

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Campus Ministry Sunday  
October 15, 2023  
8:30am Worship



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## Welcome to Central!

**Central Lutheran Church**, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, 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, *servicing* those in need, and *sharing* the Gospel.

**A special word of welcome to our guests today:** Thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a first-time or occasional visitor and would like to be added to our mailing list, or if you'd like to hear from us, we invite you to fill out the visitor information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Also, if you wish to find out more about Central, we invite you to visit our website *welcometocentral.org*.

**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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

## PRELUDE

*Trumpet Minuet*

Alfred Hollins

## WELCOME

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*please stand as you are able*)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**Most Merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN #874 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



- 1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing; your  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise, send  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth pour  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

### *Refrain*



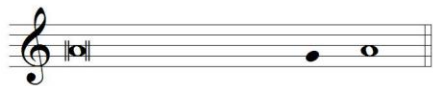
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

## 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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord have mer-cy.**



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God and for the uni - ty of all,



let us pray to the Lord.



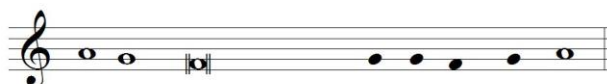
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holyhouse, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and



rich - es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing, and



glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our



God. Al-le - lu - - - ia. Sing with all the



peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre -



a - tion. Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for ev-er. A - men. This is the



feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you plant in our hearts the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith, hope, and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

**ANTHEM** *Be a Shepherd for My Flock* Jane M. Pope Children's Choir

## FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-3, 10-11

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live...For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23



<sup>1</sup>The Lord<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd; I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures and leads me be-<sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

**6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> Lord forever.

Glory be to the Father, and<sup>1</sup> to the Son, and to the<sup>1</sup> Holy Spirit.

As it was in the begin-<sup>1</sup>ning, is now, and will be fore-<sup>1</sup>ver. Amen.

## ANTHEM

### *The Old Church*

### Chorale

- 1. The old church leans nearby a well-worn road. Upon a hill that has no grass or tree, The winds from off the prairie now unload the dust they bring around it fitfully.*
- 2. The path that leads up to the open door is worn and grayed by many toiling feet of us who listen to the Bible stories and once again the old-time hymns repeat.*
- 3. And every Sabbath morning we are still returning to the altar waiting there. A hush, a prayer, a pause, and voices fill the Master's House with a triumphant air. The old church leans awry and looks quite odd, but it is beautiful to us and God.*

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand; sung twice)*

Lord, let my heart be good soil, — o-pen to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be  
good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood. When my heart is hard,  
break the stone a-way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. — When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.



## **GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9**

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Deacon Clare Josef-Maier

## **GOOD SOIL CAMPUS MINISTRY TESTIMONIALS**



Christus House residents pictured in front row: Corrin, Audrey, Rebecca, Evelyn, Krista, back row: Precious, John, Emma, Yulia, & Angel (not pictured: Wemimo and Emmaline)

## HYMN #506 The Word of God is Source and Seed *(please stand)*



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to  
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to  
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth  
heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it  
sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.  
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.  
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

### *Refrain*



*Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,*  
In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



*gau - de - a - mus Do mi - no!*  
in the Lord let us re - joice!

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please be seated)*

### PEACE

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

### OUR LIFE TOGETHER

# ANTHEM

## *That's Central*

### Children's Choir

Words and Music by Children's Choir and Steve Rodgers



That's Cen-tral, that's Cen-tral, that's Cen-tral to me! \_\_\_\_



That's Cen-tral, that's Cen-tral, that's Cen-tral to me! \_\_\_\_

1. Hymns of praise and organ swells, songs for you and me,  
bands of brass and ringing bells, all are welcome here! *Refrain*
2. We are God's own hands and feet, serving ev'ry day  
helping ev'ry one we meet, with light to guide our way! *Refrain*
3. Robes of red and pencils too, coffee and treats for all,  
a thousand things and more, it's true, how we love them all! *Refrain*
4. In this church we call our home there's a place for me and you, so we  
went and wrote this song, we hope you'll sing it too, sing it too! *Refrain*

## OFFERING

*You are invited to place your offering in the plate  
as you come forward for communion.*

## OFFERING RESPONSE *(please stand)*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;



Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

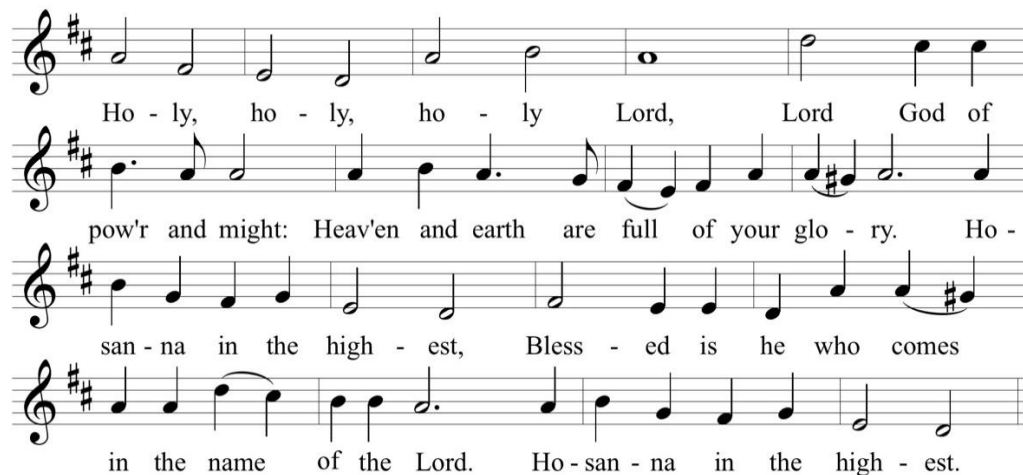


The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
And al - so with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

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

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **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**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**    *A Swedish Hymn*

Chorale

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION** *(please stand as you are able)*

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

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN #547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **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.** *Praeludium in C, BuxWV 136* Diderik Buxtehude

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**Special thanks to Wemimo and Corrin** for sharing their experiences of Lutheran Campus Ministry, and to **Precious** for being our lector today. Wemimo, Corrin, and Precious are all current residents of Christus House. Join us after the service for coffee hour across the street at Christus House!

**A special thank-you also to our Campus Ministry Committee:** Debra Knebel, Kim Meyers, Julia Pomerenk, and Becky Shurson from Central, Lynn Kahle from Emmaus, and Veronica Vold from United.

**Finally, thank you to Crystal Miller for leading our Children's Chapel** this morning during worship.



**You are invited to join Central, United & Emmaus at Camp Lutherwood** next Saturday, October 21st (9:30am – campfire worship) for a day of good food, learning, recreation, relaxation, and fun activities for all ages. Come enjoy this beautiful camp setting and share the day with our wider church family! Call the church office to register for all, or part of the day, so we have numbers for lunch and dinner.

**New members will be received on Reformation Sunday, October 29th.** Talk to Pastor Laurie or Pastor Ben if you'd like more information about membership at Central.

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