



Central Lutheran Church

August 7, 2022, 10:00 am
9th Sunday in Pentecost



GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Karen Wenzel

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in forgiveness and fresh starts.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"God, Who stretched the Spangled Heavens"

ELW 771

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

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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. 147-148

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

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

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

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and 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.**

Prayer of the Day

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

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that

has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By 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. ¹²Therefore 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.” ¹³All 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, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said: “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell 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. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be 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.

³⁷Blessed are those slaves 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. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

ELW 764

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4 Text © 1973 Concordia Publishing House

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: "Compassionate God," please respond "receive our prayer."

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 Christ*
Offering

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

ELW pp. 152-153

*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 Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n 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.***

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Communion Song

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW 856

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

(Refrain:) Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *(Refrain)*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *(Refrain)*

Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

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

Blessing

Sending Song

"Blessed Assurance"

ELW 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain:) This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Worship Leaders	Today, August 7	Next Week, August 14
Ushers	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen, Dave Watts	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen, Dave Watts
Greeters	Peter & Laurie VanderWeyst	Ryan & Ashton Andrews
Lector	Marilyn French	Ryan Andrews
Assisting Minister	TBA	Dave Finstad
Zoom Master	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Musician	Kristi Lee	Kristi Lee

⌘ Flowers given by Steph Killough in celebration of grandparents everywhere. ⌘

Readings for Next Sunday: Jer. 23:23-29, Hebrews 11:29--12:2, Luke 12:49-56

We Hold in Prayer this Week

For those who are grieving: Laurie VanderWeyst and her family as they mourn the death of her brother.

God's Healing Presence to Surround: Duane Blair; Mary Beck; Fran Trosvig; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Rod Nelson & family; Pastor Shannyn; Dave Bemis; Ben & Carol Krause's friend Mark; Beth's friend Kim Harper; Marlene Ringen's son Jerry; Gayle & Dave's nieces Amanda & Laura Beyerlin; Peter & Laurie's friend Paul Paulsen; Janis Ahern's friends Sheryl & Steve; Dave Watts' brother Ken

We pray for our world, nation, and communities: The families and communities that are grieving the loss of loved ones by gun violence. The people of Ukraine. All refugees and all those who are facing violence.

Announcements

Welcome New Members: Today we welcome Chris and Terrie Rae Anderson.

Pastor Jim will be on vacation August 11-18. Pastor Terrie Rae Anderson will be covering for pastoral emergencies.

Task Force Exploring Renting 3rd Floor The Congregation Council is setting up a task force to look into renting out our 3rd floor. If you would be interested in being part of this task force, please contact Pastor Jim.

July & August Mission of the Month: Trinity Aid Bank, at Trinity Lutheran Church here in Everett, provides food, clothing, hygiene supplies, and household items for people in need. They have also begun a new project, a showering trailer.

Re-Opening Committee is encouraging that masks be worn during worship and other church activities. The case rate per 100,000 for 7-day rolling period has risen to 186, compared to 46 back on March 13 when mask wearing was made optional.