

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022
8:30am and 11am



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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 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Charlotte Miller

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 in bondage 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

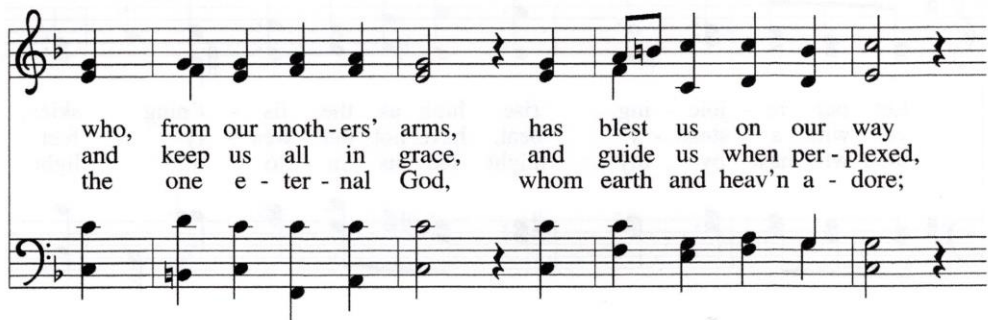
HYMN #840 Now Thank We All Our God *(please stand as you are able)*



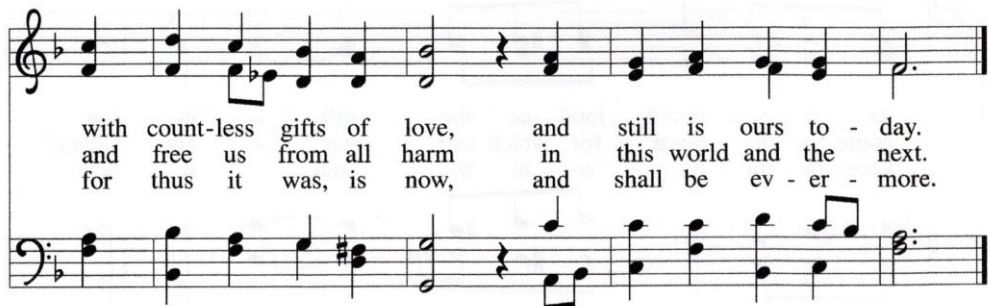
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever-more.

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



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-lemn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

GLORIA

Austria



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and
3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to



all the earth. Might-y God of all cre-a-tion,
Lord of love. Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior,
you we call; Ho-ly One in faith we name you,



Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth: we ex-alt you,
you have come from heav'n a-bove; on the cross you
God most high, yet near to all: Je-sus Christ, with



we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you;
Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us;
For the peace that we in-her-it,



here on earth our songs we raise.
in your prom-ise firm we stand.
glo-ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, **tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (8:30) *How Can I Keep from Singing* Hunnicutt Children's Choir
(11:00) *Lord, Make Me an Instrument* Helvey Chorale

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to

God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand as you are able*)

Handbells

Al - le - lu - ia, _____

al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu - ia, _____

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Cantor: The word of God is liv-¹ing and active,* able to judge the thoughts and intentions¹ of the heart. *Repeat antiphon*

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

The Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said,

“Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN OF THE DAY #718 In a Lowly Manger Born (*please stand*)



1 In a low - ly man - ger born, hum - ble life be - gun in scorn;
 2 Vis - it - ing the lone and lost, stead - y - ing the tem - pest - tossed,
 3 Then, to res - cue you and me, Je - sus died up - on the tree.



un - der Jo - seph's watch - ful eye, Je - sus grew as you and I;
 giv - ing of him - self in love, call - ing minds to things a - bove.
 See in him God's love re - vealed; by his pas - sion we are healed.



knew the suf - f'rings of the weak, knew the pa - tience of the meek,
 Sin - ners glad - ly hear his call; pub - li - cans be - fore him fall,
 Now he lives in glo - ry bright, lives a - gain in pow'r and might;



hun - gered as but poor folk can; this is he. Be - hold the man!
 for in him new life be - gan; this is he. Be - hold the man!
 come and take the path he trod, son of Mar - y, Son of God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*please be seated*)

PEACE

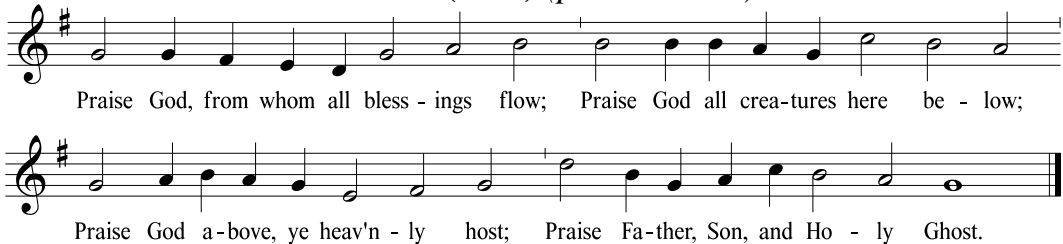
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY (8:30) *If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers* Cantors

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



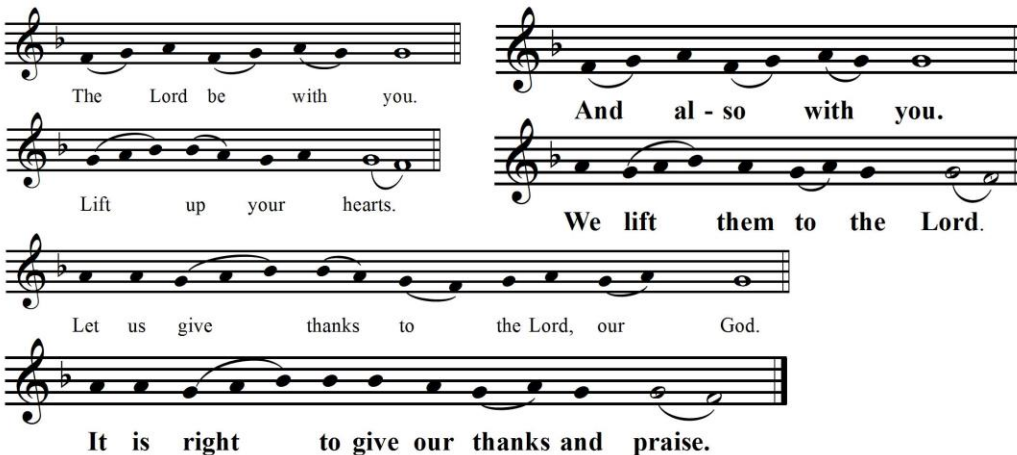
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;

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

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.

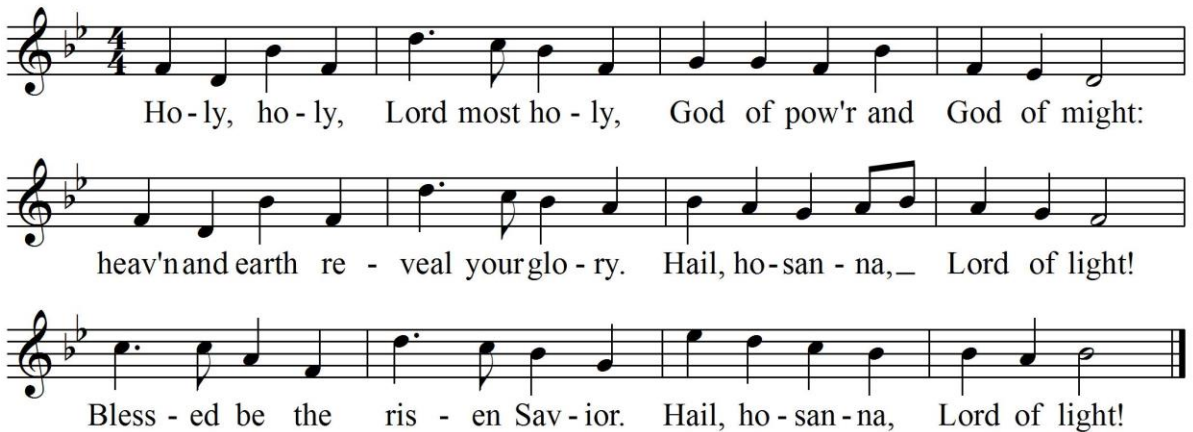
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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



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

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

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

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 #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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 *Prelude & Fugue in C major, BWV 531* J. S. Bach

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Cantors (8:30am): Alyse Jamieson & John Shields; **Violin:** Andy Strietelmeier

Today we bless the quilts and the hands that made them. These beautiful hand-crafted quilts and dozens more will be delivered later this month to St. Andrew's in Beaverton for shipping and distribution through Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to our dedicated quilters!

Today's Education Hour (9:45-10:45): children are invited to join Stephanie Neubert and David Zhou in the Godly Play Room for story-time and activities, while older youth/adults are invited to join Pastor Ben in the Library.

All are invited to join us this afternoon at 3pm for the Blugene Brass Concert featuring Cody Simmons (trumpet); Zac Tendick (trumpet); Shira Fadeley (trombone); Arlo Baratono (Tuba); and our very own talented Sheri Pyron (horn) and ElRay Stewart-Cook (organ). Blugene Brass is Eugene's Premier brass quintet. Founded in 2017 from members of the Eugene Symphonic Band and Oregon Brass Society, Blugene has concentrated their sound and clarified their vision as a band who likes to play all genres of music—from classical to pop, Latin and Jazz standards. For a taste of their repertoire, today's concert includes both Bach and The Beatles!

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.

New Members will be received on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Interested? Simply fill out a pew card with your contact information and place it in the offering plate or let Pastor Laurie or Pastor Ben know.

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. 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).

Please note: The Pastor's Bible Study at 11am on Wednesdays will be taking a break this week. Pastor Ben and Deacon Clare will be joining Rostered Ministers of the Oregon Synod at the annual Bishop's Convocation (Monday-Wednesday) and Pastor Laurie will be on vacation (October 17-27). In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Ben (208-290-1165).

A New Photo Directory is in the works, but your help is needed!

First, 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 double-check that the information we have for you and your household is correct.

Second, we are collecting photos of members and friends of Central for inclusion in the new directory. You can send a high resolution digital file (jpeg or png) of yourself and your household via email to Kelly Colvin-Smith (kelly@welcometocentral.org). Or, if you prefer, let us know and we will have someone available to take your picture before or after worship in the coming weeks.

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.

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