

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026
8:30am Worship



Central Lutheran Church
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Central Lutheran 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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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Aria

Jongen

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

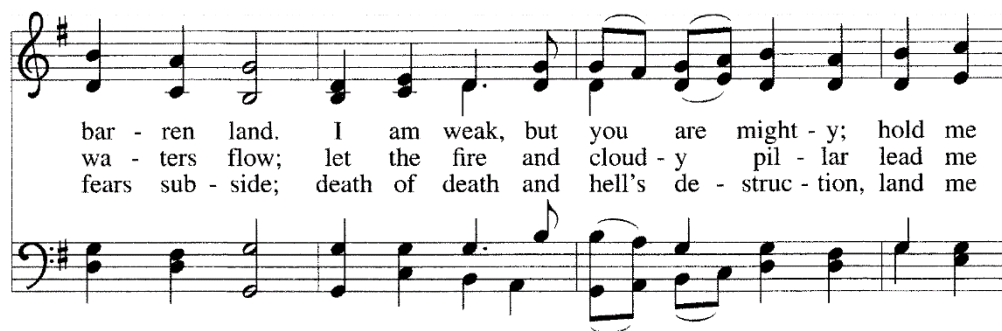
We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

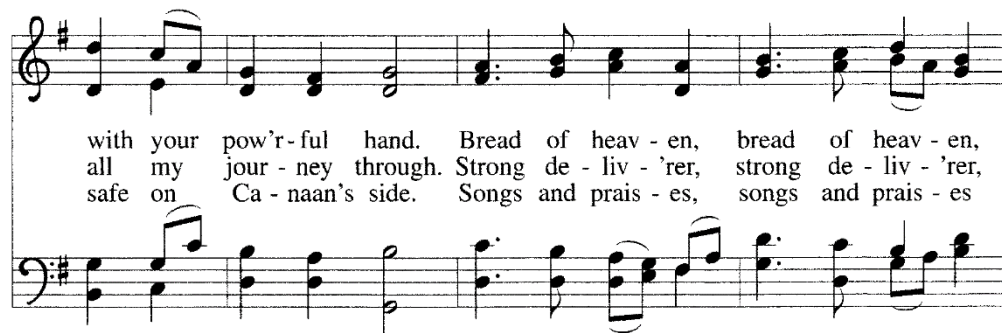
ENTRANCE HYMN #618 Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer *(please stand)*



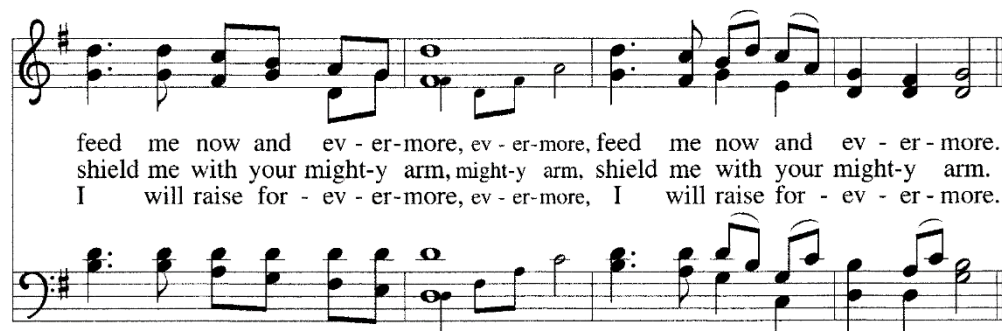
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land, I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



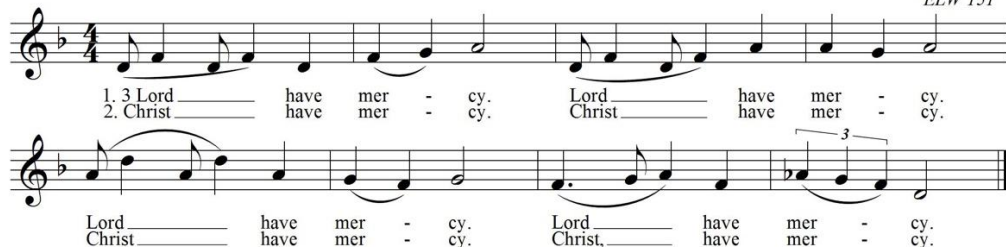
feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

REETING

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

ELW 151



1, 3 Lord _____ have mer - cy. Lord _____ have mer - cy.
2. Christ _____ have mer - cy. Christ _____ have mer - cy.

Lord _____ have mer - cy. Lord _____ have mer - cy.
Christ _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

GLORIA

Hyfrydol



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 hea - ven 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; here on
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give _____ us; in your
For _____ the peace _____ that we _____ in - her - it, glo - ry

earth _____ our songs we raise.
prom - - - ise firm we stand.
be _____ to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Glorious God, **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (be seated)**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

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. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. The word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21



The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

**Lord, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.**

The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**

You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.**

You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.**

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

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

ANTHEM

If with All Your Hearts from **Elijah**
David Gustafson, Tenor

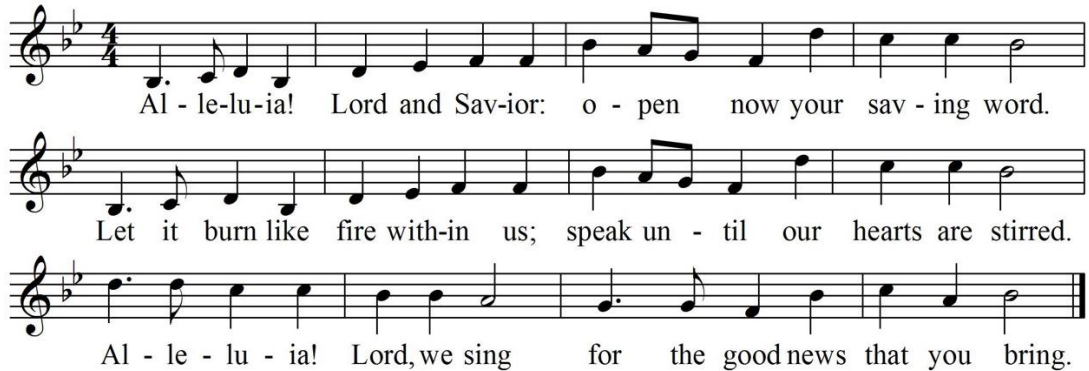
Mendelssohn

SECOND LESSON Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. The word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

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



GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN #712 Lord, whose Love in Humble Service *(please stand)*



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun-dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer - cy know and live.



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 of grace,"
the assembly is invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."*

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANTHEM

O Rest in the Lord from **Elijah**
Alyse Jamieson, Mezzo Soprano

Mendelssohn

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. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

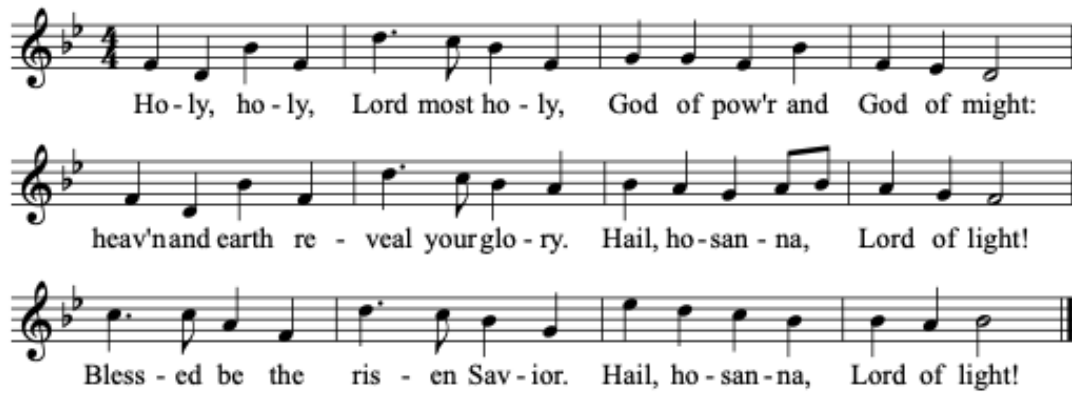
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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; through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death, and on this day as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exalts 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!

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

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

HYMN #1095 How Shall I Sing That Majesty

1 How shall I sing that ma - je - sty which an - gels do ad - mire?
2 Thy bright - ness un - to them ap - pears, while I thy foot - steps trace;
3 En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's fire;
4 How great a be - ing Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings keep!

Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye heaven - ly choirs.
a sound of God comes to my ears. but they be - hold thy face.
then shall I sing and bear a part with that ce - les - tial choir.
Thy know - ledge is the on - ly line to sound so vast a deep.

Thou - sands of thou - sands stand a - round thy throne, O God most high;
They sing be - cause thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
thou art a sea with - out a shore, a sun with - out a sphere;

ten thou - sand times ten thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?
for where heaven is but once be - gun there al - le - lu - yas be.
yet when thou dost ac - cept their gold, Lord, trea - sure up my mite.
thy time is now and ev - er - more, thy place is ev - ery - where.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to 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

*Transports of joy of a soul before the glory of Christ who is his own. Let us give thanks to God the Father, who made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the Saints in the light... raised us up and made us sit in heaven, in Jesus Christ. (taken from: Paul's Epistles to the Colossians and Ephesians) - Olivier Messiaen from the **Ascension Suite**.*

While visiting Notre Dame in Paris and other cathedrals in France, one frequently hears this style of music: Loud dissonant chords that almost smash together depicting joy and ecstasy of the Gospel. It is also manifested in their cuisine with strong pungent flavors – very French!

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Today's Cantors: Alyse Jamieson & David Gustafson

Central is hosting another blood drive on Tuesday, August 11th from 10am-3pm. Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visit their website RedCrossBlood.org.

FISH is looking for volunteers. Central supports FISH with funds and donations. Please consider serving those in need by offering 1.5 hour or more of your time weekly or monthly to monitor phones on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Find out more by calling FISH volunteer coordinator, Jane Holmes at 541-517-1548.

Looking for your missing items? Lost and Found items are located on the shelf above the highchairs on the backside of the Fellowship Hall, facing the bathrooms. Any unclaimed items remaining at the end of August will be donated.

For additional information on weekly and upcoming events visit our website welcometocentral.org.

Looking Ahead...

Our Summer Sunday 11am service will continue at the Garden located at 2345 Laura St, in Springfield through the end of September. We will return to the Sanctuary on October 4th

Please mark these dates in your calendar for our Fall program year kick-off events in September:

- Wednesday, Sept 9th Adult Chorale rehearsals resume
- Saturday, Sept 12th Children's Choir Retreat, 9am-4pm at Central
- Sunday, Sept 13th Back to School Blessing at both services
- Monday, Sept 14th Music Together Fall Term begins
- Sept 15th Together Tuesday resumes (meal at 5:15pm) & Children's Choir & Junior Cantors (rehearsal at 5:45pm) with Adult Education at 6pm in the Library
- Sept 20th Confirmation Mentor & Mentee Munch & Mini-golf at 12:30pm (Roaring Rapids Pizza & Camp Putt Golf Park)
- Sunday, September 27th Brombaugh 50th Anniversary kick-off Friends Organ Concert at 4pm in the Sanctuary