



August 31, 2025, 10:00 am
12th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Gwen Hildenbrand

Opening Litany

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet
where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places.
Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;
let us greet strangers as friends and neighbors you have sent.
Send your Spirit now,
so that we may welcome others with radical hospitality as you have welcomed us.

Gathering Hymn

"God is Here!"

ELW 526 vs 1, 3-4

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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Greeting


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie


ELW pp. 120-121

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us
pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Hymn of Praise

ELW pp. 122-123

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

Gwen Hildenbrand

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

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 124

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On 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.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Jim Killough

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Affirmation of Faith

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.

The Prayers of the People

As petitions conclude: "Hear us, O God." please respond "We lift our prayers to you."

Sharing of God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus

Offering & Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 129

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 their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer *(Please feel free to pray your preferred version of the 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.

Communion

Communion Hymn

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW 462

Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

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Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Welcome Table"



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

(Setup for Sunday Supper, takes place following worship in the Fellowship Hall.)

Flowers given by Jim & Deb Killough,
in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

We Hold in Prayer this Week

God's Healing Presence: Kathy Trosvig; Steve Olsen; Mary Beck; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm and sister-in-law, Megan; Debbie's friend Larry & cousin David; Surridges' friends Barby & Larry; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Kevin; Joan's father.

Prayers for our world, nation, and communities: For immigrants living in fear. For nations and peoples in the midst of warfare. For refugees seeking safety. For those impacted by flooding and natural disasters.

Announcements

Parking Lot Fence The fence in the parking encloses a "playground" for the new Montessori elementary class that is meeting here beginning this Wednesday. Sliding gates will enclose the area from 7:00 am until 4:30 pm. on school days. After 4:30, those spaces can be used. We have calculated how many spaces are available in the remainder of the lot when the gates are closed and believe there should be enough spaces for those who use the lot during the day. Installing the fence has not reduced the same number of parking spaces we have, and the fence will have no impact on Sunday morning parking.

Sunday School Prayer Partners When children are baptized, it is not just the parents and sponsors who make promises. The congregation as a whole promises to support and pray for the one being baptized. To help us fulfill those promises, we would like to have an adult Prayer Partner (APP) for each of our Sunday School students. The role of the APP is to pray for their student throughout the year. They may also send birthday cards or find other ways to encourage and support their student. Please sign up if you would be willing to serve as a APP.

Congregation Forum On Sunday, September 21, following Fellowship Time, around 11:30, Rosamaria will lead a forum to identify ways we can help support immigrants.

Bilingual Summer Sunday School meets at 9:15 am. in the classroom next to the Nursery. Children 3-12 are welcome.

Mission of the Month The Aid Bank (formerly Trinity Aid Bank) provides food, hygiene supplies, and household items for families in need. The Aid Bank is open Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Clients may come in and browse at 2324 Lombard Avenue in Trinity's administrative building. Volunteer opportunities and a list of items that can be donated can be found on Trinity's website.

This Week at Central

Montessori Academy M-F, 7:30-4:30

Sunday, August 31

9:15 am Summer Sunday School
 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
 5:00 pm Sunday Supper

Monday, September 1

1:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Tuesday, September 2

6:00 pm Academia Latina

Wednesday, September 3

7:30 am First Day of Montessori School
 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Thursday, September 4

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
 6:00 pm Academia Latina
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Sunday, September 7

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:15 am Summer Sunday School
 9:30 am Friends Worship
 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Worship Leaders	This Sunday, August 31	Next Sunday, September 7
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Ushers	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen
Lector	Jonathan Todd	Rosamaria Graziani
Assisting Minister	Suzy Lavis	Dave Finstad
Communion Bread	Scott Haines	Laurie VanderWeyst
Fellowship Host	Rosamaria Graziani	Haines Family
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Altar Guild	Laurie VanderWeyst	Debbie Saunders