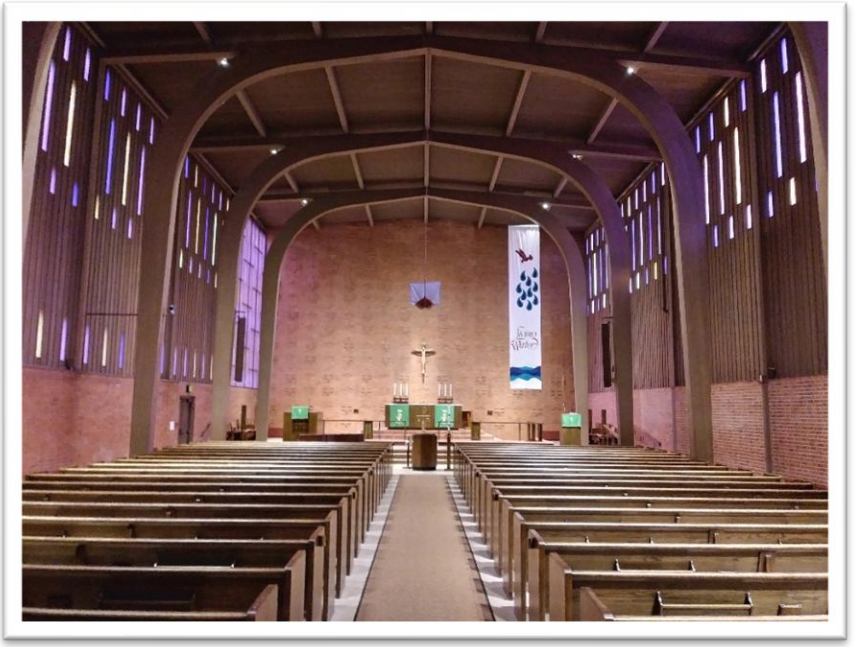
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
8:30am & 11am Worship



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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 *Adoro te (We Adore You), Opus 149* Mel Bonis

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.**

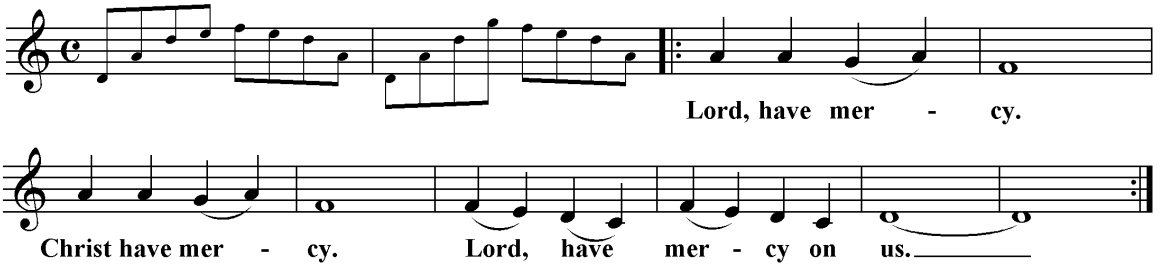
ENTRANCE HYMN #638 Blessed Assurance



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.**

KOREAN KYRIE



GLORIA



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(be seated)

WORD

FIRST LESSON Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM 70



Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back
and | be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.
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) *Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands* Cantors

ANTHEM (11:00*)* *Deep River* arr. Hayes Cantor

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
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: Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. **Repeat antiphon.**

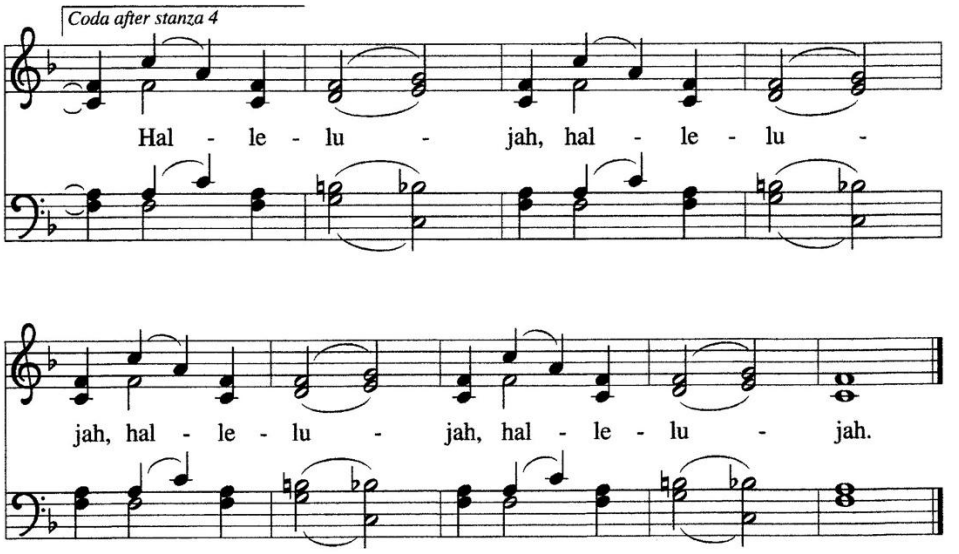
GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

The gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Jesus said to the disciples: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Joel Timmons

HYMN #439 Soon and Very Soon *(please stand)*





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) *Prelude on Värmelandet,* a Swedish folksong

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE (11:00)

OFFERING

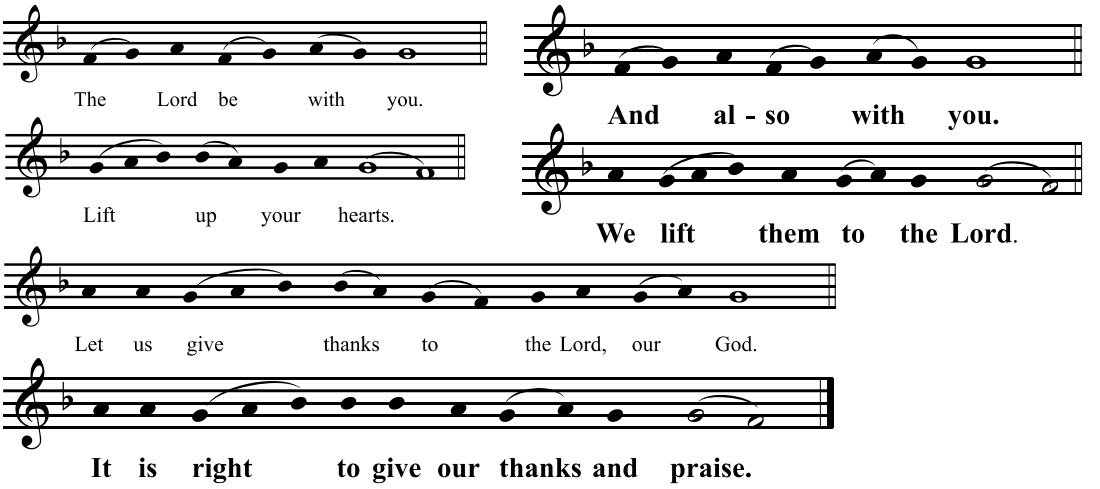
You are invited to place your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion.

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

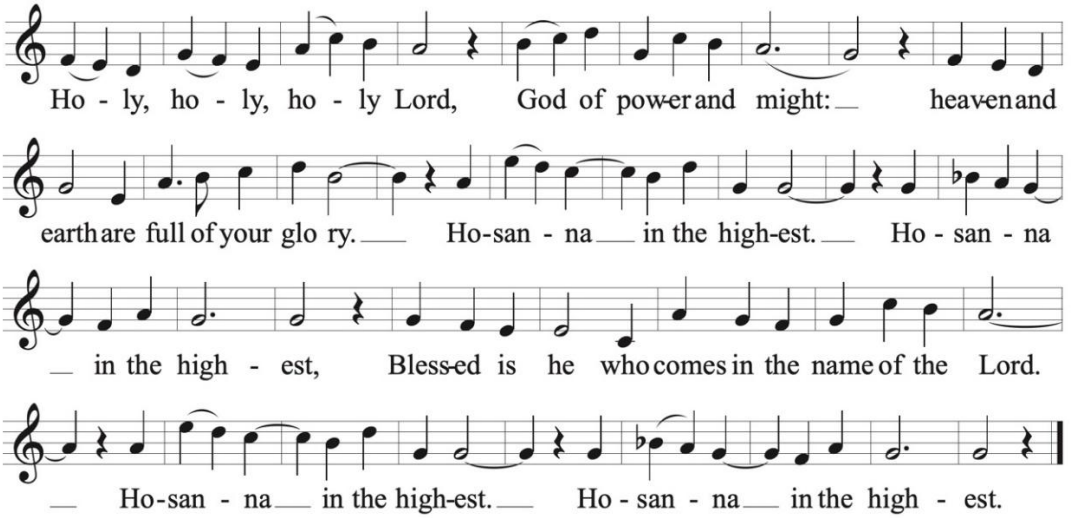
GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*



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



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



BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

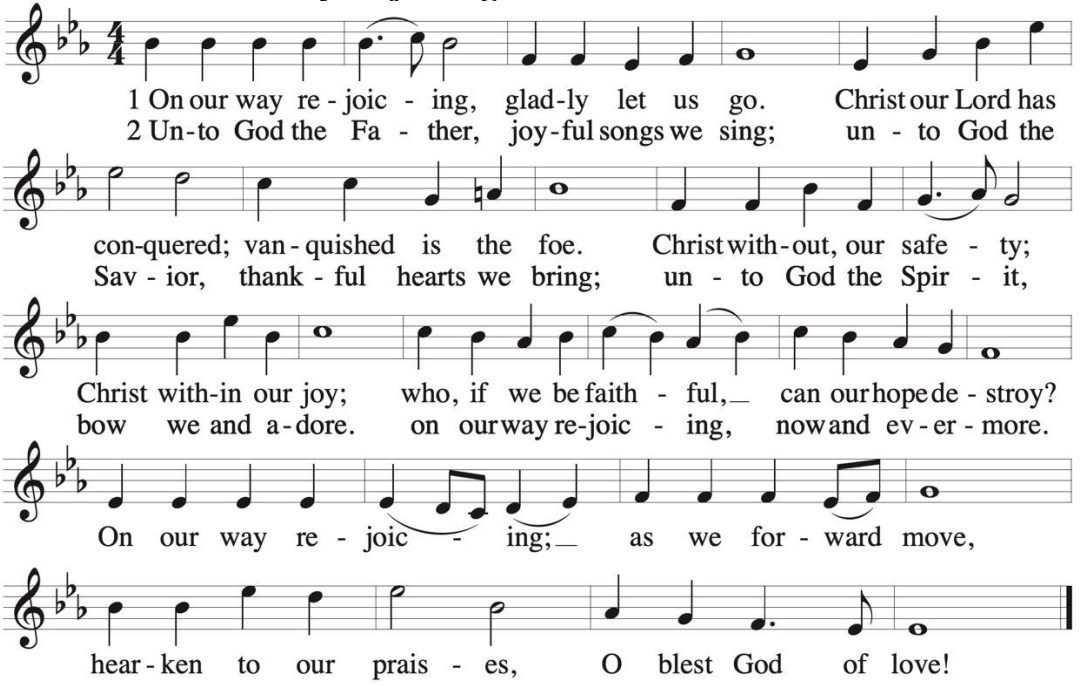
Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

HYMN On Our Way Rejoicing



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **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 *G Major* - Dubois

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There's a Place at the Table For You—All Are Welcome! Plan to join us for the 3rd Annual **Thanksgiving Day Meal on Thursday, November 26th** at 1pm. Contact Tamara (tlee_50@hotmail.com) for more info.

Central's Dinner Groups are currently being formed. Consider signing up for this opportunity to get better acquainted with members and friends of Central over a shared meal. Each group is ideally made up of 8 people, with the group deciding when and how often to meet (typically monthly). Participants take turns hosting the group for a potluck dinner in your home or at a restaurant where each person pays for their own meal. And, while in past years these social groups have traditionally been called "Dinner Groups," let us know if you'd prefer to be part of a brunch or lunch group. Contact Dick Darst (dickdarst@comcast.net) or the church office to be put on the list or to find out more.

Our next noon Pocket Concert is coming up! Sponsored by Central's St. Cecilia Music Endowment Fund, on Tuesday, November 10th, come listen to Taylor Huett, soprano, and Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers accompany on organ, as they play an all-Baroque program featuring sacred and classical pieces. The event is free and open to the public.

FISH Food Drive - Please bring in shelf-stable and non-perishable canned goods between now and Sunday, November 22nd, to support FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity). FISH, an all-volunteer organization, offers assistance with food, medications, and propane to those in need.

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

Central will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on November 24th, 10am-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter 'centrallutheraneugene' to schedule an appointment.