



August 16, 2026
Weekly Insert

Today's Hymns for Worship

Gathering Hymn	#886	<i>Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>
Hymn of the Day	#720	<i>We are Called</i>
Communion Hymn	#656	<i>Blest Be the Tie that Binds</i>
Sending Hymn	#733	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>

Today's Readings for Worship

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 167

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- tions on earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Flowers provided by Beth Kendall.

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

We Hold in Prayer this Week

For those grieving: The family and friends of Surridges' friend, Clarence; the family and friends of Val, Jill Johnson's mom.

God's Healing Presence: Kathy Trosvig; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Agnes Birkliid; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm & sister-in-law, Megan; Debbie's friends Larry and Terry; Surridges' friends Colin, Barby & Larry, Hedy, Monte, Cynthia, Elias, Marc and Nana; Jenni, daughter of Tim and Luce Johnson; Marce & Dwight, Surridge's sister/brother-in-law; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Royce Keller; Joan's father; Dave's friend, Julie Bolser, and niece, Leile Defolo; John, Guillermo, Monica, Cecilia, and Sofia; Bjorg, Steve Arnold's mother-in-law; Call Committee, Pastor Andy Yee, and candidates considering a call to Central Lutheran Church.

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.

Announcements

Welcome, Pastor Parks! No stranger to us here at Central, Pastor Parks is the former Senior Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran and since retirement there has served as interim at Advent in Mill Creek and in Salem in Mount Vernon. Pastor David and his wife Carla live in Everett where he retired a couple years ago. Their son Steven is in Boston and their daughter Erin, and her wife Beth have their home in Spokane.

Special Music provided by Peggy Kurtz.

Mission of the Month The 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 (use QR code).



Sunday Supper is looking for helpers this summer. Please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary to let us know when you can help. Thank you!

Sewers Needed We have numerous quilts each month that need the binding sewn down. The quilts are tied and the binding pinned down. If you are a sewer and would like to help, please let us know! Contact Debbie Ritchie for more information.

Blood Drive Hope Lake Stevens will be hosting a mobile blood drive provided by Bloodworks on Monday, August 24, from 9a-3p @ 9613 20th St SE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258. Use the QR code to sign up for a spot to give blood!



This Week at Central

Sunday, August 16

- 9:30 am Friends Worship
- 10:00 am Central Worship
- 11:00 am Central Fellowship
- 11:30 am Academia Latina
- 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
- 5:00 pm Sunday Supper

Tuesday, August 18

- 6:00 pm Academia Latina

Wednesday, August 19

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network

Thursday, August 20

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
- 6:00 pm Academia Latina

Friday, August 21

- 3:00 pm set up for Vet Reading Event

Saturday, August 22

- 8:00 am Vet Reading Event

Sunday, August 23

- 10:00 am Central Worship
- 11:00 am Central Fellowship
- 11:30 am Academia Latina
- 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
- 5:00 pm Sunday Supper

Worship Leaders	This Sunday, August 16	Next Sunday, August 23
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Usher	Dave Finstad	Dave Finstad
Greeter	Kelli Trosvig	TBD
Lector	Dave Kurtz	Suzy Lavis
Assisting Minister	Dave Finstad	Jonathan Todd
Communion Bread	Laurie VanderWeyst	Laurie VanderWeyst
Fellowship Host	Duane & Pam Gleave	Will Semore
Altar Guild	Laurie VanderWeyst	Laurie VanderWeyst
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Interpreter	Rosamaria Casablanca	Rosamaria Casablanca

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