

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter



It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints

Central Lutheran Church: Called to Share God's Love.

We're glad you are here! Help us welcome you by signing a Welcome to Worship pad.

Please give the name of each person attending worship, including children.

Visitors, may we have your complete address?

Children 5 years and under are welcome in our worship services or in the nursery in room 4.

GATHERING
PPELLINE

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

arr. Marilynn Ham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

You may face the baptismal font as the service begins. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come. Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

The offering plate is located on a table at the center back of the Sanctuary. We welcome your donations to support Central's ministries and beyond via cash, check, card via the Square app on the tablet at the table, or at our website at centluth.org. You are invited to make your contribution during a hymn or the passing of the peace. The offering plate will be delivered to the altar at the offertory time. Thank you.

OPENING HYMN ELW #855

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ELW SETTING THREE

ELW pp. 138-39

- 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW SETTING THREE

ELW pp. 140-41

- Refrain: 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. refrain
- Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. refrain
- □ For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD_

FIRST READING Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out. "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97



¹The LORD reigns; let the [|] earth rejoice; || let the multitude of the [|] isles be glad. ²Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD, ||

righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.

³ Fire goes be- ¹ fore the LORD, ∥ burning up enemies on ¹ every side.

⁴ Lightnings light | up the world; || the earth | sees and trembles.

⁵ The mountains | melt like wax || before the Lord of | all the earth.

continues

⁶ The heavens declare your righteous- I ness, O LORD, ∥ and all the peoples I see your glory.

⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, I all you gods.

⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju-

dah rejoice,

because of your judg-

ments, O Lord.

⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth; || you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

10 You who love the LORD, hate evil!

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns ¹ for the righteous, ∥ and joy for the hon- ¹ est of heart.

¹² Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, ∥ and give thanks to God's holy name.

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David.

the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW SETTING THREE

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

ELW p. 142
Please stand.

GOSPEL John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

The holy gospel according to Saint John. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Heather Helgeson

SERMON

Rev. Mark Galbraith

Atar flowers today are given by Sue Ellen Tatter.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY JUNE 8

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17, 26-28; John 14:8-17, 25-27

Thank you to our worship leaders today:

Worship leader: Rev. Mark Galbraith

Musician:Debbie PankowAssisting Minister:Keith PaddenLector:Connie Boecker

A/V Wrangler: volunteer Projectionist: volunteer

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #A-707008. ELW Setting Three, Prayers and Psalm from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS006123. "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Text: stanzas 1-3, & 5 by Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; stanza 4 by Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893. Public domain. "Bind Us Together" Text & Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946. © 1977 Kingsway Thankyou Music, admin. Integrity's Hosannal Music in N., S., and C. America. Reprinted and streamed under CCLI licenses 22353561 and 2235355. "One Bread, One Body" Text: & Music: John Foley, S.J. b. 1939. Text and music © 1978 John B. Foley, S.J. and OCP Publications. Reprinted under OneLicense. net #A-707008. "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893. Public domain. "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" Text: & Music: African-American spiritual. Public domain. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We Ask Your Prayers for:

Alaska Native Lutheran; Immanuel Korean Presbyterian;
Rev. Sean Avery, Gary Bergman, Wendy Bergman, Jan Beverlin, David Bjorkquist, Al Boecker,
Joe & Lisa Boecker, Lori Boecker, Yvonne Boecker, Harlan & Ella Braun, Erik Bryant,
Maria Bulkow, Betsy Cooper, Kathy Earhart, Dixie Foley, Shannon Foley, Rev. Mark Galbraith,
Danny Harris, Skyler Harris, Arlen Hattel, Judy Helgeson, Dianne Hillemeyer, Mark Johnson, Nick
Klescewski, Pete Kropidlowski, Dee Lambert, Donna Luiten, Arne & Norma Mjolsnes,
Kurt and Anne Pasch, Marlene Rapp, John Rogers, Kristina Slater, Lynn Soiseth, Lucile Sorenson,
Remi Thrasher, Lee & Jackie van Horn, Andrea Vancil, Bob Voris, Bobbi Whitmire,
Mark Wohlgemuth, Mary Wolter, Kallen Young, Kariana, Michael, Hope
Please pray for the families of those who've died: Charlene Chanonto (friend of Kathy Dale)

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL-

PEACE

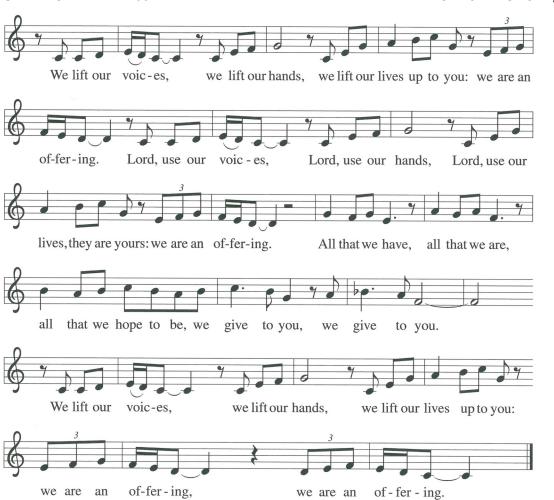
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

The offering plate is located on a table at the center back of the Sanctuary. We welcome your donations to support Central's ministries and beyond via cash, check, card via the Square app on the tablet at the table, or at our website at centluth.org. Thank you.

OFFERTORY ELW # 692

"We Are An Offering"



OFFERING PRAYER Please stand.

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, . . .

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ELW SETTING THREE

ELW p. 144

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Lord gives us a meal and gives us a prayer. We pray together:

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.

† Invitation to the Meal †

This is not Central's table, not a Lutheran table; this is God's table, and you are all welcome.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table, whether you are a member or a guest. Today we commune in a walking style. If for any reason you would prefer to receive a blessing in lieu of receiving communion, please hold your hand over your heart. You are invited to take time for prayer at the altar rail after taking communion. Gluten-free wafers are available on the tray at the first pew.

Votive candles are available to light in memory of loved ones in the stand on the left side of the altar. Please use the Oil Candle Lighter. It is the small metal box with two removable metal wands. Each wand has a wick on one end that is kept moist with oil from inside the box. Light the wick end of the wand from an already lit votive candle. After lighting a new votive candle, blow out the flame on the wand and place it back into the container, which will re-wet the wick with new oil. Please do not let the wick burn for a long time, as it will use up the oil in the wand and the wick will actually start to burn (which we do not want). Please do not pick up the votive candles to light them. Let each worshipper re-light and extinguish the wand at their turn; do not pass the burning wand to another person.

LAMB OF GOD ELW SETTING THREE

ELW p. 146

□ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 □ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 □ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 496

"One Bread, One Body"



COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 693

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"



The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace. **Amen.**

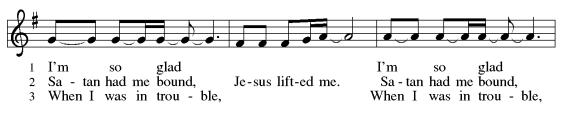
SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING ELW #860

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"







BLESSING

Please face the baptismal font

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Prelude and Fugue in G Major"

by J. S. Bach

Worship:

Sundays 9:30 am worship service

Study:

Adult ed, early morning study, and confirmation classes take the summer off.

Book Group is reading <u>Unsheltered: A Novel</u>, by Barbara Kingsolver. Discuss with friends on Monday, June 23, at 4:30 pm.

Ladies, our monthly *Gather* Bible study meets at 2 pm 2nd Mondays, next is June 9. Bring a *Gather* magazine or share ours.

Fellowship:

Coming up: "Thank you, Farewell, and Godspeed Reception for Pastor Mark" on Sunday, June 15, following worship. Please bring a finger food (fruits & veggies, lean proteins, cookies, minisandwiches) to share.

Comin up: Annual Congregational Picnic on Sunday, June 22 at Valley of the Moon Park. Burgers and fixings provided, sides like chips, cookies, salads on ice, or fruits welcome.

LSSA Golden Connections invites all seniors 55+ to join us Wednesday, June 18, at Lutheran Social Services of AK (1303 W. 33rd) at 11:30 am for a Welcome Summer event. Please register for free at http://www.lssalaska.org/gc or 907-272-0643.

Central Seniors and friends - **coffee klatsche** every Wednesday at 8:30 am at Kaladi Brothers Coffee on Brayton Drive.

Join our multi-generational group of **pickleball** players. We play most Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall, often 4:45 -6:15 pm. Text Christi at 646.710.0805 for details. All skill levels welcome.

Serve:

Wanted: one more volunteer for Tuesday 1-3 pm shifts in our Clothing Closet

THANK YOU to Lisa Bulkow and Christi Foist for providing hospitality at our Anchorage Farmers Market booth on the second day of the Market, and to cookie donors including Dahna Graham, Steve Lambert, Birte Eliasen, and others. THANK YOU to friend Lorna Taylor for mowing and cleaning projects this past week

Donations welcomed:

Clean clothes, SOCKS, weather gear, usable shoes & boots, backpacks, blankets & more for Helping Hands Clothing Closet

Year-round, we collect shelf-stable **foods for LSSA Food Pantry**. Our June focus will be healthy snacks—granola bars, fruit leathers, fruit snacks, mixed nuts.

News:

Our **Anchorage Farmers Market** resumes May 17, 9 am—2 pm Saturdays. Central office manager Kathy Freeman is looking for **donations of cookies** and bars each week, and for **smiling faces** to volunteer once a month at our hospitality booth.

Saturday, June 7, we celebrate with the Muller family — all welcome to the 2:30 pm **Muller-Posposil wedding** and tea & cake reception

Sunday 6/1

9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Mark Galbraith** (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org 11 am KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel, Community Room) 2 pm ANLC WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

Monday 6/2

Russian tutoring meets most days in rooms 3 - 4

Worship online via centluth.org

Tuesday 6/3

Rey returns

10:30 am Sarah Southside Fellowship Circle @ Bells on Specking Road

1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open (HH Closet)

4:15 - 5:15 pm Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

6 - 9 pm Coin Club (Fellowship Hall)

TBA Call Committee

Bible studies & meetings Zoom.us meeting ID 963 8911 9335

Wednesday 6/4

Karen returns to office

8:30 - 10 am Coffee Klatsch @ Kaladi Bros. on Brayton

2 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)

Thursday 6/5

10 am - 1 pm Log Cabin Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

Friday 6/6

Kathy is out of the office 6/6 - 6/14

2 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)

2 pm Muller - Posposil rehearsal (Sanctuary), then reception set up (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday 6/7

9 am - 2 pm Anchorage Farmers Market (upper parking lot)

9 am Men's Breakfast and Study @ Kava's on Muldoon Rd.

9:30 - 10:30 am WW Meeting (Community Room)

11:30 am - 1:30 pm NAMI (Community Room)

2:30 pm Muller - Pospisil Wedding (Sanctuary), then Tea & Cake Reception (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 6/8

9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Mark Galbraith** (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org 11 am KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel, Community Room) 2 pm ANLC WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)