



HOLY COMMUNION

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 28, 2022
8:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

**Welcome to Central Lutheran Church.
You are welcome, no exceptions.**

Here are a few notes you might find helpful for worship:

Bold print indicates responses spoken by all.

Masks are welcomed, and we ask everyone to mask up while singing.

Congregational hymns are found either printed in this bulletin,
or in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

PRELUDE

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 103

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the
land of Egypt.**

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.

**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.**

Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

**I would quickly subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.**

Those who hate the Lord would cringe in fear,
and their punishment would last forever.

**But I would feed you with the finest wheat
and satisfy you with honey from the rock.”**

OPENING HYMN

“Gather Us In”

Hymn 532

Stanzas 1 and 4



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Ever-giving God, you invite us to confess your name by sharing your wealth with the world. Riches of humility, grace, love, tenderness, and compassion. Guide in ways of generosity, sharing all that we have been given with the world around us. In the name of Jesus Christ, the one who gives and gives again.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

READING

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)



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

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Once Led to Your Font”

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DEDICATION OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

Siblings and friends in Christ, today we give thanks to God, and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this new baptismal font to the glory of God.



A reading from the Psalms: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. (Psalm 29:3, 11)

A reading from Second Corinthians: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the font of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.

You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that claims us in this sacrament.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to all children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Amen.

In gratitude to God for the ministry and mission of this congregation, for the faithful through the ages, for the generosity that has supported this font project, for the creativity of the font team, the gifts of the architect, fabricator, mosaic artist, plumbers, electricians, and talented staff, we now dedicate the new baptismal font and ask your blessing.

Let us pray:

Let us pray: Triune God, bless this new baptismal font which we set apart today; may these material things of your creation, shaped by human hands, draw our hearts to you and your everlasting promise. **Amen.**

This font is now dedicated to the glory of God and for the healing and wholeness of all. In the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As the spirit calls, gathers and enlightens God's people, we pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

Each petition concludes:

God who is with us:

Hear our prayer.

God of every time and space, we commend these prayers to you trusting that you hold and respond to them in your holy keeping.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“The Bird's Song”

A Setting of Psalm 23

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(Please stand)

MEAL

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.

... to your heart, singing your glory through all time and space,
God in Community, Holy in One.

Amen.



*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Savior taught:

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 welcome to the Lord's table

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,

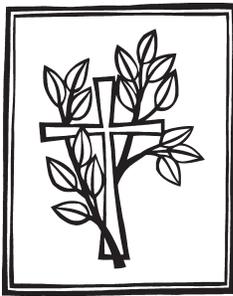
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.



*God blesses and
sends us in mission
to the world.*

SENDING

BLESSING

Go now as people in whom love and righteousness embrace;
Live your lives in Christ,
rooted in grace,
full of thanksgiving and prayer.
May God give you peace,
Christ ground you in faith,
And the Holy Spirit + pour blessings upon you.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized,” BuxWV 186

Dieterich Buxtehude

Once Led to Your Font

Stanza 3 is sung
by soloist/quartet



1. Once led to your font to die and to live
 2. Ad - dressed by your Word, caught tight and set free,
 3. *Both wel - comed and fed at your ta - ble of grace,*
 4. By your wash - ing made pure; by your feed - ing made whole;



called down to the wa - ter for wash - ing,
 re - shaped by our Sa - vior's em - brac - ing,
your sup - per brings life and sal - va - tion.
 by your call - ing made will - ing and a - ble; -



O God, lead us out to serve and to give,
 O God, lead us out, and speak by our deeds,
O God, lead us out to nour - ish and cheer,
 O God, lead us out to make your world ring



sent forth from the bath for the liv - ing.
 sent forth with your Word for the na - tions.
sent forth from your meal for cre - a - tion.
 with ech - oes of bath, word, and ta - ble.

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Go With Us, Lord



1. Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through
2. Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow, Praise



this and ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it
Christ the Word in flesh made low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it



strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.
ev - er - more; One God, tri - une, whom we a - dore.

after final verse:



A - men.

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Stanza 2 - Charles Coffin, 1736

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	
Pastor Marissa Sotos	<i>assisting</i>
Font Team	<i>reading</i>
Robin Helgren	<i>soloist</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>

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