

Central Lutheran Church

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 10, 2024**

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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.

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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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS MUSICAL MEDITATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Let us come in truth before the one who loves us...

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C Amen.

As We Gather at Your Table



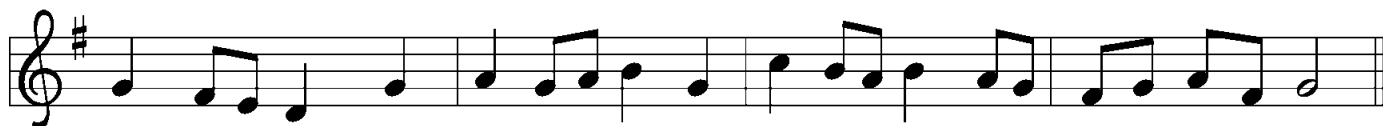
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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.

THIS IS THE FEAST (ELW pg. 149)

Sung by the congregation

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb Forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her

household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 146

¹ Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³ Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴ When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,

and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The Lord sets the | captive free.

⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;

the Lord | loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord cares | for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the

judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by the congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ

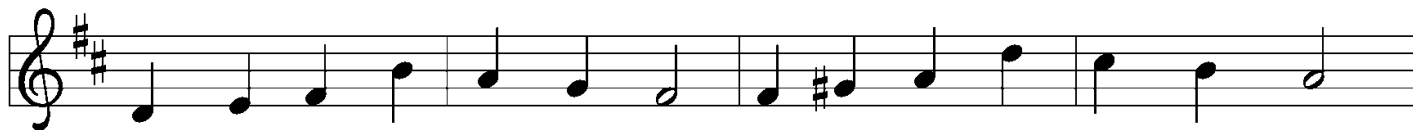
CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

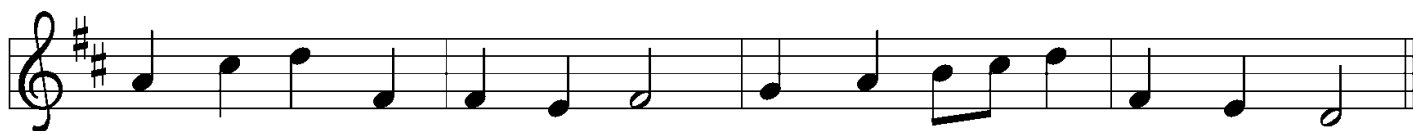
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Pastor Veronika

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

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 Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

People with prayer needs: **Lydia** Landfair, **Linda** Gourley, **Byron** Myrick, **Paul** Chambers, **Elizabeth** Brownsted, **Gail** Oehler, **Sylvia** Chadwick, and **Charlene** Zimmermann.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

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: Treasures in Heaven

Sung by the choir

*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth,
where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,
and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus,

C our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. 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

P 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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed... (*Pr Veronika continues prayer*)

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 Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

C Thanks be to God

COMMUNION

As you come forward for Holy Communion, please sanitize your hands. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail, and you may choose to kneel or stand. The bread will be dipped in the chalice and placed in your hand. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply let the ministers know. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please fold your arms across your chest. Please note that grape juice is not available at this time.

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



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... Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

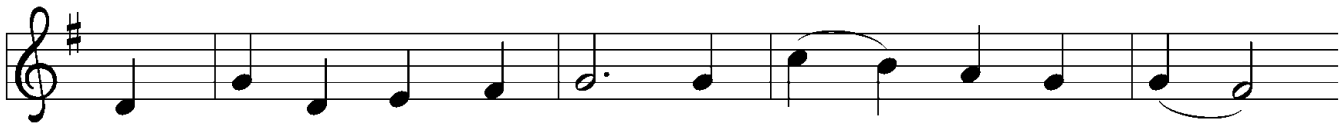
BLESSING

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **C Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

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Gathering Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table*

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., B. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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Hymn of the Day: *Take My Life that I May Be*

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

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

Musical Offering: *Treasures in Heaven*

Text: Scripture, Matthew 6:19-21

Music: James Neff

Sending Hymn: *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Other Music: *Gospel Acclamation; Holy; Lamb of God*

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Church Council

The council is our group of lay leaders who represent different ministry fields. They meet on the second Sunday of every month after worship in the Parish Hall. All church members can attend any council meeting. If you would like to get in touch with the council, contact the church's administrative assistant and she will help you.

President- Ted Steinke

Vice President- Jan Moody

Secretary- Linnea Castillo

Education/ Youth/ Activities- Carrie Enocksen

Evangelism/ Mission & Outreach- Anne Monson

Treasurer- Janis Farrow

Administration- Mark Buie

Worship- Mary Glenn

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Pastor Veronika's Office Hours: By appointment.

Church Admin Office Hours: Monday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm

Serving in Worship Today: Usher – Sara Jutton & Judy Koble; Lector – Linnea Castillo; Assistant Minister – Jeff Lowry

The next Lydia Circle meeting is Monday, November 11, 2024. Lydia Circle is a women's group who meets for Bible study and to work on various service projects for the church.

Community Office Hours: On **Tuesday, November 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 am**, Pastor Veronika will hold Community Office Hours at **White Rock Coffee** (10105 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75238). Have you always wanted to talk to our pastor in a relaxed environment? Meet her at White Rock Coffee on November 12! You may also make an appointment to ensure she sets time aside for you.

Sanctuary Cleaning: In preparation for Advent, we will be cleaning the sanctuary on **Saturday, November 16 at 1:30 pm**. We are asking for volunteers to help with the cleaning. If you can help out, even for only an hour or less, please reach out to Rachel in the church office to let us know.

Dining Around: Join us for food and fellowship at **Cane Rosso Pizza** on Saturday, **November 16 at 5:30 pm**. Cane Rosso Pizza is in Lake Highlands Town Center (7150 Skillman St., #190). They serve pastas and salads in addition to pizza. All are welcome!

Thanksgiving Collection: We are collecting canned and packaged food for the Mt. Olive Lutheran Food Pantry to distribute during Thanksgiving to those who may need an extra serving of grace this holiday season. The bulletin board in the back of the church lists which foods we are collecting. Please rip off and take the paper as a reminder for the foods you plan to bring. **Our last day of collection is next Sunday, November 17.** If you can help deliver the food to Mt. Olive on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 20, please contact Rachel in the church office.

Sunday School: Join us for all-ages Sunday School on **Sunday, November 17 at noon.** We will share a lunch and then make chrismons to hang on the tree in the sanctuary during Christmas. Chrismons are special Christmas tree ornaments that are gold and white and feature Christian imagery. They originated in North American Lutheran churches in 1957. Advent is right around the corner, so why not start preparing now for the coming of Christ?

Caring & Sharing: On **November 24 at 9:00 am** we will have Caring & Sharing- a time when everyone gets together to send birthday, anniversary, and get-well cards to members of the congregation and beyond.

Thanksgiving Potluck: On **November 24 at noon,** we will gather for a potluck lunch and Christmas cookie sale in the Parish Hall. Meat and protein will be provided. We ask that every family bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Return to Communion Cups: We will return to using individual communion cups during worship each Sunday, starting in Advent (December 1st). If you would like to receive communion in the pew, let an usher know and they will tell Pr. Veronika to administer you communion in your seat. We are also looking for volunteers to help with worship preparations and clean up. If you are able to volunteer, please let the church office know.

Advent & Christmas Schedule:

- December 1- Advent begins
- December 4, 11 & 18 at 6:00 pm- Wednesday Advent Vespers and Soup Suppers (in partnership with Emanuel Lutheran Church)
- December 16 from 9am-noon- Gift wrapping at Cesar Chavez Learning Center
- December 21 at 6:00 pm- Las Posadas at Emanuel Lutheran Church
- December 22- Last Day to Order Poinsettias
- December 24 at 7:00 pm- Christmas Eve Worship Service
- December 29 at 10:30 am- Service of Lessons and Carols

Visitation: If you or someone you know is in need of visitation from Pastor Veronika or one of our visitation team, please contact the church office at central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com or at 214-327-2222.



Open this QR code (or go to linktr.ee/centrallutheranchurch) to connect with us or make your offering online.

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

For healing

Irisz Gonda
 Archie and Rebecca Huizenga
 Linda Gourley
 Maribeth Kilday
 Charlene Zimmermann
 Ed Andrewson
 Robin Friedrich
 Jover Veraguas
 Byron Myrick
 Aba Desilus
 Gail Oehler
 Asher Parmley
 Proctor Family
 Sylvia Chadwick
 Elizabeth Cardenas
 Maggie Lund
 Elizabeth Brownsted

Relationship

Friend of Pastor Veronika
 Friends of Janis Farrow
 Sister of Julie Atkins
 Friend of Myke Riley
 Aunt of Jan Moody
 Friend of Anne Monson
 Friend of Mary Glenn
 Brother of Ruth Chambers
 Father of Alesia Pearson
 Friend of Victor Chacon Montero
 Friend of Beth Garcia
 Friend of Julie Atkins
 Friends of Julie Atkins
 Mother of Mary Glenn
 Daughter of Irene Hallmon
 Friend of Janet Rashbaum
 Friend of Janis Farrow

Church Members

Don Smith	Yuvonne Muirhead
Mario Montejo	Lydia Landfair
Kris McDowell	Mary Swenson
Nancy Nulisch	Judy Christiansen
Carol Paschetag	Suzanne Schwenn
Paul Chambers	

Upcoming Marriages: Francisca Celina Gomez & Argenis Rios Arango

Newly Married: Meg & Nicky Enríquez-García

New Participants in Holy Communion: Lucy H, Evelyn H, Olivia R, Arthur N