

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 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 Adagio in C für Glasharmonika, KV 356 - Mozart

The glass harmonica is an instrument with tuned glass bowls of various sizes, shaped much like flower pots that are nested together on a single shaft that rotates. The size of the bowls determines the pitch. The sound is produced by pushing damp fingers against the glass pots to produce the sound.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us take a moment for self-examination as we confess our sin in presence of God and of one another.

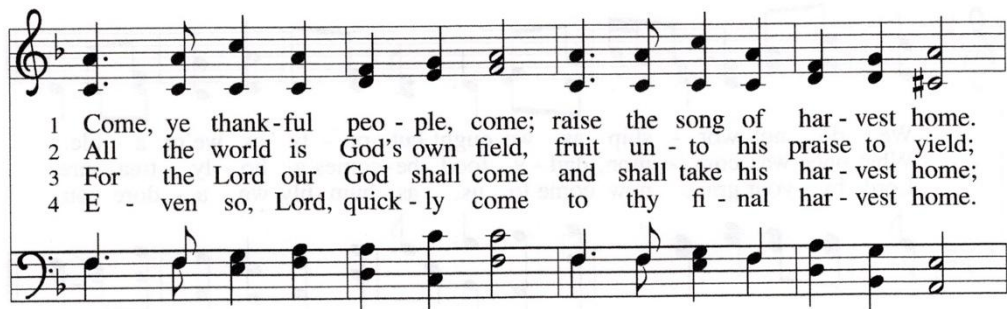
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

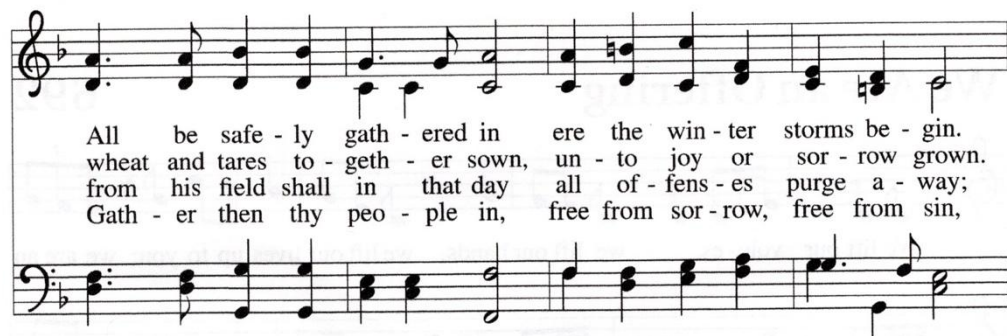
We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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.**

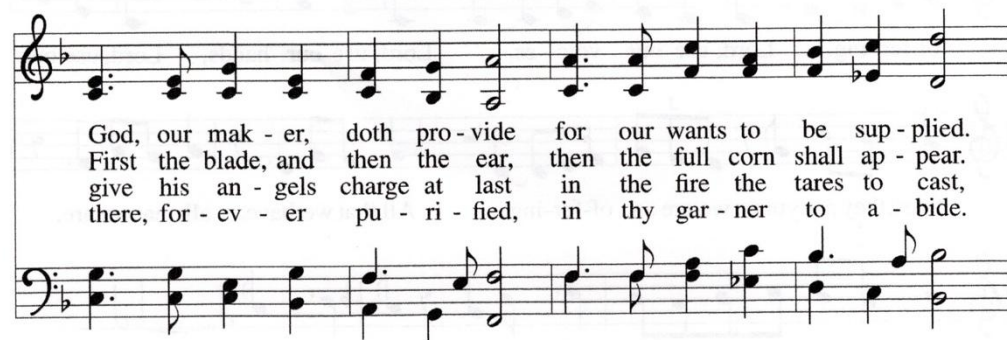
ENTRANCE HYMN #693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (*stand*)



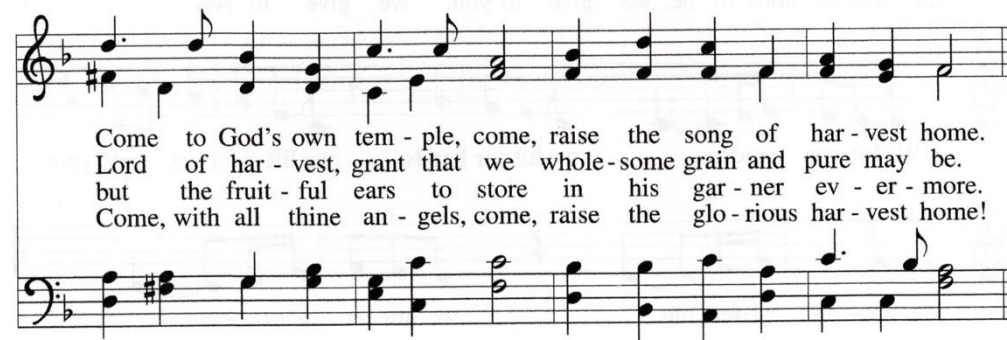
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

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



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GLORIA

Austria



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 heav'n 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;
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us;
For the peace that we in - her - it,



here on earth our songs we raise.
in your prom - ise firm we stand.
glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, **you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** (*you may be seated*)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk [|] in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- [|] vere your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with [|] all my heart,
and glorify your name for- [|] evermore.**

For great is your [|] love toward me;
you have delivered me from the [|] pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people [|] seeks my life; they have not set you be- [|] fore their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- [|] ness and truth.

**Turn to me and have mer- [|] cy on me; give your strength to your servant,
and save the child [|] of your handmaid.**

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and
be [|] put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and com- [|] forted me.

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.

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

(*Sung by cantors first, then congregation joins.*)

Christ be-fore me, Christ to the right of me, —

Christ be-hind me, Christ to the left of me, — Christ a - bove me, Christ be - low

me, Christ with - in me. —

Stephen Rodgers, June 2024

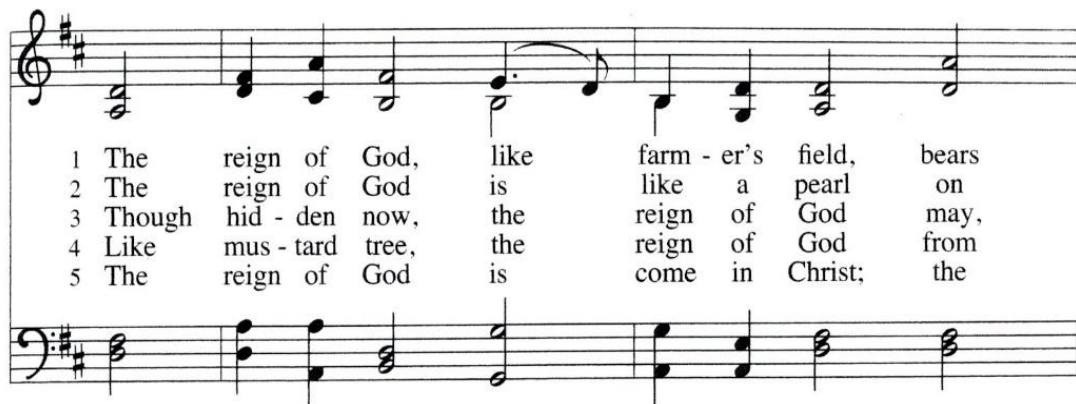
GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

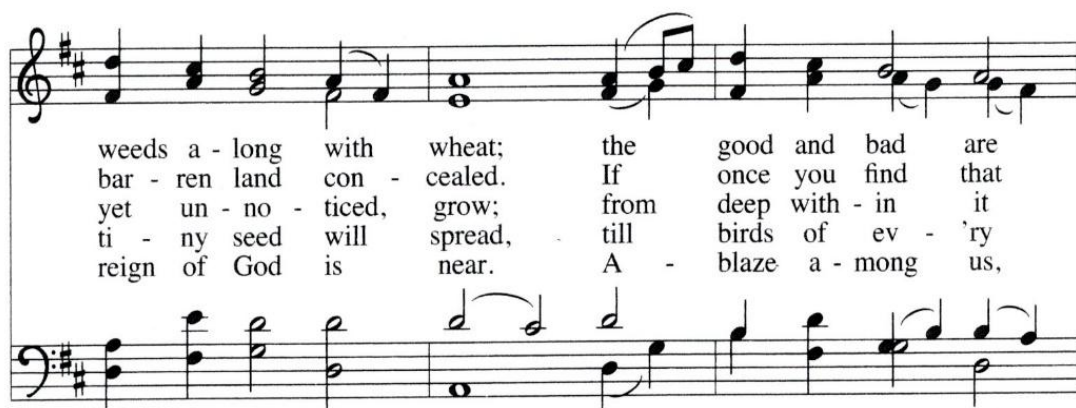
SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN #952 The Reign of God *(please stand)*



1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
 2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
 3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
 4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
 5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
 bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
 yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
 ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
 reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
 pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
 ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
 feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
 kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

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

ANTHEM

Be Still My Soul (Finlandia) – Sibelius

Cantors

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand as you're able)*

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

Praise My Soul

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!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: **The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth. On 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.

Triune God, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: **The earth is full of your glory. Amen.**

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 #694 Sing to the Lord of Harvest *(see next page)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

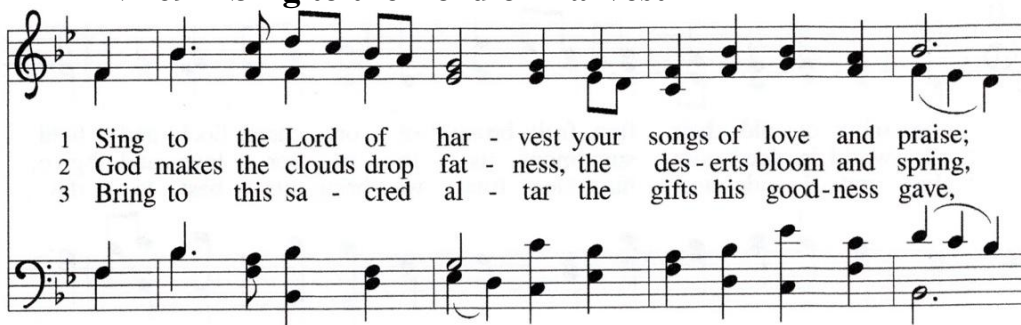
We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Fantasie in F Minor, K 608 - W. A. Mozart*
*Subtitled: **Ein Orgel Stück für eine Uhr (An Organ Piece for a Mechanical Clockwork)**, Mozart was commissioned to compose this **Fantasie** for a musical instrument without keyboards which nowadays we would call an automatic player organ. Popular in the 18th century, the instrument had several sets of pipes that were played by a clock mechanism. The **Fantasie** was later transcribed for 10 fingers and 2 feet, with less flexibility than a machine.*

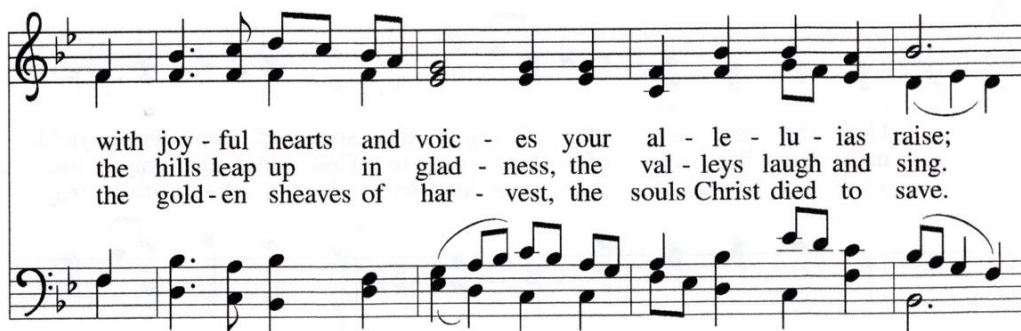
Today's Cantors: Naomi Castro & Dylan Bunten

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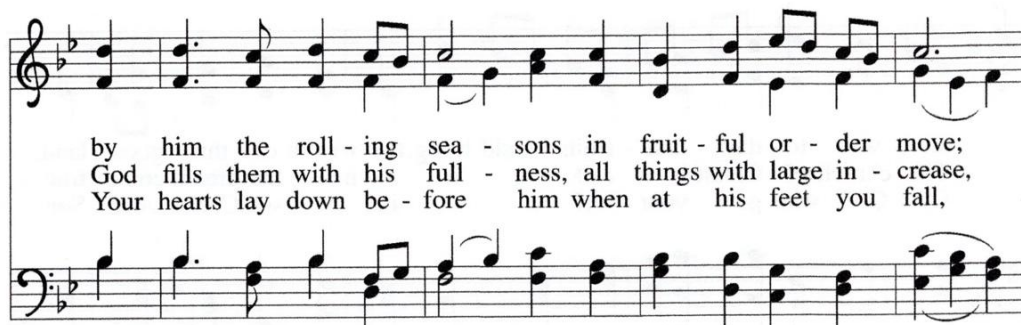
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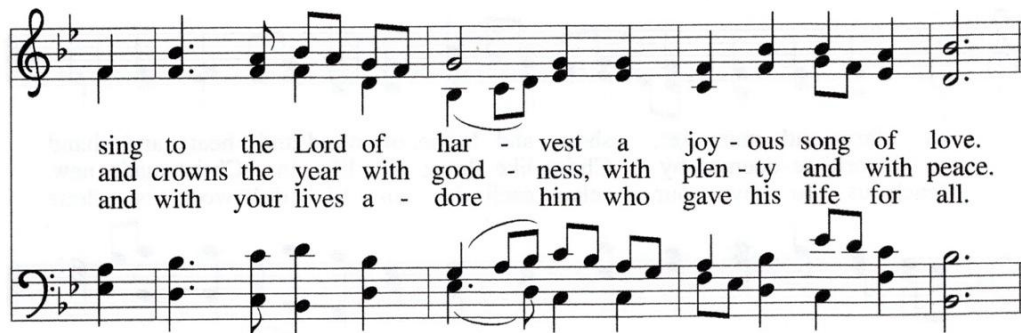
1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

CENTRAL'S WEEKLY EVENTS

Men's Bible Study group meets on Wednesdays at 8am at the Springs at Greer Gardens (1282 Goodpasture Is. Rd).

Pastor's Bible Study group meets on Wednesdays at 11am via Zoom. Let Pastor Laurie know if you'd like to be added to the email list.

Catch up with friends at our Midweek Coffee Hour this Wednesday at 1pm in the Terrace Room.

Quilters meet every Thursday at 9am in the Gathering Room.

Women's Bible Study group meets at 11am on Thursdays in the CLCW Room or via Zoom. Call the church office if you'd like to have the Zoom link sent to your email inbox.

Members and friends of Central, United, and Emmaus (CUE) are invited to our "*Season of Creation*" vespers service each of the Wednesdays of July. This brief worship service is being hosted at United Lutheran at 7pm.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events...

Plan to join your friends from Central for the Springfield Drifter's Baseball Game on July 26th (game time is 4:35pm). Free tickets are available by calling or emailing the church office.

Central will be hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 11th from 10am – 3pm. To schedule an appointment, visit their website: RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

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