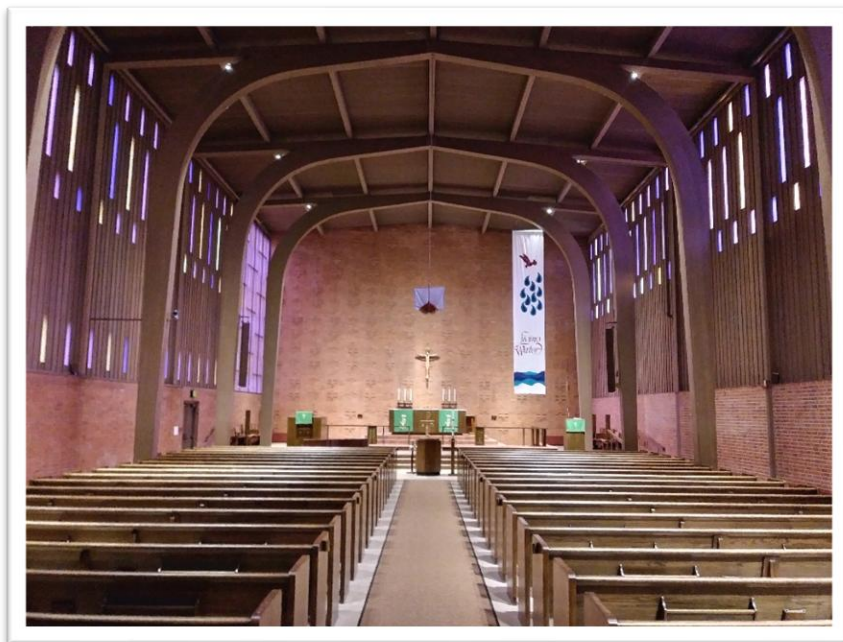


Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026
8:30am & 11am Worship



Central Lutheran Church
1857 Potter Street
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CENTRAL LUTHERAN'S MISSION



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.

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, gender expression, economic circumstance, and we firmly commit to racial equity. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, education, fellowship, and service.

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johann Walther

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you're able)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is the forgiveness of sins and the promise of new life. Receive freely this healing gift of mercy and grace. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN #874 Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart



- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, 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 - joice, 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-va-tion, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



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



Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

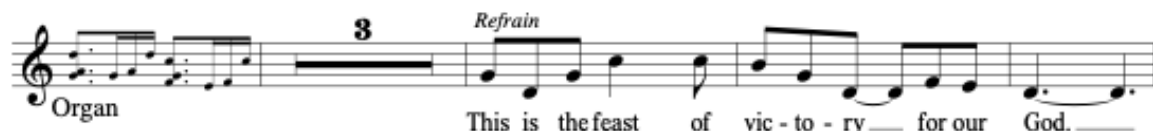


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

3 *Refrain*

 Organ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu ia, al-le-lu ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es wis-dom, and strength, and
Refrain
 hon-or, bless-ing and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu ia, al-le-lu ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion. Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
Final refrain
 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 al-le-lu ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** *(be seated)*

WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord,’ and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9



Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord.**

Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.

ANTHEM(8:30) *Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love* Sarah McDonald Chorale
Junior Cantors

ANTHEM (11:00) King of Glory, King of Peace Cantor

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your

boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the Gospel our children are invited to go to the Chapel for a special message.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*



Cantors: Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life. **Repeat antiphon.**

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

The gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Joel Timmons

HYMN #871 Sing Praise to God *(please stand)*



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and

a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the

your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;

all our la - ment with peace you still.
all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
who is by one and all a - dored.
God is the Lord, and God a - lone;

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church throughout the ages, let us profess our Christian faith using the words of the 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. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*When the leader says, "God, in your mercy,"
you are invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."*

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERTORY (8:30) *I am Jesus' Little Lamb*, a German Chorale Cundick

OFFERTORY (11:00) *Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us* Cantor

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*

The Lord be with you.

And al - so 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... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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. — Ho - san - na
— in the high - est, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
— Ho - san - na — in the high - est. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us — peace, grant us peace.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

(8:30) CHORAL BENEDICTION

Rutter

Chorale

(11:00) BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 833 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices *(see next page)*

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

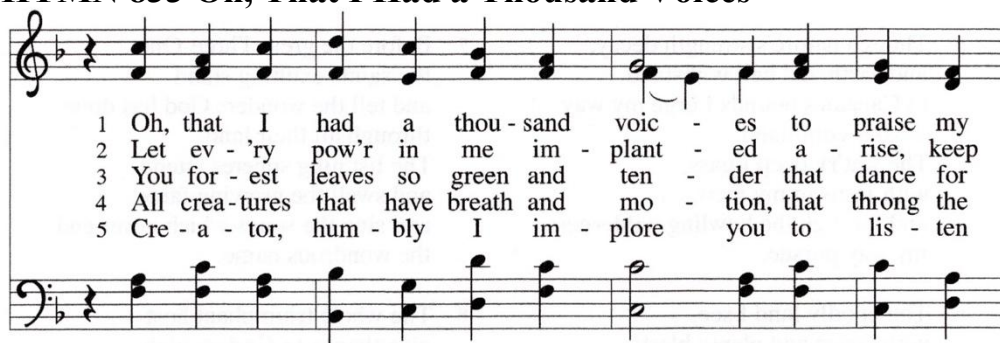
We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Toccata from Suite gothique*

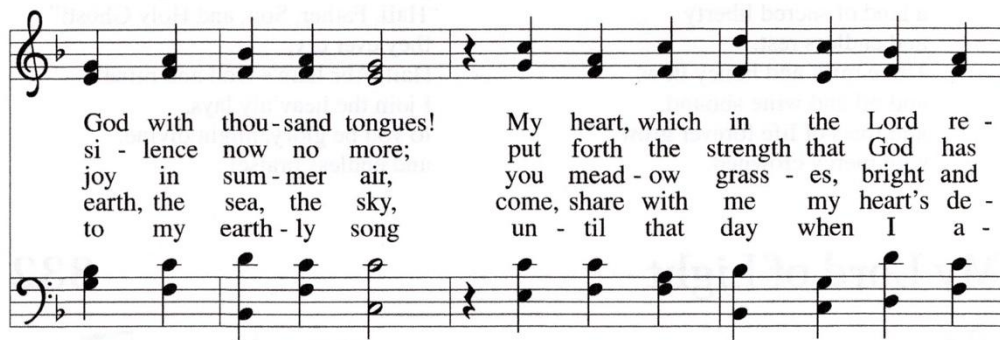
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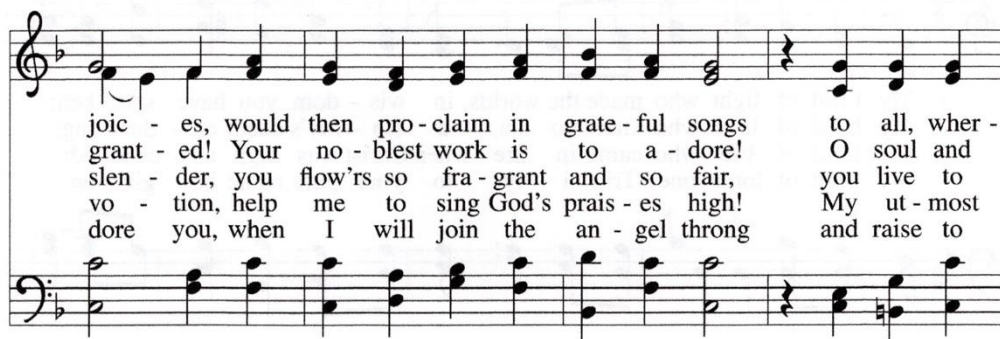
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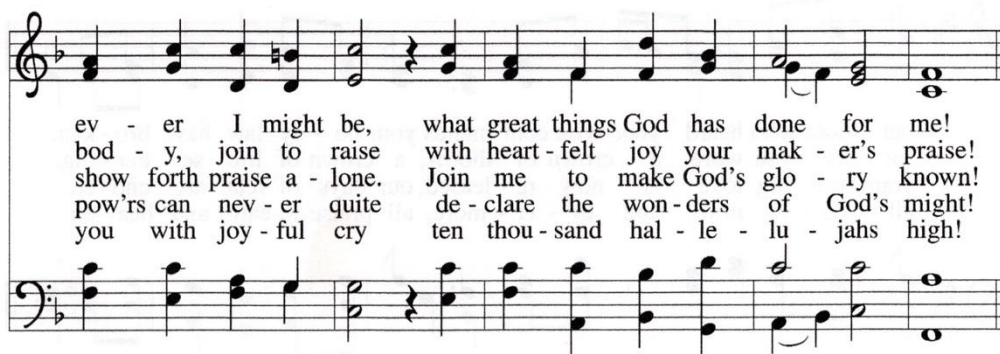
1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
 2 Let ev - 'ry pow'r in me im - plant - ed a - rise, keep
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has
 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most
 dore you, when I will join the an - gel throng and raise to



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy your mak - er's praise!
 show forth praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!
 you with joy - ful cry ten thou - sand hal - le - lu - jahs high!

The new CUE Whole Life Harvest Festival will be on Sunday October 25th, 3-5pm at Emmaus Lutheran. *Gathering the Harvest* will have games, activities, and presentations that will help live out Jesus' instruction to bring in the harvest both spiritually and materially. This will include; food collection for FISH maze, activities to support those who produce and provide food in our communities, a presentation from the youth summer service trip, and games, prizes and treats! There will be something fun for our youngest members on up so please plan to join us.

Volunteers are Needed for the Harvest Festival! Please consider bringing snacks, man table stations, provide a fall-themed game, and/or bring a donation of perishable food items. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Crystal Miller at crystal@unitedlutheran.org or 541-342-5808.

Annual Solicitation for Funding Special Projects: CLC Endowment 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, from the Endowment Committee or www.connecttocentral.org/foundation-endowment. Your proposal must be coordinated through a committee, ministry team, council, relevant staff person, and/or one of the pastors. **Deadline: November 1, 2026.** Endowment Fund Committee Members: Kelly Colvin-Smith, Chair; Donna Bennett; Drew Haugen; Stephanie Riess; Becky Shurson; Bruce Smolnisky; and Debbie Knebel (Council Rep).

Interested in membership at Central? We will be receiving new members on Christ the King Sunday, November 22nd. To find out more contact Pastor Laurie.

Chi Rho Series - October 23-24

Central Lutheran Church

Join us for a weekend of study with Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers and explore the ways that the pipe organ forms sacred community, through the spoken word, hands-on exploration, and musical meditation. All events are free and open to the public. The events will also be livestreamed at www.connecttocentral.org

Lead, Wood, Air, Flesh, and Bone: Musical Elements of Sacred Space **Friday, October 23, 7pm**

Our kickoff evening will feature an interactive presentation exploring the role of the pipe organ in forming sacred communities. The program will focus on the organ both practically and imaginatively: an object that is equally a functional musical instrument, an exquisite piece of artisanal craftsmanship, and a symbol of multi-faceted human cooperation.

All Ages Pipe Organ Exploration **Saturday, October 24, 10am**

Come discover how a pipe organ works! In addition to learning about the renowned Brombaugh organ at Central, participants young and old will be able to build a real, functioning pipe organ. The "Do-Organ" kit, on loan from OrgelKids USA, contains 133 parts that groups can assemble under one hour, bringing the science, engineering, and music of the instrument to life.



Organ Vespers

Saturday, October 24, 4pm

Central's Organ Vespers series features meditative programs interspersing organ music and poetry. This Organ Vespers will focus on the pipe organ as a source of poetic imagination, one that often symbolizes community and interdependence.



**BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND
CALL OF THE CHURCH,**

Joel Timmons

**WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY
OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

**Saturday, October 31st at 2:00pm
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All are welcome. Clergy are invited to vest
and process. Everyone is invited to wear
red. A reception with light refreshments
will follow the service.

