

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 4, 2022  
8:30am



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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

*Fugue (Little) in G minor, BWV 578*

Bach

### 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 #880 O God, beyond All Praising (*Please stand as you are able*)

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,

we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

## 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

ELW 151

1. 3 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
2. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
Lord Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
Lord Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

## GLORIA

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;  
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift\_ high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to\_ save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.  
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord God, **in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

**ANTHEM**      *All Things Bright and Beautiful* – Rutter    Alyse Jamieson

## **SECOND READING: Philemon 1:1-21**

1Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, 2to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God 5because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6I pray that the sharing of your faith may become

effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. 7I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, 9yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. 12I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; 14but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, 16no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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



*Cantor* Let your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.  
*Repeat antiphon*

## **GOSPEL    Luke 14:25-33**

The Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Laurie A. Jones



# HYMN OF THE DAY #798 Will You Come *(please stand as you are able)*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



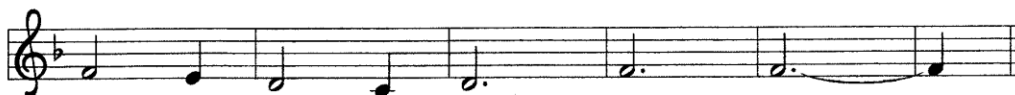
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please be seated)*

### PEACE

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

### OFFERING

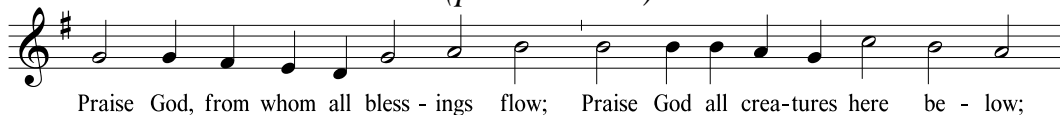
*You may place your offering in the plates as you come forward for communion.*

### OFFERTORY

*The Lost Chord* – Sullivan

David Gustafson

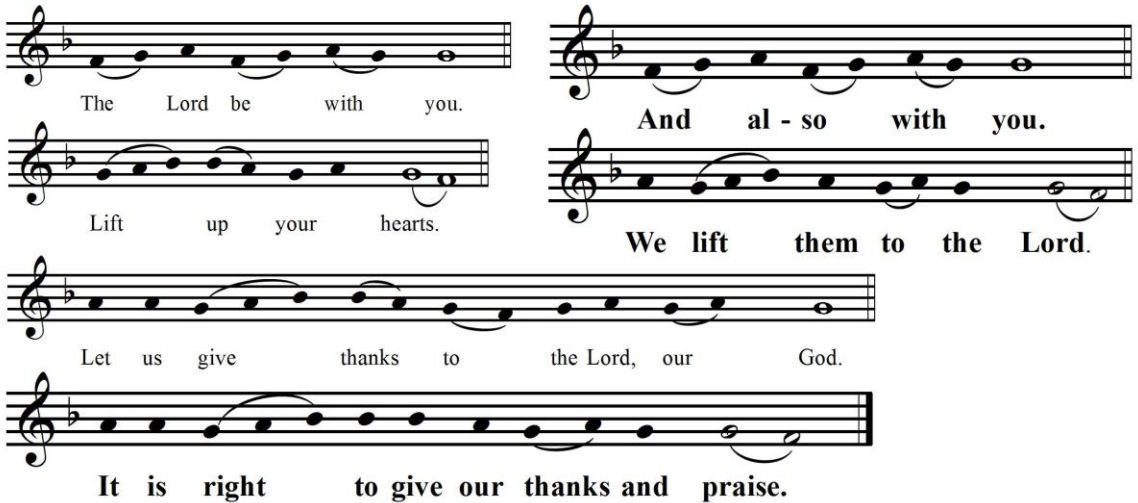
### OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(please stand)*



## 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.

Lift up your hearts.

And al - so with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

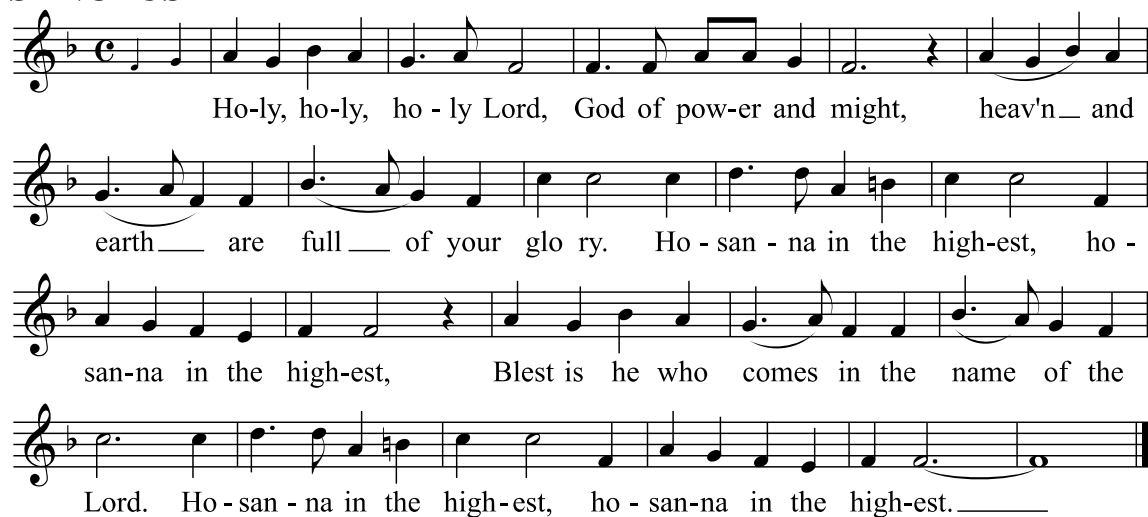
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff also has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody continues on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, clear style, suitable for a church service.

## 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. 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, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n\_\_ and  
earth\_\_ are full\_\_ of your glo ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho -  
san-na in the high-est, Blest is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.\_\_\_\_\_

Richard Proulx

## 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

O — Christ, Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world; have mer - cy up-on us.

O — Christ, Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world; have mer - cy up-on us.

O — Christ, Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world;

grant us your peace. — A - - - - men.

## 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

## 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 Come, Labor On

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i-dle on the har-vest plain,  
 2 Come, la-bor on. The en-e-my is watch-ing night and day,  
 3 Come, la-bor on. A-way with gloom-y doubts and faith-less fear!  
 4 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call-ing an-gels can-not share  
 5 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky,

while all a-round us waves the gold-en grain? And to each ser-vant  
 to sow the tares. to snatch the seed a-way; while we in sleep our  
 No arm so weak but may do serv-vice here; by feeb-lest a-gents  
 to young and old the Gos-pel glad-ness bear: re-deem the time; its  
 till the long sha-dows o'er our path-way lie, and a glad sound comes

does the Mas-ter say "Go work to-day."  
 du-ty have for-got, he slum-bered not.  
 may our God ful-fill the right-eous will.  
 hours too swift-ly fly. The night-draws nigh.  
 with the set-ting sun, "Ser-vants, well-done."

Music: Ora Labora

Thomas Tertius Noble 1813-1897

Text: Jane Borthwick (1813-1897)

## 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 *Fanfare in D Major*

Lemmens

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**Today's Cantors:** David Gustafson & Alyse Jamieson

**Plan to join us next Sunday** as we offer a Back to School Blessing for our children and as we dedicate the solar panel project at Christus House, given in loving memory of Joyce Ford Anderson by her extended family.

**Children/Youth from Central, United and Emmaus (CUE)** are invited to a Back to School Party on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> hosted at Central from 9:30am-1:30pm.

**Also noteworthy:** our program year kicks off with Together Tuesdays on September 13<sup>th</sup> with a simple meal beginning at 5:15pm followed by music for children/youth and (RE)Engage, a class for adults, from 6pm-6:45pm. Finally, we will return to Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am and 11am beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> with our Education Hour between services from 9:45-10:45am.

**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. 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, at [www.welcometocentral.org/endowment](http://www.welcometocentral.org/endowment), or from the Endowment Committee. Your proposal must be coordinated through the committee, council, relevant staff person, and/or pastor. 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).

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