

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2023  
8:30 & 11am 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 worshiping with us. If you are a first-time or occasional visitor and would like to be added to our mailing list 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 (8:30)**    *Andantino*    Sister Maria Eletta Pierandrei's Notebook  
**(11:00)**    *Heliotrope Bouquet*    Joplin                                          Dan Rinnan

## WELCOME

### (11:00) THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN #391 This Joyful Eastertide *(please stand)*



1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, A - way with sin and sor -  
 2. Death's flood has lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the riv -  
 3. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son slum -



row! my love, the Cru - ci - fied, Has sprung to life this  
 er: Lord of all life, from ill - my pass - ing life de -  
 ber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in



mor - row. Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his  
 liv - er,  
 num - ber.



three-day pris - on. Our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en; a - ris - en!

## GREETING

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

# KYRIE

*Cantor* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly* Lord, have mer - cy. *Plainsong*

*Cantor* Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly* Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly* Lord, have mer - cy.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, **you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

## FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM (8:30)**

*Day of Arising*

Cantors

**ANTHEM (11:00)**

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*  
The Chorale with Jack Benda, Violin

Hal Goodall

## SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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



**CANTOR:** Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa-<sup>l</sup>ther will love them,\* and we will come to them and make our<sup>l</sup> home with them.

**Repeat Antiphon.**

## **GOSPEL John 14:15-21**

The Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*please be seated*)

**SERMON**

Pastor Ben Nickodemus



# HYMN OF THE DAY #449 We Know That Christ Is Raised *(please stand)*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

**BAPTISM (8:30)**

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*Tennessee Dawn Lou Hutto is here baptized.*

## **NICENE CREED (11:00)**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(please be seated)***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

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

### **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

### **OFFERING**

*We receive the morning offerings.*

# OFFERTORY HYMN I Cannot Tell *(please remain seated)*

1 I can - not tell why he, whom an - gels wor - ship,  
2 I can - not tell how si - lent - ly He suf - fered,  
3 I can - not tell how all the lands shall wor - ship,

Should set his love up - on all hu - man - kind,  
As with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
When, at his bid - ding, ev - 'ry storm is stilled,

Or why, as Shep - herd, he should seek the wand - er - ers,  
Or how his heart up - on the Cross was brok - en,  
Or who can say how great the jub - i - la - tion

To bring them back, they know not how or when.  
The crown of pain to three and thir - ty years.  
When all the hearts of us with love are filled.

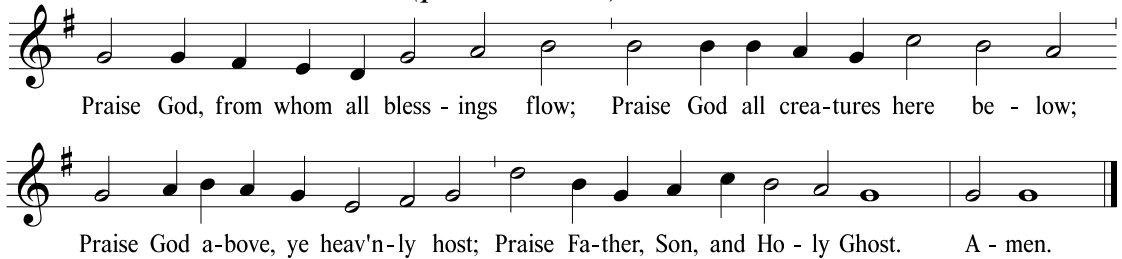
But this I know, that he was born of Ma - ry,  
But this I know, he heals the brok - en - heart - ed,  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rap - ture,

When Beth - l'hem's man - ger was his on - ly home,  
And stays our sin, and calms our lurk - ing fears,  
And myr - iad, myr - id hu - man voi - ces sing,

And that he lived at Na - za - reth and la - bor - ed,  
And lifts the bur - den from the hea - vy lad - en,  
And earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will an - swer:

And so the Sav - ior, Sav - ior of the world, is come.  
For yet the Sav - ior, Sav - ior of the world, is known.  
At last the Sav - ior, Sav - ior of the world, is King!

## OFFERING 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. Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

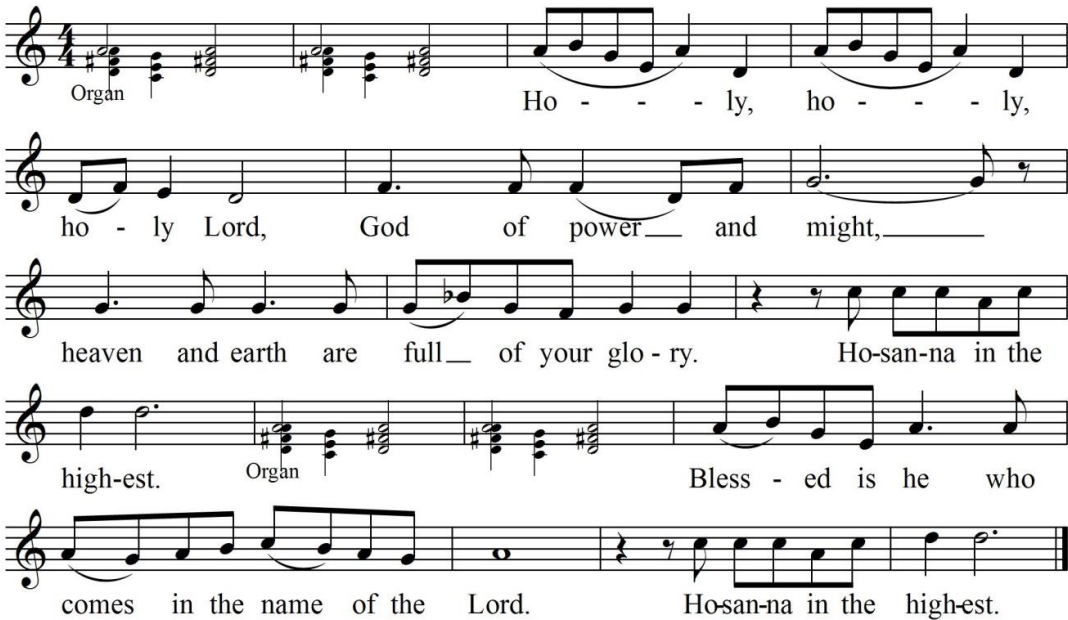
## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



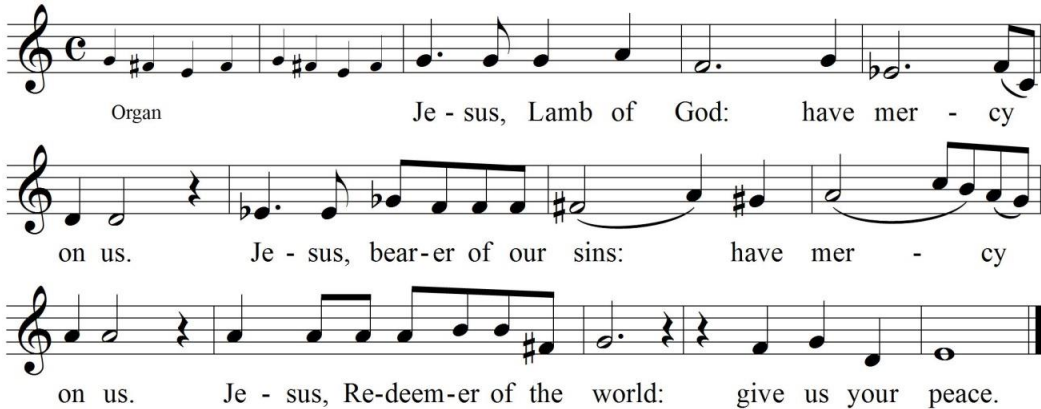
Organ Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power\_\_ and might,\_\_\_\_  
heaven and earth are full\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high-est. Organ Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan-na in the high-est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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. (*please be seated*)**

## LAMB OF GOD



Organ Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, Re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. You will receive the bread in the form of a wafer and then you may dip it into the cup which has red wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are also available.)*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* Cantors

## 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. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

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.**

# HYMN #385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1. Good Chris - tian friends, re-joyce and sing! Now is the  
 2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of  
 3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that  
 4. Your name we bless, Q ris - en Lord, And sing to -

tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 song to strew his way; Let all the world re-joyce and say:  
 life which can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 day with one ac - cord, The life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ. **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** *Toccata in C, BWV 564* Johann Sebastian Bach

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**Cantors at 8:30am:** Naomi Castro & Dylan Bunten

**A special welcome to the family of Tennessee Dawn Lou Hutto** who is baptized here today. Tennie is the daughter of Emelia (nee: Gubrud) & Craig Hutto who were married at Central on New Year's Eve, 2019.

**Next Sunday our Children's Choir** will be helping to lead us in worship and we will be celebrating our High School graduates: Matthew Koscho, Honora Mathisen-Lund, and Thomas Stine.

**REMINDER:** Next Sunday we will also be receiving a special offering to help offset the cost of several property maintenance issues needing our attention. For those who are able, we invite you to prayerfully consider an "above and beyond" financial gift. Any gift designated for "property" will reduce the amount we will need to use from our Capital Reserves.



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