

September 14, 2025, 10:00 am 14th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Choir

Opening Litany

Jesus searches for the lost and the least.

Search for me, Lord, when I go astray.

Jesus brings home those who were once lost but now have been found.

Comfort and reassure me of your love as you carry me home.

Jesus celebrates and rejoices when the lost have been renewed and restored.

Make me ever thankful for the free gift of your grace. Amen

Gathering Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Greeting

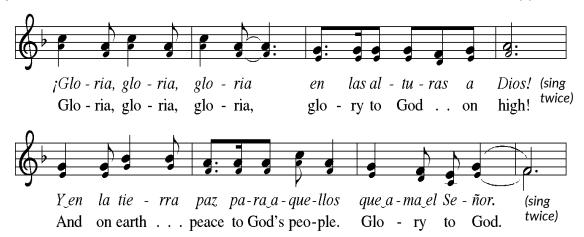
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Special Music Choir

WORD

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

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

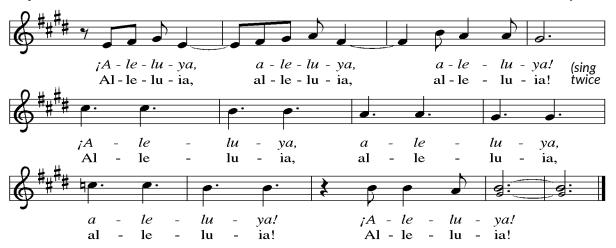
The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " 9The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " 14 And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Jim Killough

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

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: "God of grace," please respond "receive our prayer."

Sharing of God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering & Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

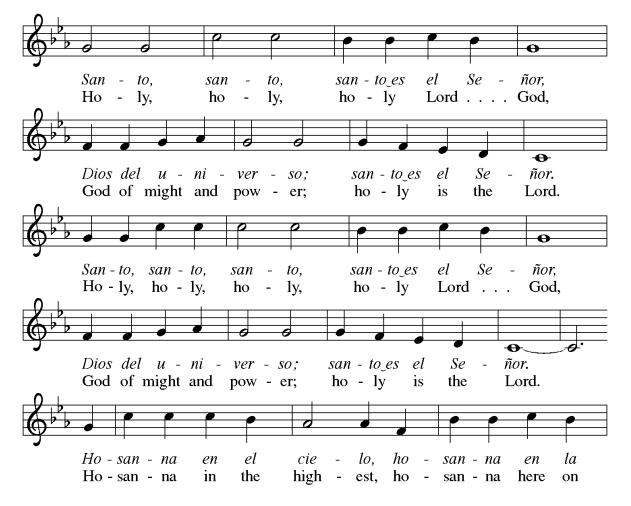
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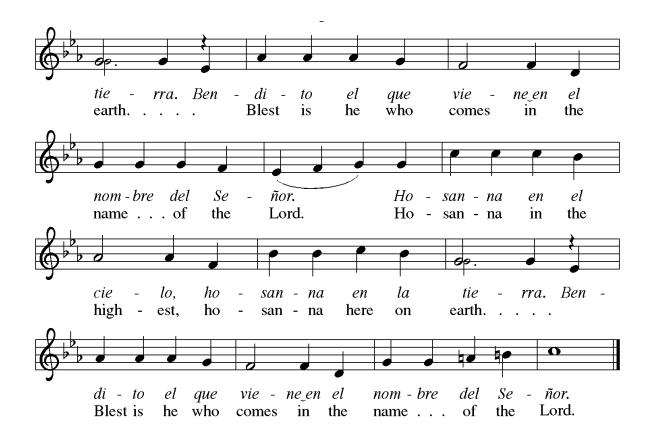
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt. Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING God blesses

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

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Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:

"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt. Text © 1939, 1966 E.C. Schirmer Music Company

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

(Following worship, setup for Sunday Supper takes place in the Fellowship Hall and making sack lunches takes place in the Library.)

Flowers given by the Semore Family.

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 sisterin-law, Megan; Debbie's friend Larry & cousin David; Surridges' friends Barby & Larry, Marc Walkden; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Kevin; Joan's father; Debbie's Aunt Jennie and Uncle Bill; Jan's granddaughter, Jennifer.

<u>Prayers for our world, nation, and communities</u>: 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

Thank you to our Guest Choir Director this morning, Erik Eliason.

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

Flower Arranging Gathering Beth Kendall and Carol Krause would like to invite members of the congregation to join them on Monday, September 22, at 5:00 pm for flower arranging and fellowship at Beth's farm: 6131 Riverview Rd, Snohomish. Bring a vase or quart size jar. Snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Beth at 425-268-4925 or krause.beth@gmail.com, so that enough flowers can be picked.

<u>Sewers Needed</u> The quilting group is looking for help sewing down the binding on the quilts. The quilts are tied together and the binding is pinned down and ready to be sewn. If you would like to help, please contact Jean Lilley or the church office.

<u>Sunday School</u> meets at 9:15 am. in the Nursery and adjoining room. Toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary age children are welcome.

<u>Mission of the Month</u> Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center is a place where people of any age, ability, identity, and economic opportunity are welcomed, nurtured, and valued as a diverse body and a blessed part of God's creation, and where everyone is invited to explore God's grace in creation. Donations can be made using the pew envelopes or online.

This Week at Central Montessori Academy M.F., 7:30-4:30

Sunday, September 14

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship

2:30 pm Marshallese Worship

5:00 pm Sunday Supper

7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Tuesday, September 16

6:00 pm Academia Latina

Wednesday, September 17

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network

7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Thursday, September 18

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network

6:00 pm Academia Latina

7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Saturday, September 20

11:00 am Marshallese Fellowship

Sunday, September 21

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal

9:15 am Sunday School

9:30 am Friends Worship

10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship

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Worship Leaders	Next Sunday, September 14	Next Sunday, September 21
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Ushers	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen
Lector	Janis Ahern	Dave Kurtz
Assisting Minister	Jonathan Todd	Peter Lee
Communion Bread	Laurie VanderWeyst	Laurie VanderWeyst
Fellowship Host	Semore Family	Krause Family
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Altar Guild	Debbie Saunders	Debbie Saunders