

Central Lutheran Church
Blessing of the Animals
October 2, 2022
8:30am & 11am



In commemoration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, we give thanks to God, the Creator of all good things in heaven and on earth, and under the earth. Using a variety of resources from Roman Catholic, Anglican/Episcopal, and Lutheran liturgies, today we give glory to God for the bounty and beauty of creation and all God's creatures, great and small.

Welcome to Central!

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Oregon Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a Reconciling in Christ community. We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love. We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another; nurturing faithful living; serving those in need; and sharing the Gospel.

A special word of welcome to our guests today: Thank you for joining us on this most holy day. If you are a first-time or occasional visitor, we invite you to fill out the visitor information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. **Parents of young children:** We welcome the sound of little ones in worship and so we encourage children and parents to worship together. However, if it is helpful to you, you are welcome to utilize the children's space located adjacent to the Narthex (entrance) to the Sanctuary. Additionally, there are children's bags and kid's bulletins available in the Narthex. **Large print bulletins as well as hearing assistance receivers are also available** from the ushers. Please note: if your personal hearing device has a T-Coil there are Hearing Loops in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall.

Although masks are no longer mandated, we encourage you to make an individual choice whether or not to wear a mask, and further ask that you be respectful of the personal space and comfort level of those around you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

O My Soul, Rejoice Greatly

Anna Amalia

WELCOME

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF CREATION

Bless the Lord, all you creatures!

And forget not all of God's benefits.

For all your creatures that breathe and move and have life,

We give you thanks and praise, Creator God.

That we may love and honor the works of your hand,

We give you thanks and praise, Creator God.

That all living things may be treasured with care,

We give you thanks and praise, Creator God.

That all life may flourish,

We give you thanks and praise, Creator God.

GREETING


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

PRAYER OF THE DAY


Let us pray. Creator God, **we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty. Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, we praise you that you came to redeem all of creation. Holy Spirit, we rejoice that you breathe the breath of life into the world. For the blessing of your people, the sustaining of the earth, and the glory of your holy name; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN All Things Bright and Beautiful (*please stand*)


Refrain




All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,



All things wise and won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all. *Fine*



1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens Each lit - tle bird that sings,
2. The pur - ple head - ed mountain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell



Repeat Refrain

He made their glow - ing col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
How great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

Music: English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875-1958

FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so

that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (8:30) *Lord, Make Me an Instrument* Helvey Chorale

ANTHEM (11:00) *God Said Yes* Children's Choir

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: The earth, the creatures, and all living things are given for you, says the Lord. Love them, protect them and use them wisely. *Repeat antiphon*

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

The Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

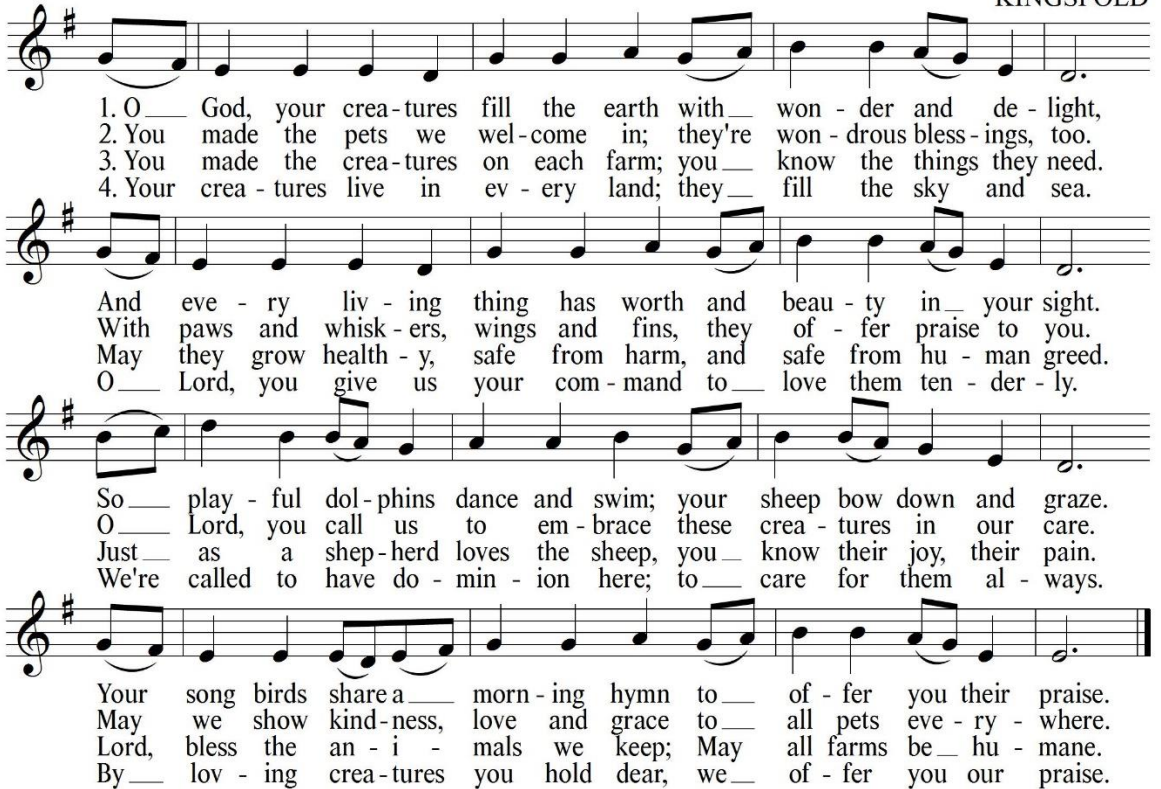
⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN O God Your Creatures Fill the Earth (*please stand*)

KINGSFOLD



1. O God, your crea-tures fill the earth with won - der and de - light,
2. You made the pets we wel-come in; they're won - drous bless - ings, too.
3. You made the crea-tures on each farm; you know the things they need.
4. Your crea - tures live in ev - ery land; they fill the sky and sea.

And eve - ry liv - ing thing has worth and beau - ty in your sight.
With paws and whisk - ers, wings and fins, they of - fer praise to you.
May they grow health - y, safe from harm, and safe from hu - man greed.
O Lord, you give us your com - mand to love them ten - der - ly.

So play - ful dol - phins dance and swim; your sheep bow down and graze.
O Lord, you call us to em - brace these crea - tures in our care.
Just as a shep - herd loves the sheep, you know their joy, their pain.
We're called to have do - min - ion here; to care for them al - ways.

Your song birds share a morn - ing hymn to of - fer you their praise.
May we show kind - ness, love and grace to all pets eve - ry - where.
Lord, bless the an - i - mals we keep; May all farms be hu - mane.
By lov - ing crea - tures you hold dear, we of - fer you our praise.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plates as you come forward for communion.

OFFERTORY

Prelude on Converse

Barr

(8:30) OFFERTORY RESPONSE (*please stand*)

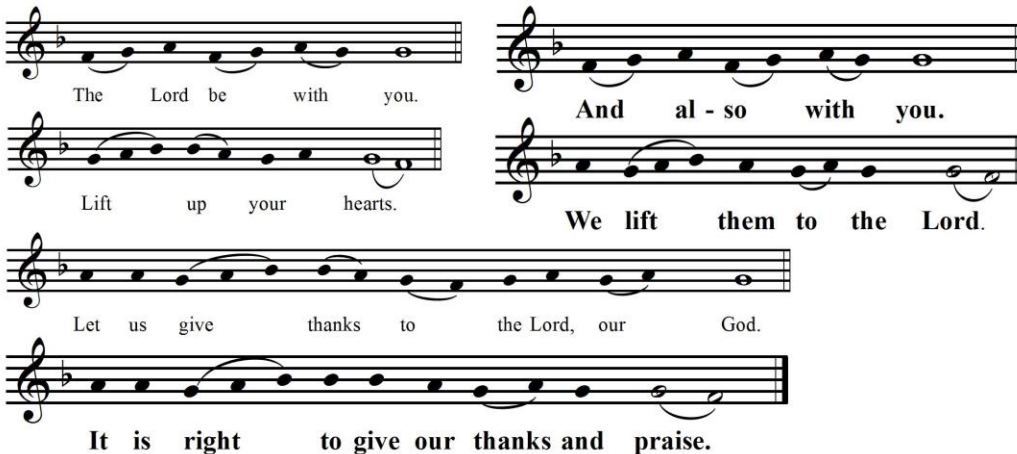


Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy God, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples and upon us. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Praise My Soul



Ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and God of might:



heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!



Bless-ed be the ris - en Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. † Christ is risen. † Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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. *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf - fered death our_ lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us_ free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal_ peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Creator, you feed your people with the bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage that we may come to that place where your people hunger and thirst no more and your creation is restored to its full glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN All Creatures, Worship God Most High Stanzas 1-4 & 6 (*please stand*)



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen - dor
grain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur - dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
care, praise God in col - o - rs bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for the earth and all its creatures. **Thanks be to God.**

We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Allegro* from **Concerto in A Minor** Vivaldi, arr. Bach

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11:00am Cantor: Denita Strietelmeier

Join us for Together Tuesdays for a simple supper starting at 5:15pm, then Music Together, Children's Choir, and Adult Education from 6-6:45pm.

Annual Solicitation for Funding Special Projects: CLC Endowment Fund Committee is actively soliciting proposals for funding special projects within the church which are outside of the normal budget. Acceptance of these proposals will be guided by the CLC Mission: to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel. Request forms may be obtained in the Narthex, church office, at www.welcometocentral.org/endowment, or from the Endowment Committee. Your proposal must be coordinated through the committee, council, relevant staff person, and/or pastor. Please have your requests delivered to the church office or to the committee by Friday, October 21, 2022. Endowment Fund Committee Members: Lorraine Davis, Cyndy Lane, Doug Martin, Becky Shurson, Kelly Colvin-Smith, Bruce Smolnisky and Jean Clancy (Council Rep).

Altar flowers needed: If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday mornings, please contact Meg Hicks (541-556-1484) or Sylvia Kaufman (541-844-9596).

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A New Photo Directory is Coming for Members and Friends of Central Lutheran!

Would you believe it's been 2007 since Central had its last pictorial church directory? Needless to say, a few things have changed since then. Plans are currently underway to provide the congregation with an updated membership directory, including photos.

Central member Kelly Colvin-Smith is taking on this project. In order to ensure we have your current contact information in our church's database, we are asking everyone to fill out a brief questionnaire. You can complete the questionnaire online or by using the QR code (see below). Alternately, you can call Kristi in the church office during the week (541-345-0395) to update your information.

We will also be collecting photos of members and friends of Central for inclusion in the new directory. You can either send a high resolution digital file (jpeg or png) of yourself and/or your household via email to kelly@welcometocentral.org, or if you prefer, someone will be available to take your picture before or after worship in the coming weeks. (If you are experienced/interested in photography and would like to help with picture-taking, please contact Pastor Laurie.)

Again, fill out the questionnaire at bit.ly/clcdirectory or scan the QR code below.



Hold your smartphone's camera up to the code, as if you are going to take a picture of it. A link will appear on the phone screen. Touch the link and it should take you directly to the form.