



September 27, 2026
Weekly Insert

Today's Hymns for Worship

Gathering Hymn	ACS #969	<i>Welcome Table</i>
Hymn of the Day	ELW #708	<i>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love</i>
Communion Hymn	ELW #814	<i>Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am</i> (sing 4 times)
Sending Hymn	ELW #538	<i>The Lord Now Sends Us Forth</i> (v1 Eng, v1 Span, v2-3 Eng)

Today's Readings for Worship

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9

- ¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
- ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**
- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?"

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They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.”³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

Flowers provided by Carol Krause, in loving memory of Marlene Ringen
(93rd birthday).

(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; 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; 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

Thank you to Pastor Terrie Rae Anderson for covering today!

Emergency pastoral coverage Pastor Lee Kluth has agreed to do visitations and be available for on-call emergency coverage until we find a new pastor. To connect with Pastor Kluth you can contact him at 425-879-3665.

One more volunteer needed for the Call Committee: If you are interested, please contact Barbara, Peter, Carol or Nancy.

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.

Blessing of the Pets On Sunday, October 18, Pastor Dave Parks will conduct a Blessing of the Pets during the worship service. Please bring well-behaved canines, caged animals, a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal to be blessed.

This Week at Central

Sunday, September 27

- 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

Monday, September 28

- 9:30 am Quilters

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network

Thursday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 4

- 8:45 am Choir Practice
- 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 27	Next Sunday, October 4
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Usher	Dave Finstad	Dave Finstad
Lectors	Rosamaria Casablanca	Jonathan Todd
Assisting Minister	Peter Lee	TBD
Communion Bread	Debbie Saunders	Debbie Saunders
Fellowship Host	Sadie Semore	Karen Fox
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Altar Guild	Debbie Saunders	Debbie Saunders
Interpreter	Rosamaria Casablanca	Rosamaria Casablanca

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