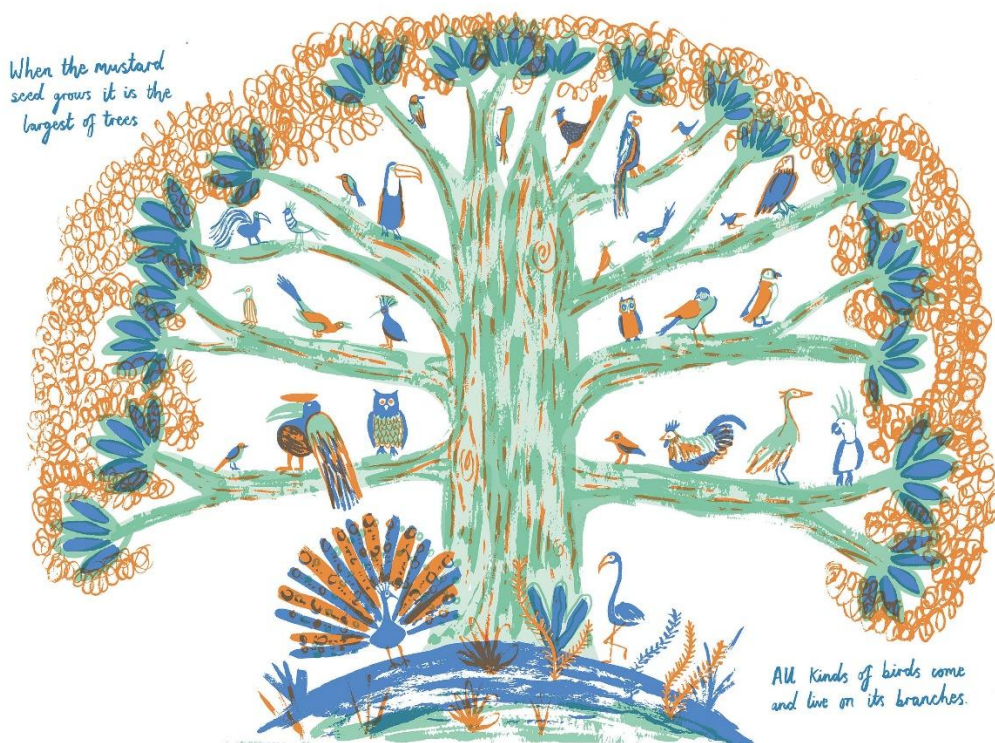


**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 7, 2026**  
**8:30am & 11am Worship**



**Central Lutheran Church**  
**1857 Potter Street**  
**Eugene, OR 97403**  
**[www.welcometocentral.org](http://www.welcometocentral.org)**



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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 (8:30)**      *Jesus Loves Me* – traditional  
**(11:00)**      *Harvest Song* – Cornelius Gurlitt

Oliver Miller  
Arya Saks

## 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.*

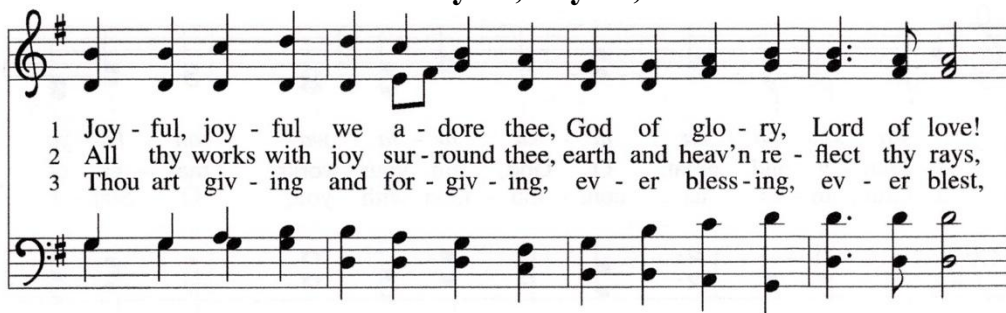
Compassionate God,

**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.**

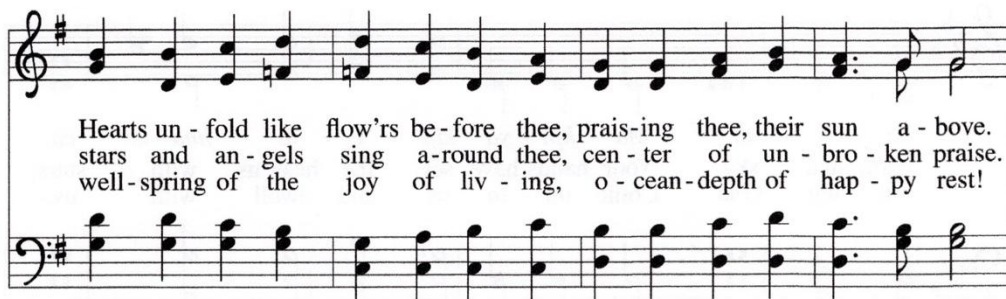
**In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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.**

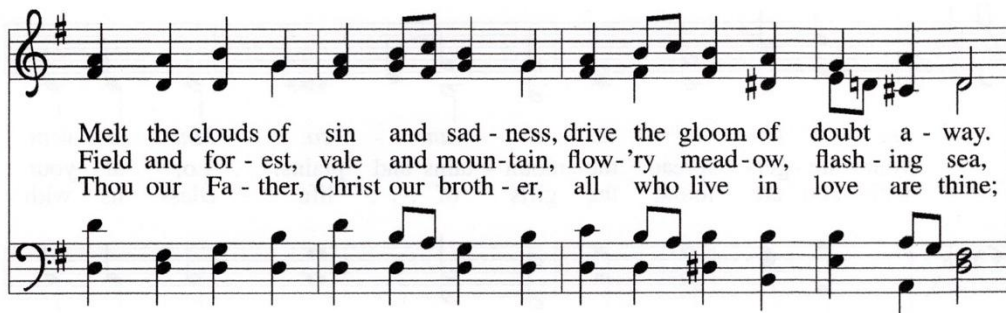
# ENTRANCE HYMN #836 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

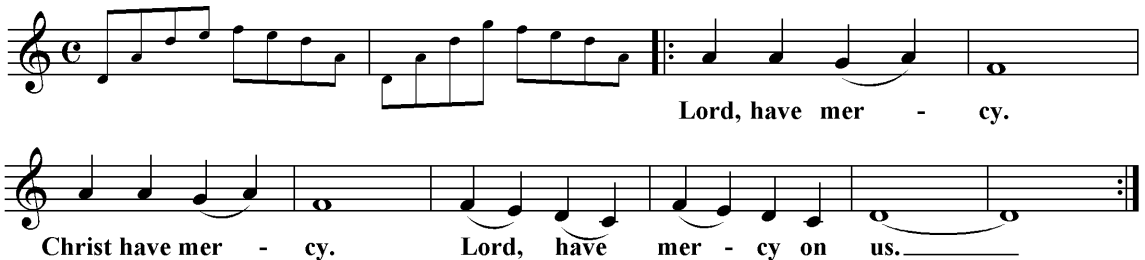


Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

## 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



Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## GLORIA



1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, who God the Fa - ther  
3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -  
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who  
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,  
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, **you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** *(you may be seated)*

## **FIRST LESSON    Hosea 5:15—6:6**

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: "Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

## PSALM 33:1-11

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;  
praise is fitting for the upright.

**Praise the Lord with the lyre;  
make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.**

Sing for the Lord a new song;  
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

**For your word, O Lord, is right,  
and faithful are all your works.**

You love righteousness and justice;  
your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

**By your word were the heavens made,  
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.**

You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin  
and store up the depths of the sea.

**Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.**

For God spoke, and it came to pass;  
God commanded, and it stood fast.

**The Lord brings the will of the nations to nothing  
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

Your will, O Lord, stands fast forever,  
and the designs of your heart from age to age.

**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 forever. Amen.**



## ANTHEM

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
CLC Children's Choir

John Rutter

*After the Anthem, our children are invited to join Crystal (8:30) and Stephanie (11:00) in the Chapel for a special children's message. They will return immediately following the sermon.*

## **SECOND LESSON    Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

*Praise the Lord Together - Junior Cantors*

## GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-32

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

## HYMN #588 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *(please stand at verse 2)* *Children's Choir sing verse 1, congregation joins for verses 2 & 3*



There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness of the sea;  
There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n;  
For the love of God is broad - er - than the mea - sure of our mind;



there's a kind - ness in His jus - tice which is more than li - ber - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fai - lings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more sim - ple, we would take Him at His word,



there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is hea - ling in His blood.  
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - row of the Head.  
and our lives would be il - lu - mined by the pre - sence of our Lord.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*When the leader says, “God of 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

## PRESENTATION TO OUR CHILDREN’S CHOIR & JR. CANTORS

**ANTHEM**    *The Kingdom of God is Like a Mustard Seed*      Mini-Cantors

*The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed  
For when it is sown in the earth in the spring  
It is least of all seeds in the earth  
But when it is watered, it grows, it grows  
And is greatest of the herbs  
The kingdom of God is like a seed  
A little seed  
A little mustard seed*

*Wherever you go plant a seed  
along the way  
A seed of joy however small it be  
May one day grow into a tree  
Wherever you go plant a seed  
along the way  
A seed of faith however small it be  
May one day grow into a tree*

## OFFERING

*You are invited to place your offering in the plate  
as you come forward to receive 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. **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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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

*You are invited to come forward down the center aisle with hands open to receive the bread in the form of a wafer and intinct (dip) it into the cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available (simply let the communion server know). For those who do not desire to receive communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated. This is Christ's meal and it is Christ who bids you come. All are welcome!*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### 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.


**ANTHEMS DURING COMMUNION** - CLC Children's Choir & Cantors  
*Hosanna to the Son of David* - Tomás Luis de Victoria  
*Adam Lay Ybounden* - Kraig Scott

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

### 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.**

## HYMN #543 Go, My Children (*please stand*)



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3. "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

## 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.**

**POSTLUDE**      *Christ's Chanticleer* – A. F. Schultz      Children's Choir

## DISMISSAL

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

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**Today's Cantors:** Daniel Au, Taylor Huett, Steve Rodgers & Jr. Cantors

*A special word of thanks to Ms. Lindsey & Mr. Steve and to our Children's Choir & Junior Cantors for leading us in worship today and for another outstanding year of hard work and dedication!*

**Louisa Barrett** – Children's Choir (3 yrs)

**Lukas Henriksen** - Children's Choir (2 yrs), Jr. Cantors (2 yrs)

**Eliot Hodgetts** – Children's Choir (4 yrs)

**Henry Koscho** – Children's Choir (3 yrs), Jr. Cantors (1 yr)

**Charlotte Miller** – Children's Choir (2 yrs), Jr. Cantors (3 yrs)

**Oliver Miller** – Children's Choir (2 yrs)

**Evelyn Neckels** – Children's Choir (2 yrs)

**Greyson Neckels** – Children's Choir (4 yrs)

**Piper Neubert** – Children's Choir (3 yrs), Jr. Cantors (1 yr)

**Paul Rodgers** – Children's Choir (4 yrs)

**Samuel Rodgers** – Children's Choir (2 yrs), Jr. Cantors (3 yrs)

**Arya Saks** – Children's Choir (2 yrs), Jr. Cantors (3 yrs)

**Signe Smith** – Children's Choir (2 yrs), Jr. Cantors (3 yrs)

**Emma Stalie** – Jr. Cantors (1 yr)

**CJ Strietelmeier** – Children's Choir (2 yrs), Jr. Cantors (3 yrs)



**Directed by Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers**  
**Accompanied by Dr. Steve Rodgers**

## **Mark your calendars for upcoming events**

The semi-annual meeting will be held between services on June 14th (9:45-10:45am) in the Parish Hall. The meeting will include a report from this year's Nominating Committee for the election of Church Council Members; 2027 Synod Assembly delegates; and next year's Nominating Committee. In addition, there will be a recommendation to approve updates to Central's Constitution and Bylaws, as well as a midyear financial update, an update regarding ongoing facility projects, and information on the call process for an Associate Pastor.

Plan to join us for our end-of-year Together Tuesday Potluck & Picnic in the Park on June 9th beginning at 5:15pm. We've reserved the main shelter in Hendricks Park for our gathering. Please bring a dish to share (paper plates, cutlery, and drinks will be provided).

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, June 21st. The 8:30am service remains the same (in the sanctuary or via livestream), but our 11:00am worship service will return to the Garden (located at 2345 Laura Street Springfield with parking available at Oregon Neurology located directly across the street). This off-site location provides a more informal setting (in a covered, open-air building), in which to worship surrounded by God's abundant creation.

**For additional information** on weekly and upcoming events visit our website [welcometocentral.org](http://welcometocentral.org).

**Individual prayer** is offered in the chapel by one of our prayer ministers immediately following the 8:30 service.

**Prayers requests** may be submitted to: [prayers@welcometocentral.org](mailto:prayers@welcometocentral.org)