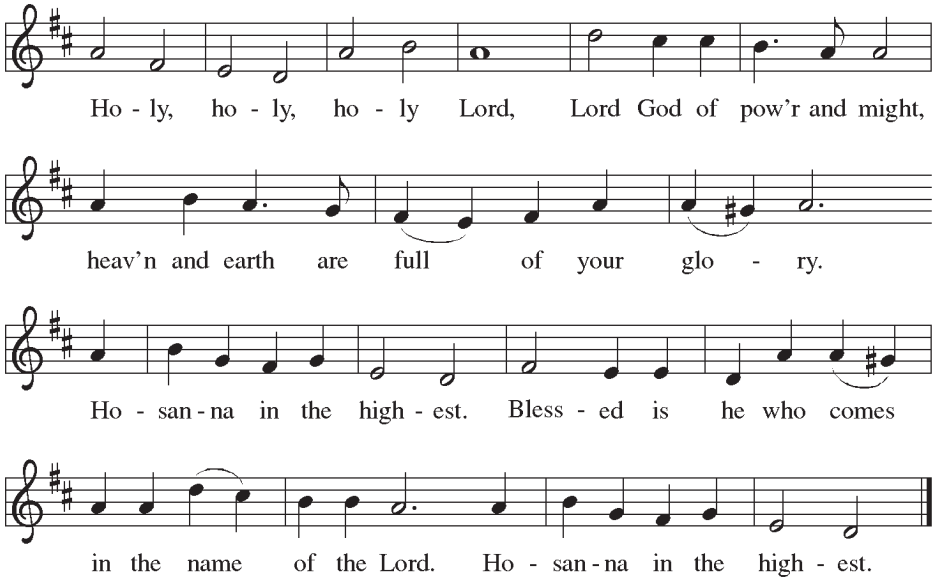
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth...
...Glory and praise to you, O God, author of life, word made flesh, power of the most high, 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.

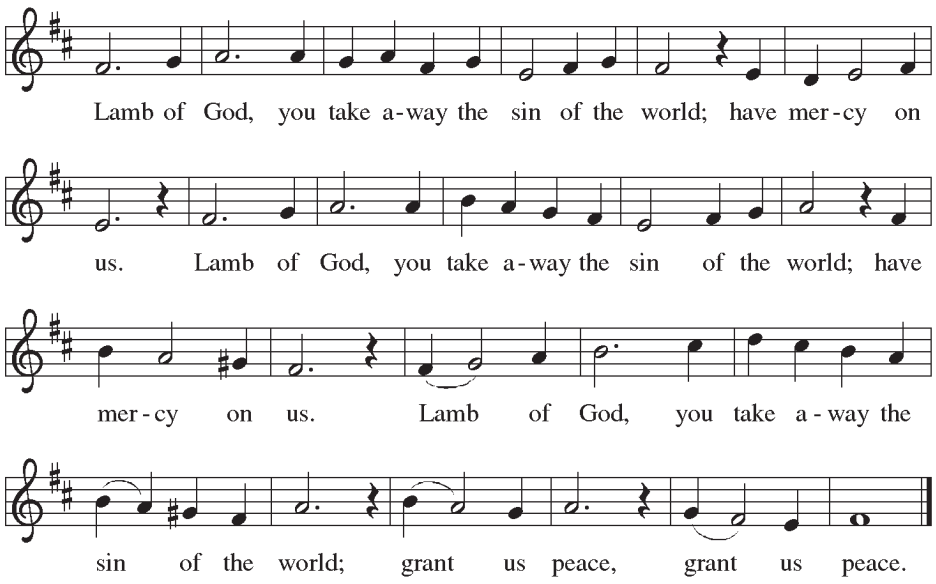
Communion
All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

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

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"



"We Praise You, O God" A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*
Arr. Carolyn Jennings

We praise you, O God, our redeemer,
creator, in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

O God of our fathers and mothers, we bless you;
through trouble and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help,
O God, our struggles we win.

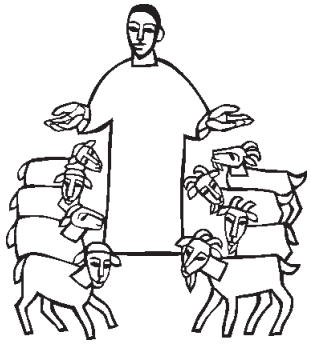
With voices united our praises we offer and
gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer forever be praise!
-Julia C. Cory

"Grace" from *Heroic Music*, TWV 50:32 Georg Philipp Telemann

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.
We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**



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

Sending

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Hymn 665

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B Minor Eugène Gigout

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	*preaching*
Pastor Brian Gutzmann	*presiding*
Julie Anderson	*assisting*
Jim Hart	*reading*
Michael Acuña Dee	*crucifer*
Rebecca Corson	*trumpet*
Central Choir	*ensemble*
Joe Osowski	*choir director*
Isaac Drewes	*organist*
Leif Olsen	*organ scholar*
Mark Kieffer	*video/sound*
Jim Hart	*host*

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

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