All Saints' Sunday

Eucharist

Sunday, November 1, 2026, 8:30 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.

During the prelude, you are invited to light a candle in memory of loved ones. Candles may also be lit at the conclusion of of the service.

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on this first day of the week.

PRELUDE

"Pie Jesu" Lili Boulanger

Sung in Latin:	Translation:
Pie Jesu, Domine, Dona eis requiem.	Blessed Jesus, Lord, grant them rest.
Pie Jesu, Domine, Dona eis requiem sempiternam.	Blessed Jesus, Lord, grant them eternal rest.

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

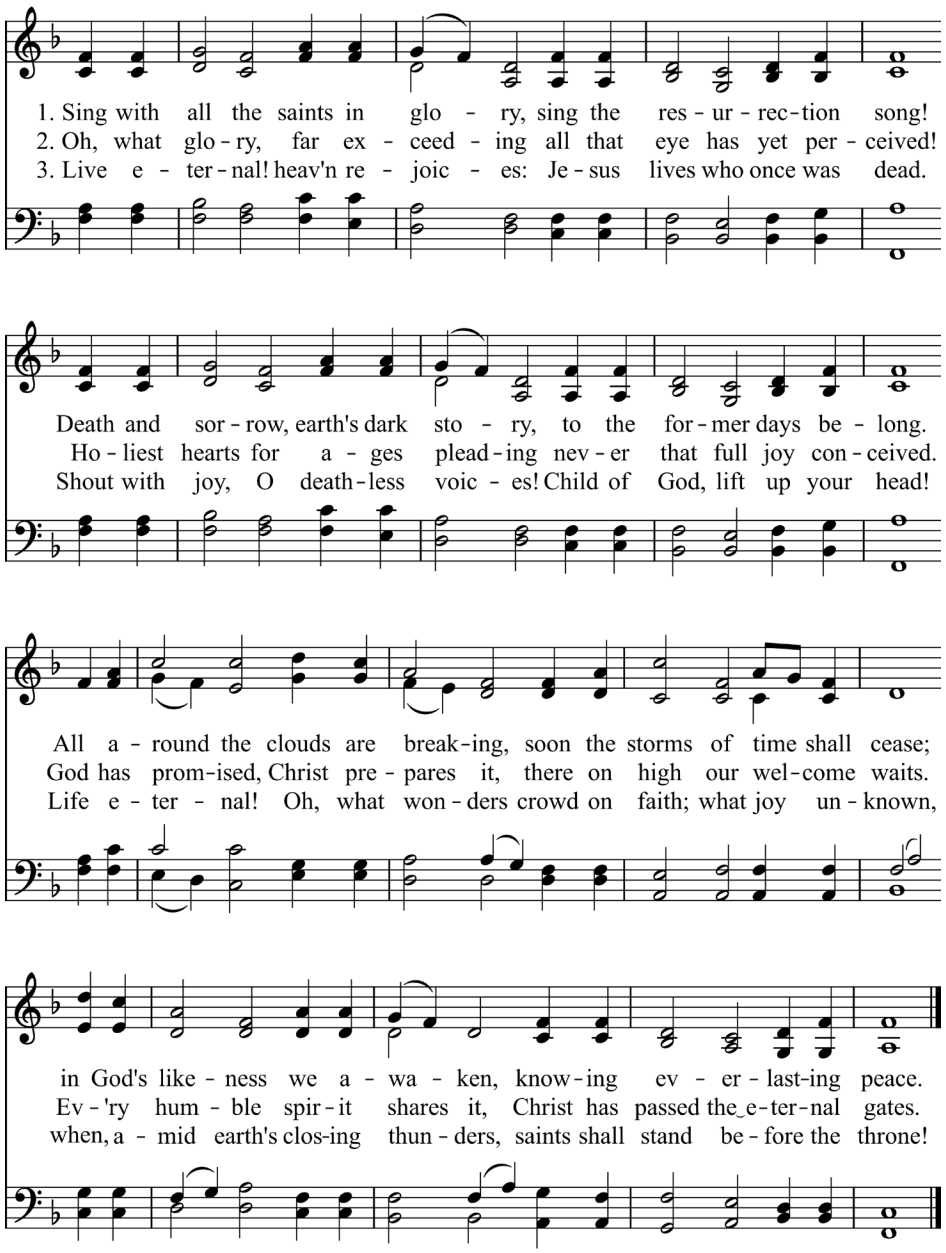
I listen for it tolling
From steeples in the sky.

The bells stir the air
between here and heartache.
For a moment,
the mystery satisfies, and
we are all together.

I hang onto promises
with my fingers
just barely
not because I am certain,
but because if I let go, I will fall
and break apart.

Perhaps
someone will speak
of my Beloved today
and then I will not be so alone.
Hearing the name aloud
makes it real,
shares the weight
like a new song
I think I've always known.

There are candles to light the quiet resistance of remembering.

GATHERING HYMN "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

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Music: *The Sacred Harp,* Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns,* 1985

BEACH SPRING
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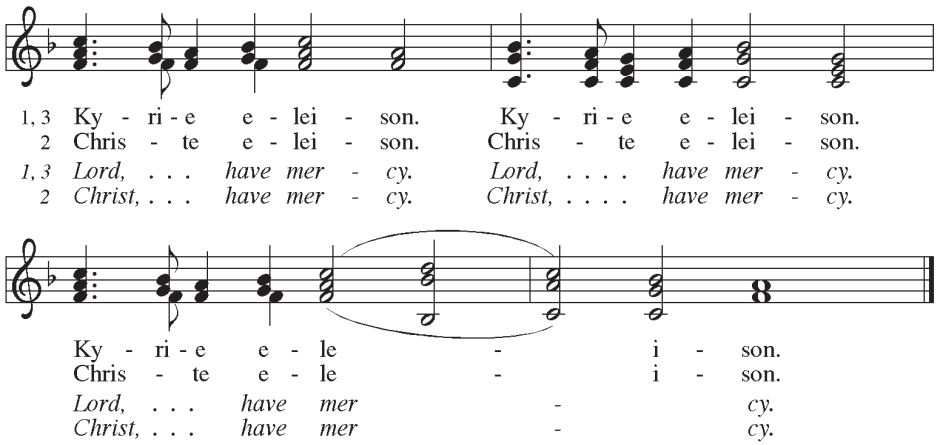
GREETING

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.

KYRIE



Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

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

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

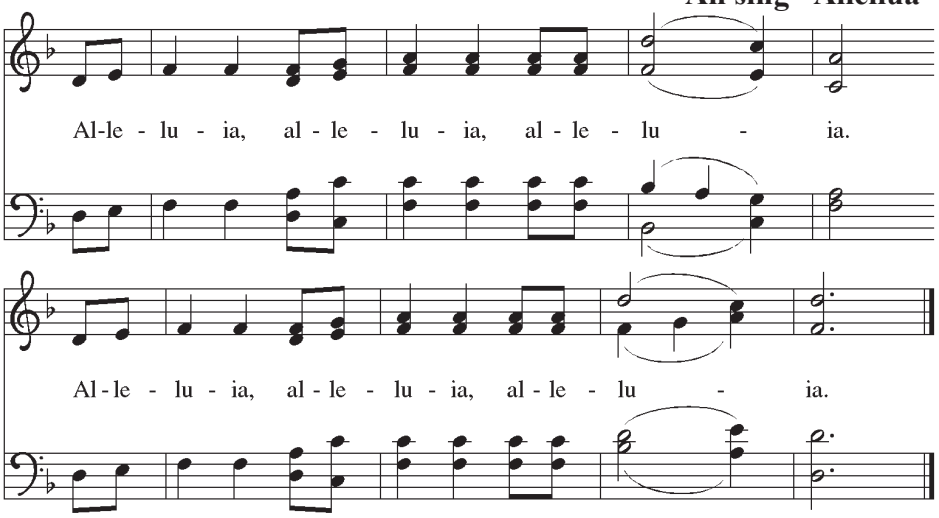
9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and
the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne
and worshiped God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed
in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you
are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have
come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing "Alleliua"

Leader: *They are before the throne of God, alleluia.*
And the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them, alleluia.

All: **Repeat "Alleluia"**

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

LITANY OF THE SAINTS — Hymn 422
"For All the Saints" — *Stanzas 1 and 3*

Reading of the names:

Timm Wienke
Jacquelyn "Jackie" Thorsen
Larry Angeles
Paul Weiblen
Eve Overby
Mariel Wolter
Marlene White
Leslie "Les" Rosecke
Martha Rasmussen
Kent Knutson
Lynda Minnick
Lawrence "Larry" Higgins
Glenn Steinke
Harold Walls
James "Jim" Weinel
Gerald "Jerry" Olsen
Barbara "Barb" Lund
Tom Ocel
Deborah Browder
Randip "Rand" Satoskar
Mary Rehwaldt
Bruce Rasmussen
Evelyn Eskeli
Rezene Tesfatsion
Mary Longman
Renetta "Renny" Kidder
Alice Lucke

"For All the Saints" — *Stanzas 5 and 6*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition concludes:
God, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Scan to make a financial offering.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PEACE

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

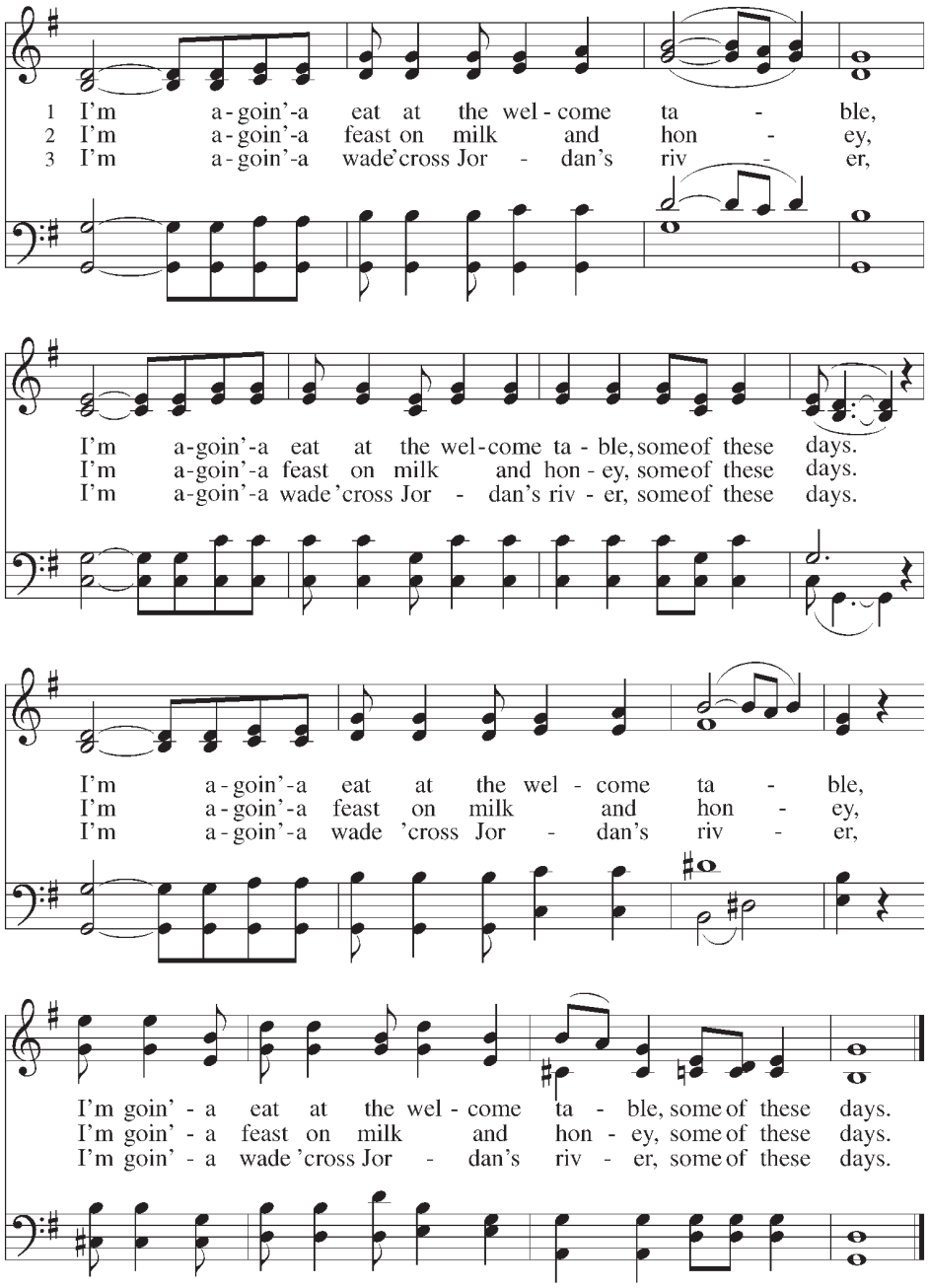
(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Bound for the Promised Land" — American Folk Tune, arr. Derek K. Hakes

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN — *"Welcome Table"

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***African American Spiritual**
Many African American spirituals and hymns were never credited to their creators or were claimed by other individuals. On weekends when Central uses music or music texts created by people who were kept in chattel slavery, a donation will be made to a Historical Black College and University (HBCU) as a reparation to their descendants. For 2026, Central will be sending donations to Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas.

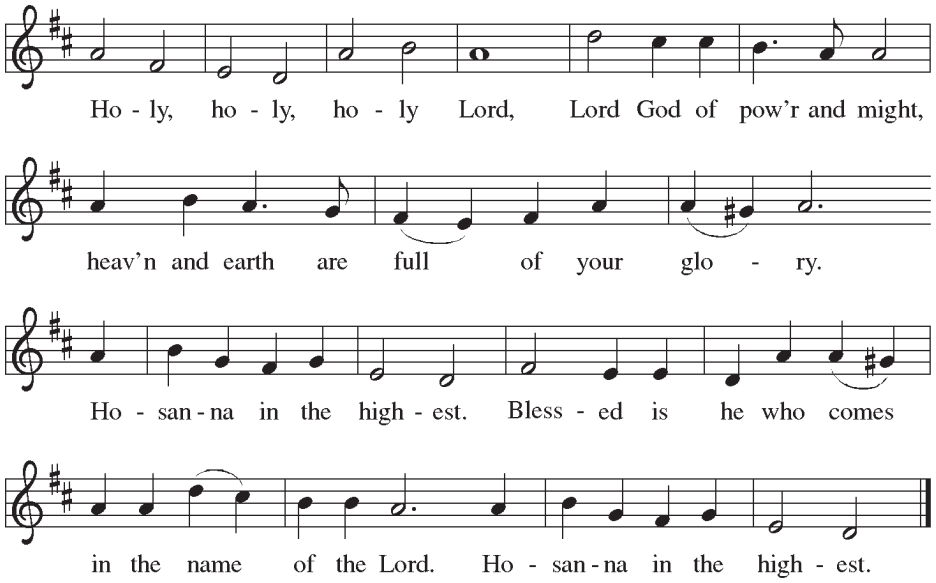
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

(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

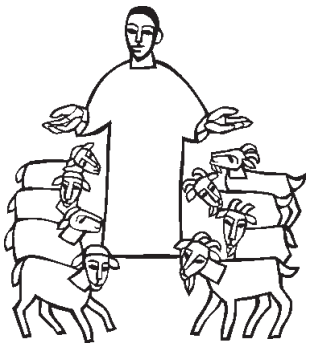
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" — American folk tune, arr. Arnold B. Sherman

(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 414

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from *Suite*, Op. 5 Maurice Duruflé

Postlude

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) was a French organist and composer, and the Titular Organist of the Church of Saint-Etienne-du-Mont in Paris. His Suite *consists of 3 movements, which are dedicated to his composition teacher Paul Dukas. The toccata is the last movement of this suite. Duruflé was intensely self-critical, and after publication, he grew to dislike the work. In a 1980 interview, he compared the first theme to a dinner with bad beefsteak. His wife Marie-Madeleine, herself an acclaimed organist, disagreed, saying that the saying: "even if you do not like the theme, I like the sauce."*

Serving Today

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	*preaching*
Pastor Brian Gutzmann	*presiding*
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	*hospitality*
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	
Kathryn Holum	*assisting/reading*
Michael Acuña Dee	*crucifer*
JoAnna Johnson	*soloist*
Bell Choir	*ensemble*
Isaac Drewes	*organist/bell choir director*
Leif Olsen	*organ scholar*
Mark Kieffer	*video/sound*

Thanks to:
Sacristans, Usher, and Hospitality Ministry Teams.

Chancel flowers this week are given by Betty Reveling in loving memory of her twin brother Bruce on the 88th anniversary of their birth.

Also, flowers are given by Central Lutheran Church in loving memory of all the saints.

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

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