



# Central Lutheran Church

Third Sunday After Pentecost  
June 18, 2023

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# Central Lutheran Church, ELCA

1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

**God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.**

*Please turn off your cell phone.*

*This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook.*

*Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.*

**BELL PEAL (10:30 am)**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORGAN MEDITATION:** Meditation on “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”. Mark Bloedow

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have  
squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of  
Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus  
Christ.

**Amen.**

Oh, Sing to the Lord  
*Cantad al Señor*



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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**GREETING**

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

**C And also with you.**

# NOW THE FEAST

## Now the Feast and Celebration



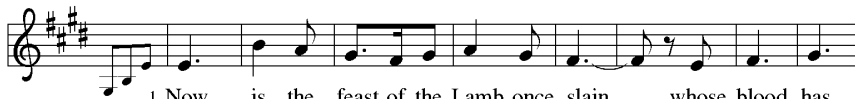
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.



## SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

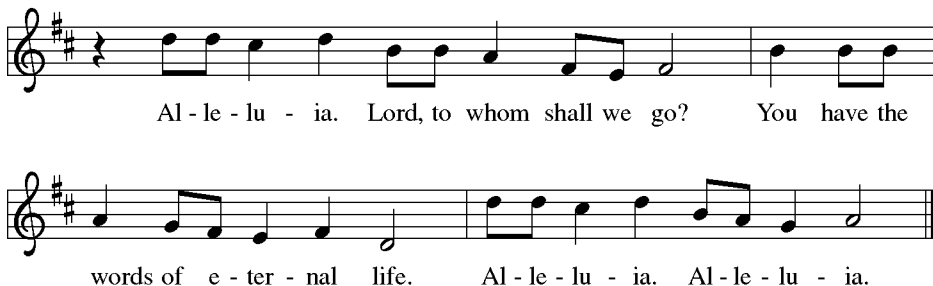
<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

## READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names

of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ**

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Pastor Veronika**

## Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.



## 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

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people  
according to their needs.

*Please sit or kneel for prayer.*

*The response to each spoken petition is:*

P Lord, in your mercy

**C Hear our prayer.**

People with prayer needs: **Lydia** Landfair, **Jan** Hare, **Lorraine** Coussons, **Mary** Haynie,  
**Jim** and **Lawrence**, **Elaine** Hetzer, and **Dawn** Gray.

*The prayers conclude:*

P ...through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord

**C Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with  
one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## THE OFFERING

*We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your  
offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving  
through **Vanco**, **PayPal**, or **Givelify** (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our  
office.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING:

ELW 676

*All stand to sing.*

### Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky,

**C** you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

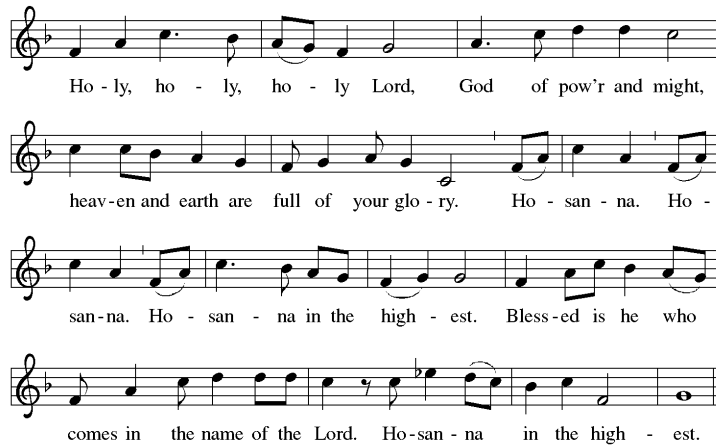
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed...

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## COMMUNION

*As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer found on the first pew. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand. The host will be dipped in the chalice and placed in your hand. If you prefer to receive only the host, please tell the ministers. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms in front of your chest. At this time there is no consecrated grape juice.*

The body of Christ, given for you

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Meditative organ music is played as the congregation receives the Holy Communion.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray, generous God,

**C** We thank you for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,

through the one who is our dearest treasure,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✝ bless,  
keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 575

### In Christ Called to Baptize



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Acknowledgments:

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Gathering Hymn: *Oh, Sing to the Lord*

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English

Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune

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Hymn of the Day: *Here I am, Lord*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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Musical Offering: *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

Text: Frances R. havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

Sending Hymn: *In Christ Called to Baptize*

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: St. Denio, Welsh Tradition

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GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!**

**Pr. Veronika's Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm; other days/times by appointment.

**Serving in Worship today:** Usher: Mary Glenn, and Lector: Ed Wolfgang

**Ushers & Lectors needed:** Please sign up on the bulletin board in the education building.

**Registration is ongoing for VBS 2023.** VBS this summer will be on June 26-30, 9am-noon. This QR code takes you to the general VBS information page on our site, and to registration. Contact Alesia Pearson (214-215-7670 or alesia-r-pearson@swbell.net) if you can help that week or set up the week before.



**Congregational Meeting:** Immediately following the worship service next **Sunday, June 25**, we will have a congregation-wide meeting to vote on two proposed expenditures using the legacy funds from the sale of the Bethany facility.

**Back-to-School Bash:** During our back-to-school bash we give out hundreds of backpacks filled with the required DISD school supplies. In June and July, we'll be collecting school supplies for this special ministry. **We will fill backpacks after church on Sunday, July 16. The bash itself is on Saturday, July 29 from 8-11 am.** To see which supplies we are looking for and for more information go to our website: <https://bit.ly/B2SBCLC>.

# Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events:

**June 25:** Congregational Meeting

**June 26-30:** Vacation Bible School



Scan this QR code (or go to [linktr.ee/centrallutheranchurch](http://linktr.ee/centrallutheranchurch)) to connect with us, join our mailing list, or donate online.

**Our Prayer List:** Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via email ([central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com](mailto:central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com)) or via phone (214-327-2222).

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

### For healing

Ruth Steiner  
Bonnie Sato  
Lorraine Coussons  
Charlotte Breedlove  
Dawn Gray  
Bryan Helm  
Rhett Ingram  
Jim and Lawrence  
Joe Rozier  
Selena Dybdahl

### Relationship

Sister of Susan and Judy  
Sister of Harold Knight  
Grandmother of Kyle Rush  
Neighbor of Harold Jones  
Bethany CDC Teacher  
Brother-in-law of Paul Chambers  
Cousin of Steve Haynie  
Friends of Harold Knight  
Friend of Anne Monson  
Sister of Mary Glenn

### Church Members

Mary Haynie  
Don Smith  
Mario Montejó  
Kris McDowell  
Patsy Schoen  
Yuvonne Muirhead  
Elaine Hetzer

### Newly Baptized:

Victor and Nikolai Arellano

### Newly Married:

Alexis Gamez and Crystal Rios