

Central Lutheran Church

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 9, 2023**

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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 "The King of Love My Shepherd is" Jerry Vander Poole

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and



hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your
 end - less hymns through all our days; in -
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!" And
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To



Spir - it send with light di - vine, and
 crease our faith and light our minds; and
 in the light of that blest place we
 you, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty, be



let your truth with - in us shine.
 set us free from doubt that blinds.
 then shall see you face to face.
 praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

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

Refrain



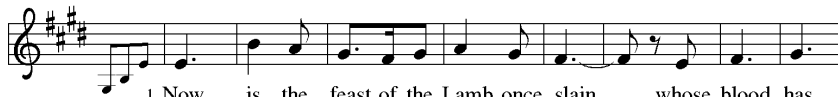
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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.

13Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- | out all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.

**14The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a

15I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. **16**Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. **17**But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. **18**For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. **19**For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. **20**Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. **22**For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, **23**but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. **24**Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? **25a**Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Veronika



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 eleventh chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Pastor Veronika

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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, **Mary** Haynie, **Elaine** Hetzer, **Madeline**
Steckowich, 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: *As the Grains of Wheat*

All stand to sing.

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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.



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, 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

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Abide, O Dearest Jesus



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
- 5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.
grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Acknowledgments:

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Gathering Hymn: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598-1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

Hymn of the Day: *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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Musical Offering: *As the Grains of Wheat*

Text and Music: Marty Haugen © 1990 GIA Publications

Holy

Text and Music: Marty Haugen © 1990 GIA Publications

Lamb of God

Text: ICET; additional text by Marty Haugen, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

Music: Now the Feast and Celebration, Marty Haugen, © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

Sending Hymn: *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588-1632; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923

Music: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEIBEN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

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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: Lisa Barse and Lector: Ted Steinke. Today's flowers are in honor of Jan Hare.

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

Cookout: All are invited to a church cookout on **Saturday, July 15 at 5pm**. This family-friendly event is open to people of all ages, and we encourage everyone to bring their family and friends along. You may bring meat or veggies your family would like to have cooked on the grill and a side dish or dessert to share. The church volunteers will provide hot dogs. We'll have yard games (horseshoes or washers anyone?) and will create a splash zone to help stay cool. Sign the "Count me in" sheet to help with the set up at 4:00, or man the grill. Contact Alesia Pearson (214-215-7670; alesia-r-pearson@swbell.net) or Carrie Enocksen (214-802-5340 or flowercab@yahoo.com) with questions. This event will happen rain or shine.

Council Meeting: The council meeting has been postponed a week and will now be at **noon on Sunday, July 16**. All are welcome.

Back-to-School Bash: During our back-to-school bash we give out hundreds of backpacks filled with the required DISD school supplies. The bash has been moved back a week. We only have two weeks left to collect supplies for this special outreach ministry. We need volunteers to help make this event a success. We have a Volunteer Sign-Up Genius page and there is a "count me in" volunteer sheet in the back of the church. **We will fill backpacks for about 30 minutes after church on Sunday, July 23. We will bless the filled bags and any other school supplies people want to be blessed on Sunday, July 30. The bash itself is on Saturday, August 5 from 8-11 am.** Prayerfully consider where you can be part of this great community event! Contact Alesia Pearson with questions (214-215-7670; alesia-r-pearson@swbell.net). To see which supplies we are looking for and for more information on how to help go to our website: <https://bit.ly/B2SBCLC>.



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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

For healing

Ruth Steiner
 Charlotte Breedlove
 Dawn Gray
 Bryan Helm
 Joe Rozier
 Madeline Steckowich
 Selena Dybdahl

Relationship

Sister of Susan and Judy
 Neighbor of Harold Jones
 Bethany CDC Teacher
 Brother-in-law of Paul Chambers
 Friend of Anne Monson
 Mother of Janet Rashbaum
 Sister of Mary Glenn

Church Members

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

Those Who Mourn

The family and friends of Jan Hare