

Global Mission Weekend

Eucharist | Evening Prayer

Saturday, November 7, 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

Partita No. 2 in C minor, BWV 826, Allemande Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES 1 Thessalonians

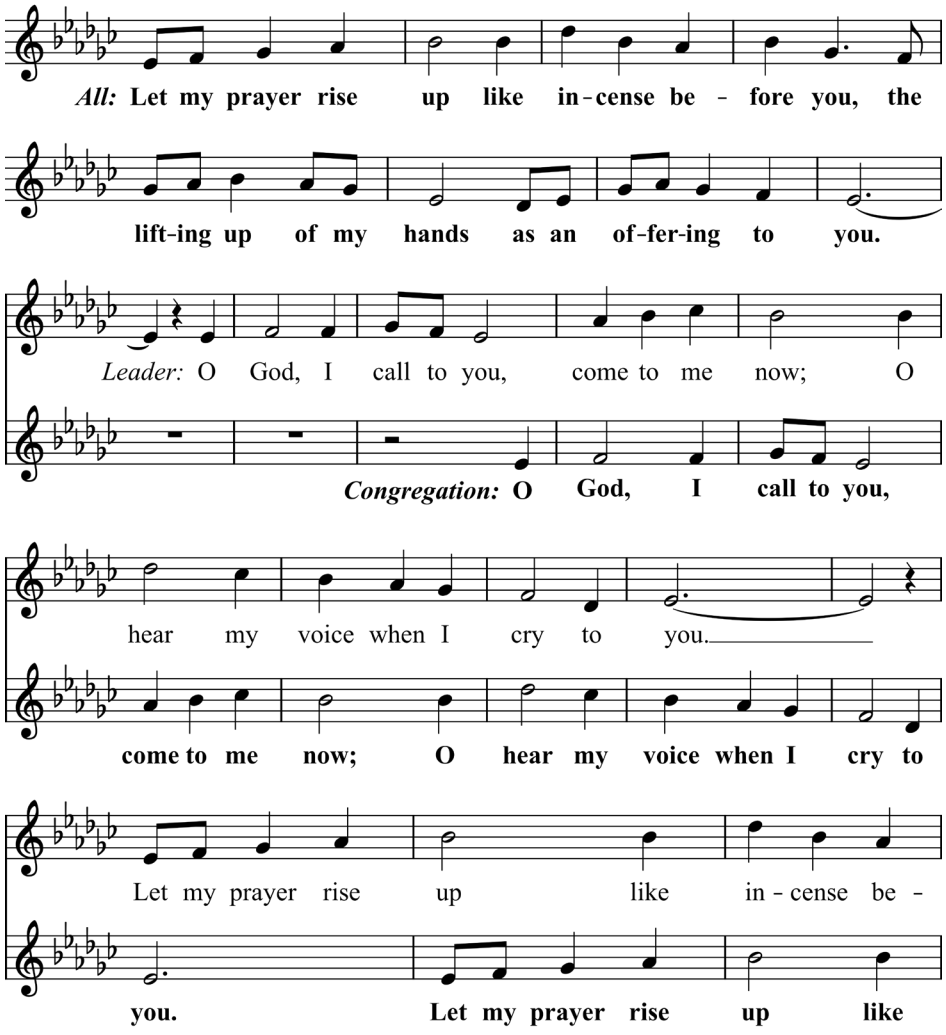
We do not want you to be uninformed, siblings, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

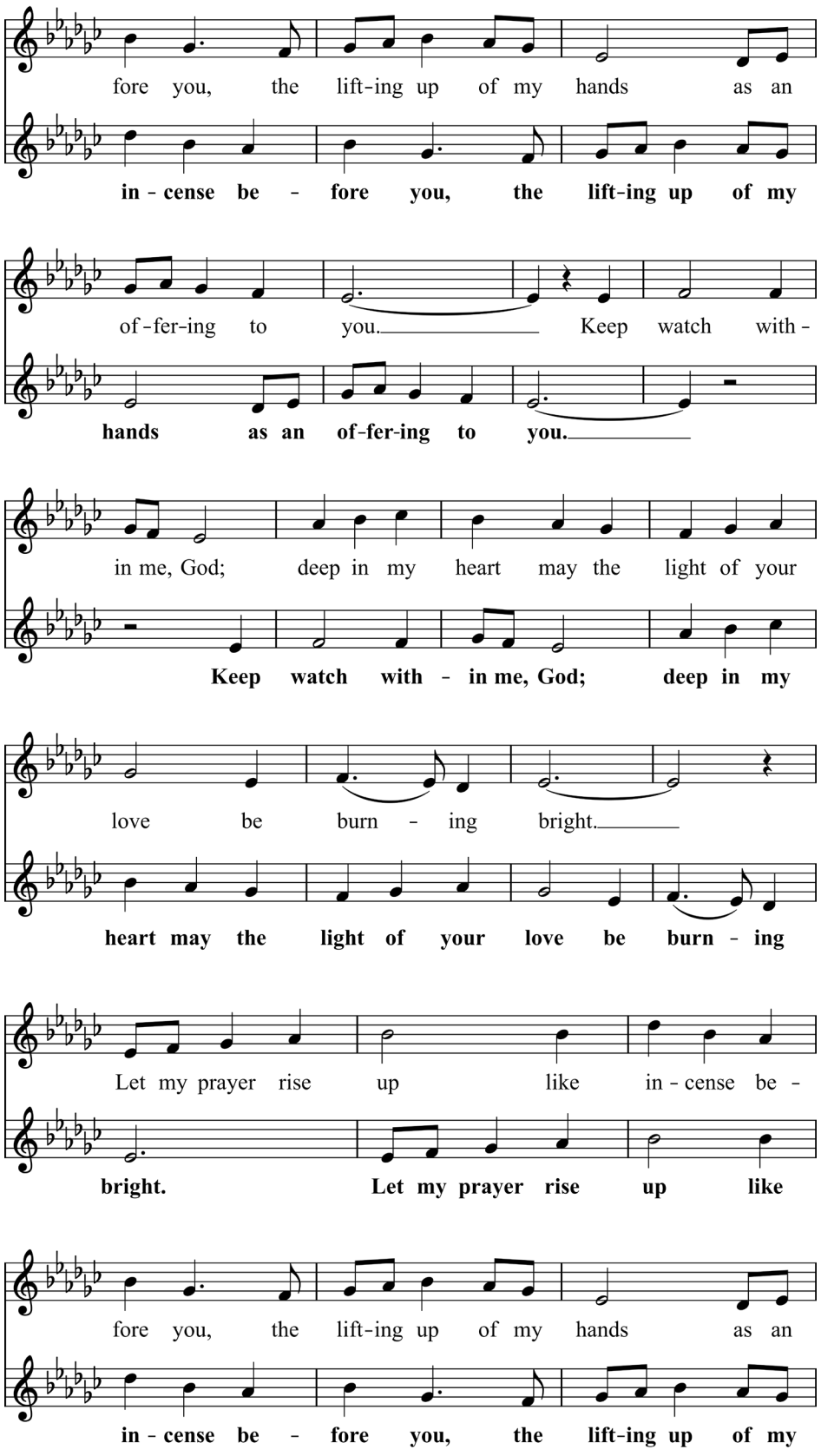
For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For God has destined us not for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with God.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

HYMN OF LIGHT Psalm 141

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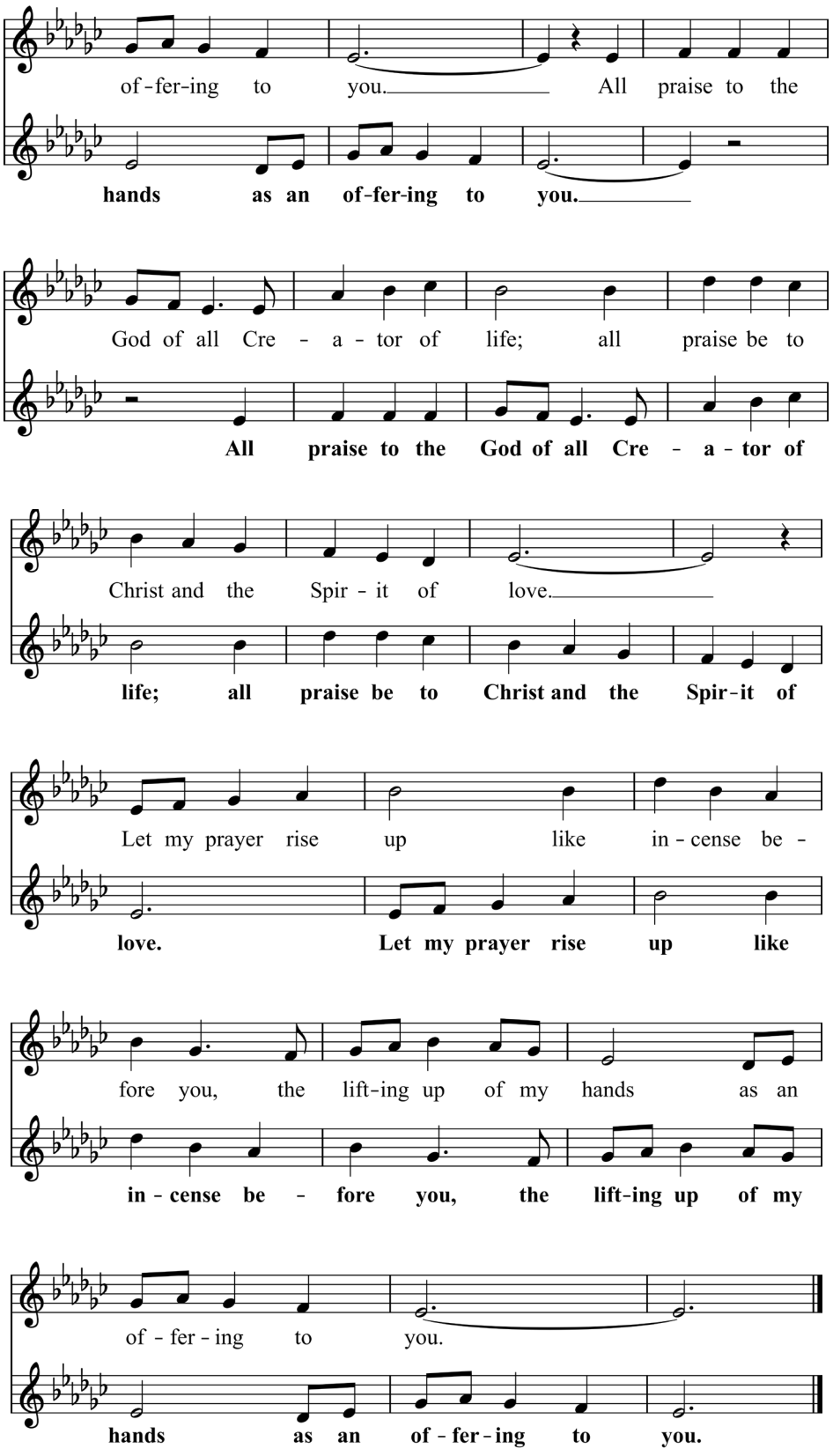
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We turn our hearts to God in prayer:
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word



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

FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

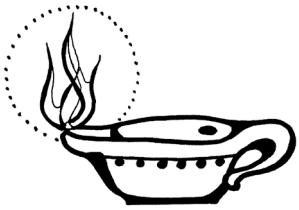
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN Hymn 562

"O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine"



GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be
like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When
the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise
took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all
of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout,
'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those
young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the
wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the
wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they
went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went
with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the
other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn 726

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

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.**

PEACE

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

(Please be seated)

Scan to make a financial offering.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Communion
All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING
"My Song in the Night" Arr. Mark Shepperd

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN Hymn 695
"As Saints of Old"

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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
As the shadows lengthen, we bless you, sheltering God...

When the petition concludes:
Stay with us, for it is evening.
Stay with us, for it is evening.

...To you, O God, painter of both night and day, guiding star and healing sun, breath of peace and wind of change, be all glory, all honor, 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
"Let Us Break Bread Together" *African American Spiritual, arr. John Helgen

(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.

EVENING HYMN — Hymn 439

*"Soon and Very Soon"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Reflections on "Soon and Very Soon" — Joel Bolen

***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.

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	*preaching*
Lorene Gilliksen	*assisting*
Vicki Munson	*reading*
Susan Troselius	*song leader*
Joel Bolen	*pianist/organist*
Bill Berg	*video/sound*
Joan Van Wirt	*host*

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

Chancel flowers this week are given by Susan Gindra in honor of the birthdays and wedding anniversary of David Gindra and Marcus Peterson.

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

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