Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024 8:30am Worship



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Welcome to Worship!

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, 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.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Aria sopra Beata nobis gaudi

Carlotta Ferrari

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (please stand as you are able)
Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your beloved children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

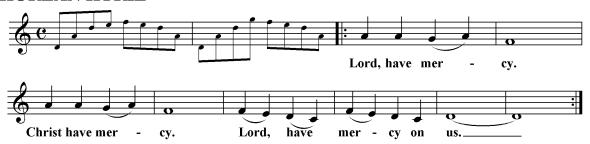
ENTRANCE HYMN #627 O Day Full of Grace



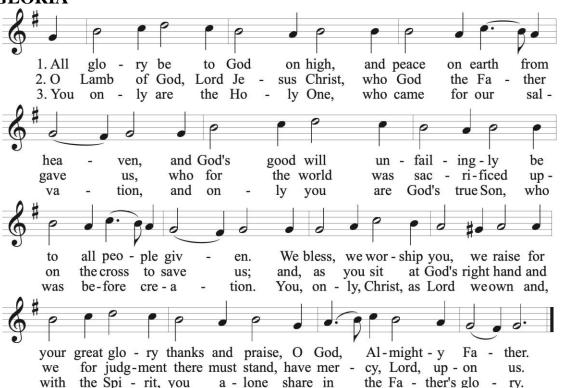
GREETING

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







PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b



²⁴How manifold are your | works,

- O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
- ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.
- ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- ²⁷All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season.
- ²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, ¹ they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

- ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.
- O Lord, rejoice in | all your works.
- ³²You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the Lord.

^{35b}Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hal- lelujah!

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

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

ANTHEM

The Lone, Wild Bird

Jessica Nelson

SECOND READING Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand as you are able)



Cantor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts | of your faithful,* and kindle in us the fire | of your love. **Repeat Antiphon.**

GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Gospel according to John, the 15th & 16th chapters.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning... ^{16:4b} 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 12"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN OF THE DAY Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (please stand)



NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us profess our Christian faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. (please be seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hail This Joyful Day's Return - plainchant

OFFERTORY PRAYER (please stand as you are able)

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

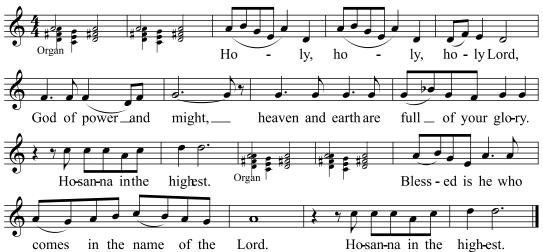
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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... And so, with the Church on earth and 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."

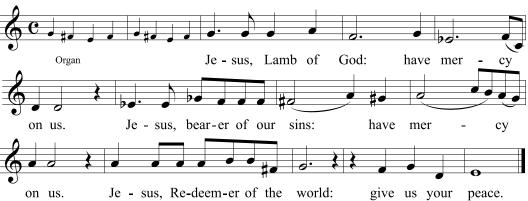
LORD'S PRAYER

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 (please stand as you are able) 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 abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

HYMN #400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (see next page)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

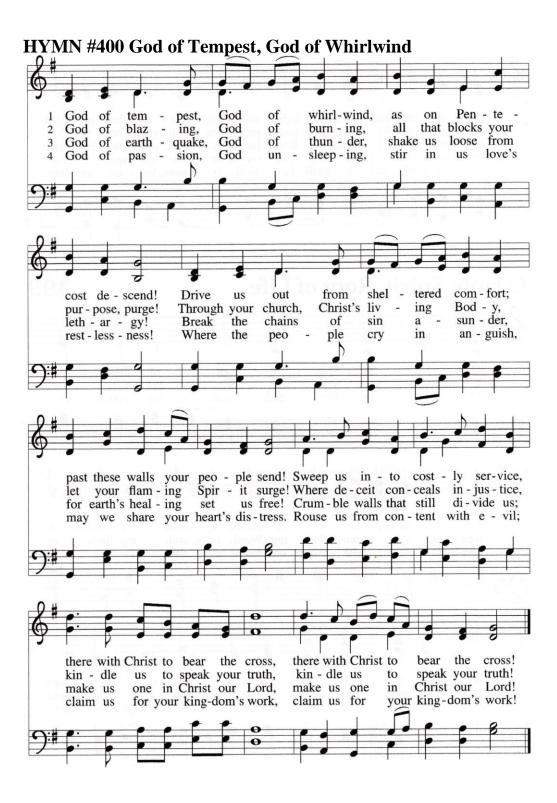
Thanks be to God.

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 Ferias Pentecostes Camille Saint-Saëns

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Cantors: Shayne Lowry & Alyse Jamieson



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Ways to serve:

- Are you willing to be a greeter, communion server, or hospitality provider for Sunday worship?
 - Contact Pastor Laurie (pastorlaurie@welcometocentral.org)
- Are you willing to set up communion for worship or clean up after? Contact Meg Hicks (meghicks@rocketmail.com)
- Are you able to help prepare the meal for parents and children at the First Place Family Annex on Mondays?
 Contact Kim Meyers (klmcpa.meyers@gmail.com)
- Interested in Quilting? No previous experience needed. Contact Jill Liedtke (jill.liedtke@gmail.com)
- Are you willing to help update the display case with Central's history. Contact Elizabeth Uhlig (emuhlig@gmail.com)

Mark your calendars:

- Christus House Sunday is June 2nd. Our coffee hour between services will be hosted by CH residents at Christus House.
- Our last Together Tuesday for the program year is Tuesday, June 11th.
- The semi-annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 16th between services (9:45-10:45am).
- Summer Worship Schedule begins on June 23rd with Worship in the Sanctuary (or via livestream) at 8:30am and Worship at the Garden (2345 Laura St., Springfield) at 11:00am!
- Vacation Bible School (children 3 years thru 5th grade) with Central, United & Emmaus; Mon-Fri, June 24th-28th from 9am-12:30pm (hosted at Central). Friends are welcome! Volunteers are needed. Contact Crystal (crystal@unitedlutheran.org).