



September 13, 2026
Weekly Insert

Today's Hymns for Worship

Gathering Hymn	ELW #835	<i>All Creatures, Worship God Most High!</i>
Hymn of the Day	ELW #482	<i>I Come with Joy</i>
Communion Hymn	ELW #639	<i>When We are Living</i> (v1 Eng, v1 Span, v2-3 Eng)
Sending Hymn	ACS #1000	<i>God's Work, Our Hands</i>

Today's Readings for Worship

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 103:8-13

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,**
and forget not all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things

- so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- ⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- ¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

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

We Hold in Prayer this Week

God's Healing Presence: Chris' brother Tom and his family; Dave Finstad; 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 Barby & Larry, Hedy, Cynthia, Monte, and Nana, and brother-in-law Dwight; 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; 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

Pastor Prestbye, we welcome you today. Thank you for coming out of retirement to be with us and lead our worship and preach for us today. Pr. Prestbye is a member of Peace Lutheran in Silvana. Prior to retirement, she was pastor at Kent Lutheran in Kent and a former member of the faculty of Trinity Lutheran College.

Mission of the Month 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. You can learn more about Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center on their website, using the QR code or going to camplutherwood.org



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.

This Week at Central Montessori M-F 7-4

Sunday, September 13

8:45 am Choir Practice
 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 (Central)

Monday, September 14

9:30 am Quilters

Tuesday, September 15

6:00 pm Academia Latina
 6:30 pm Council meeting

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network

Thursday, September 17

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

Sunday, September 20

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

Worship Leaders	This Sunday, September 13	Next Sunday, September 20
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Usher	Dave Finstad	Dave Finstad
Lector	Janis Ahern	Dave Kurtz
Assisting Minister	Peter Lee	Jonathan Todd
Communion Bread	Debbie Saunders	Debbie Saunders
Fellowship Host	Nancy Olsen	Haines Family
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Altar Guild	Debbie Saunders	Debbie Saunders
Interpreter	Rosamaria Casablanca	Rosamaria Casablanca

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