

# HOLY COMMUNION

*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

Sunday, August 7, 2022

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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**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

Prelude on the tune “Yigdal”

Richard Proulx

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

## GATHERING

### OPENING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Hymn 831

*Stanzas 1-3*

### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

O God of life,

Happy are we when our foundation is in you and your  
commandments.

Happy are we when we make our home in your love.

Happy are we when our roots go deep in this love, for then we know  
the steadfastness of the olive tree, which lives and grows and  
bears fruit even in the driest of times.

Strengthened and nourished by your holy love, help us to live fully.  
Help us to speak peace. Help us to live justly, and resist evil, for the  
sake of Christ and for the sake of our neighbors.

**Amen.**



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

*(Please be seated)*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## WORD

### READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

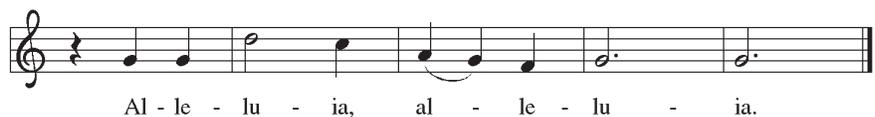
<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

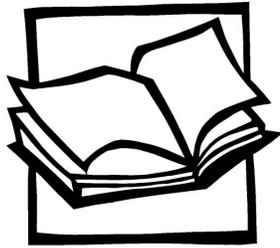
*(Please stand)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Quartet: Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.*

**All repeat "Alleluia."**



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

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

Hymn 764

*Stanza 1-quartet; 2-all; 3-quartet; 4-all*

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

“Keep Your Lamps!”

Spiritual, arr. André Thomas

*(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.**

... in your all-forgiving grace and love,  
singing our praises forever:



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

  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The eucharistic prayer continues:*

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

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

H. Thomissön

*(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.**

## 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.

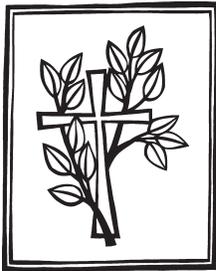
**Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

*Printed on page 7*

*Stanza 2 is sung in harmony*



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

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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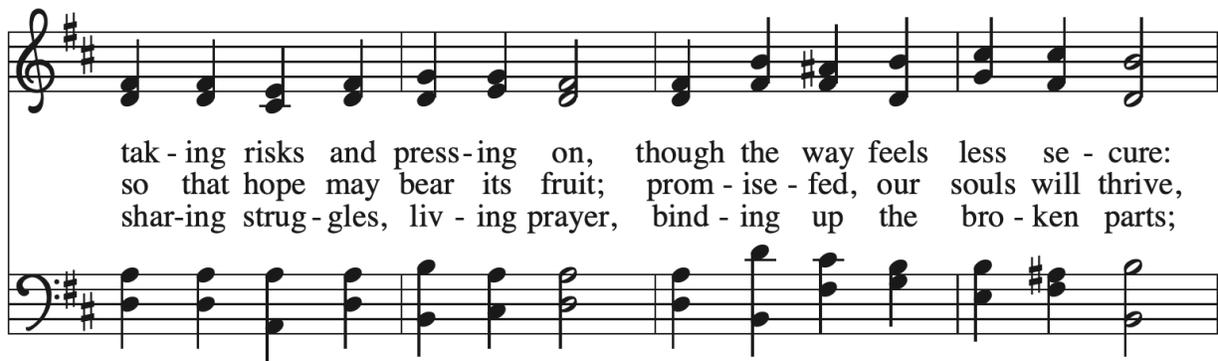
Wilhelm Hieronymus Pachelbel

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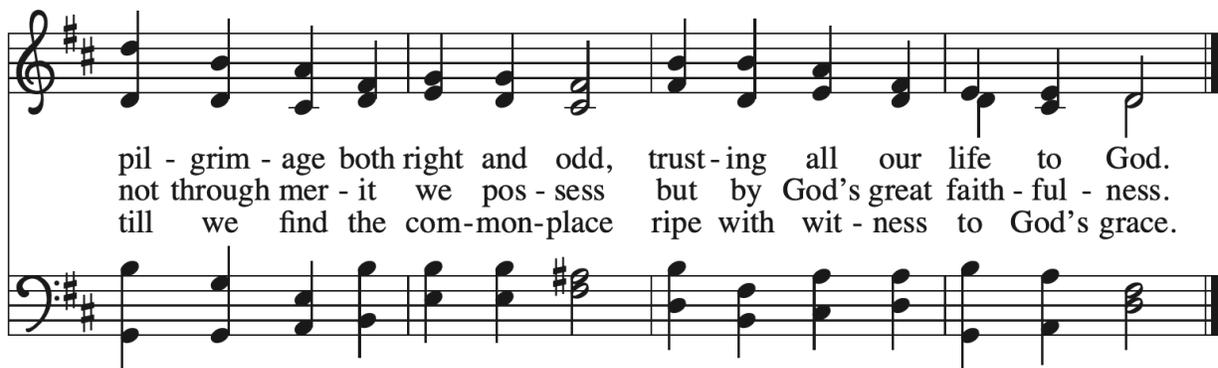
## Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presider</i>
Sara Masters	<i>assisting</i>
Ben Longman	<i>reader</i>
Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio	<i>organist</i>
Kristina Butler, Robin Helgen, Bill Pederson, David Gindra	<i>quartet</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Tom Edelen	<i>great room ambassador</i>

### *Thanks to:*

Sacristans, Usher and Hospitality Ministry Teams

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by  
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