

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Quilt Sunday
October 11, 2026
8:30am & 11:00am Worship



Central Lutheran Church
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CENTRAL LUTHERAN'S 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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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Aria from Xerxes

G. F. Handel

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

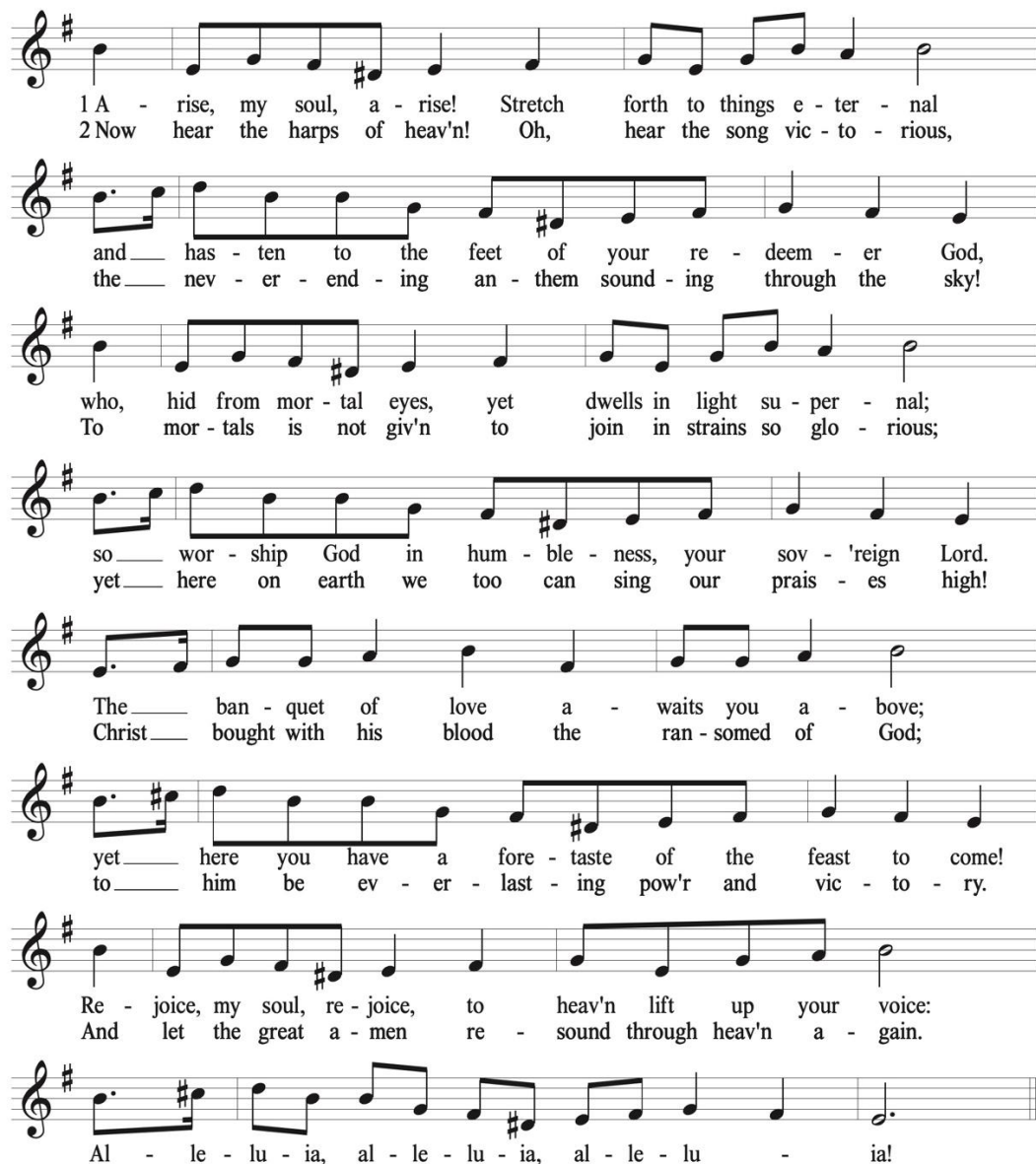
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is the forgiveness of sins and the promise of new life. Receive freely this healing gift of mercy and grace. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN #827 Arise, My Soul Arise *(please stand)*



1 A - rise, my soul, a - rise! Stretch forth to things e - ter - nal;
2 Now hear the harps of heav'n! Oh, hear the song vic - to - rious,
and has - ten to the feet of your re - deem - er God,
the nev - er - end - ing an - them sound - ing through the sky!
who, hid from mor - tal eyes, yet dwells in light su - per - nal;
To mor - tals is not giv'n to join in strains so glo - rious;
so wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness, your sov - 'reign Lord,
yet here on earth we too can sing our prais - es high!
The ban - quet of love a - waits you a - bove;
Christ bought with his blood the ran - som of God;
yet here you have a fore - taste of the feast to come!
to him be ev - er - last - ing pow'r and vic - to - ry.
Re - joice, my soul, re - joice, to heav'n lift up your voice:
And let the great a - men re - sound through heav'n a - gain.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

3 *Refrain*

Organ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu ia, al-le-lu ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es wis-dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon-or, bless-ing and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu ia, al-le-lu ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion. Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to

Final refrain

God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign.

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia al-le-lu ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

WORD

FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 25:1-9**

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23



The Lord[|] is my shepherd;

I shall not[|] be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down[|] in green pastures
and leads me be-[|] side still waters.**

You restore my[|] soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways[|] for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**I shall[|] fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they[|] comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence[|] of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is[|] running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days[|] of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the[|] Lord forever.**

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 (8:30) *Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus* – David Hurd Cantors

ANTHEM (11:00) The Old Church – Stephen Paulus Chorale
*The old church leans nearby a well-worn road upon a hill that has no grass
or tree, the winds from off the prairie now unload the dust they bring around
it fitfully. The path that leads up to the open door is worn and grayed by
many toiling feet of us who listen to the Bible story, and once again the old
time hymns repeat. And every Sabbath morning we are still returning to the
altar waiting there. A hush, a prayer, a pause, and voices fill the Master's
House with a triumphant air. The old church leans awry and looks quite
odd, but it is beautiful to us and God.*

SECOND LESSON **Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to go to the Chapel for a special message. They will return during the Sharing of the Peace.

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



Cantors: This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation. **Repeat antiphon.**

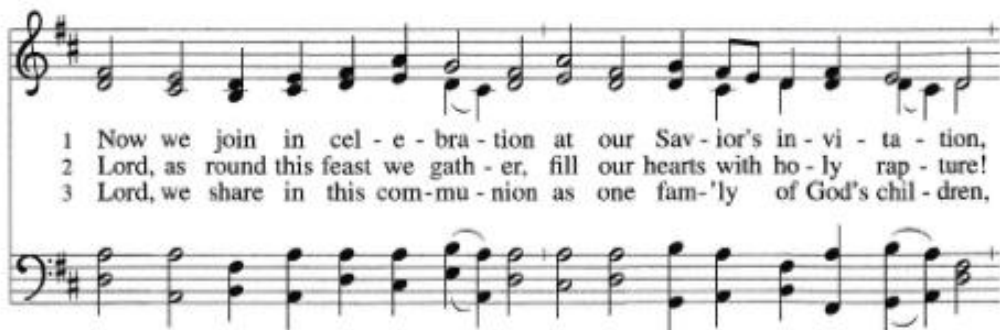
GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

The gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

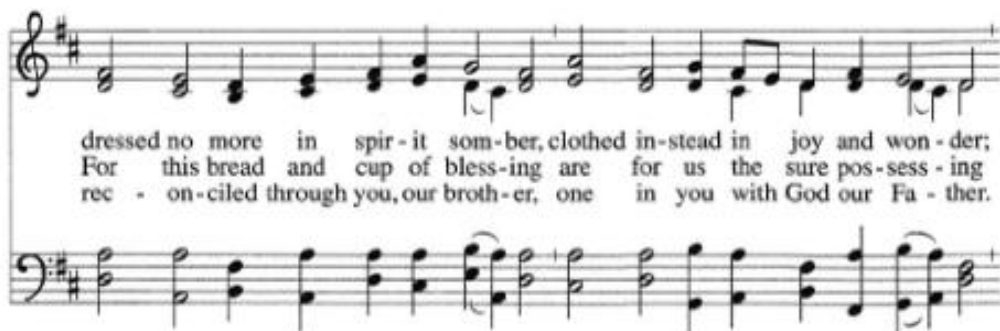
SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

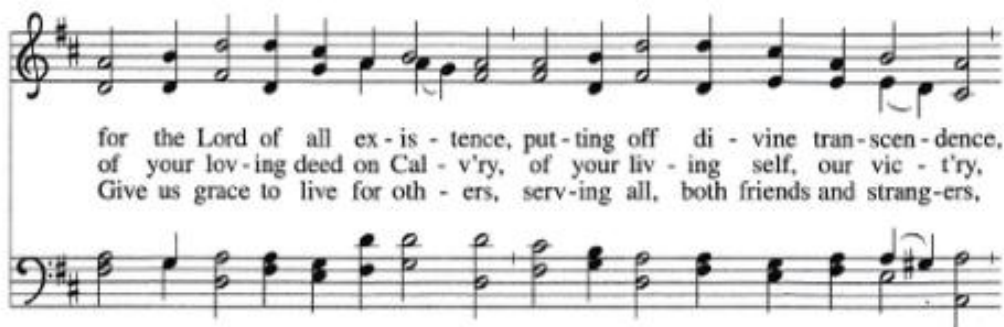
HYMN #462 Now We Join in Celebration *(please stand)*



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us,
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness,
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

When the leader says, “God, in your mercy,” please respond, “Hear our prayer.”

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERTORY

Woodland Flute Call

Fannie Marie Dillon

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.**

MEAL

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



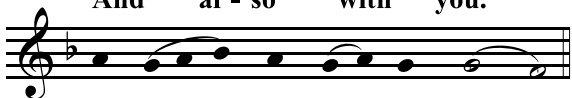
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



And al - so with you.



We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

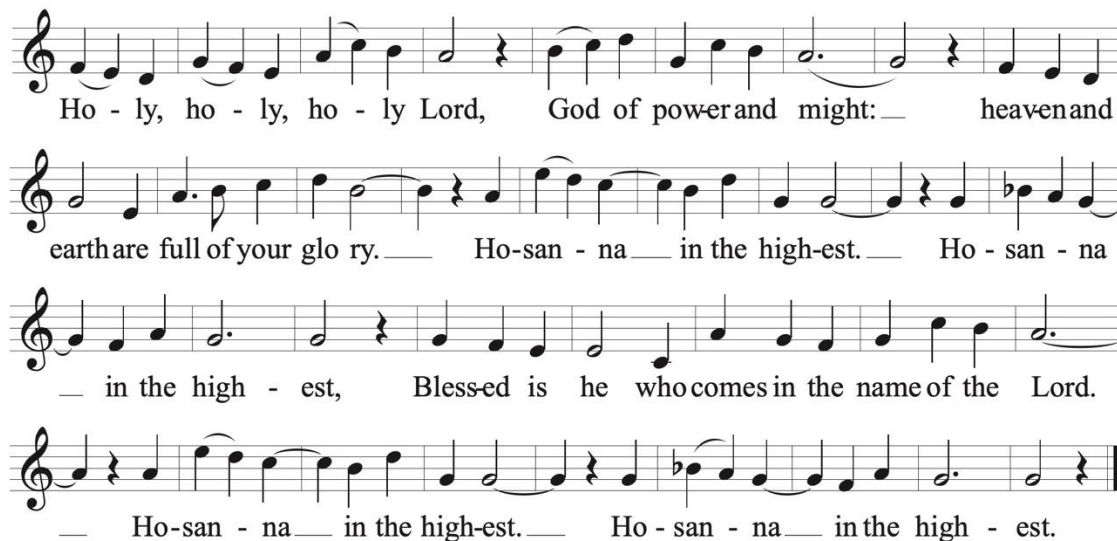


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and all places give our thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, 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 power and might: — heaven and
earth are full of your glo ry. — Ho-san - na — in the high-est. — Ho - san - na
— in the high - est, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
— Ho-san - na — in the high-est. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est.

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us — peace, grant us peace.

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

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

SENDING HYMN #742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus *(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 *Toccata in B Minor* Eugène Gigout

Cantors at 8:30 Alyse Jamieson & John Shields

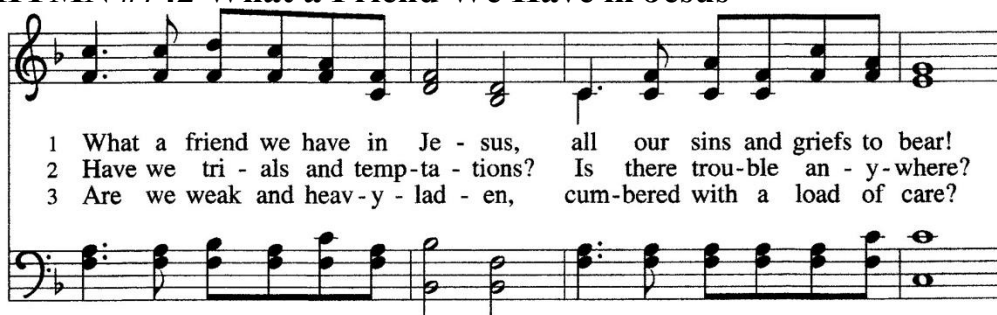
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Submit prayer concerns to: prayers@welcometocentral.org. Following the 8:30am worship service individual prayers are being offered in the chapel by one of our prayer ministers.

Would you like to be added to our email listserv? If so, contact our Parish Administrator, Kelly Colvin-Smith (churchoffice@welcometocentral.org).

Interested in membership at Central? We will be receiving new members on Christ the King Sunday, November 22nd. To find out more contact Pastor Laurie.

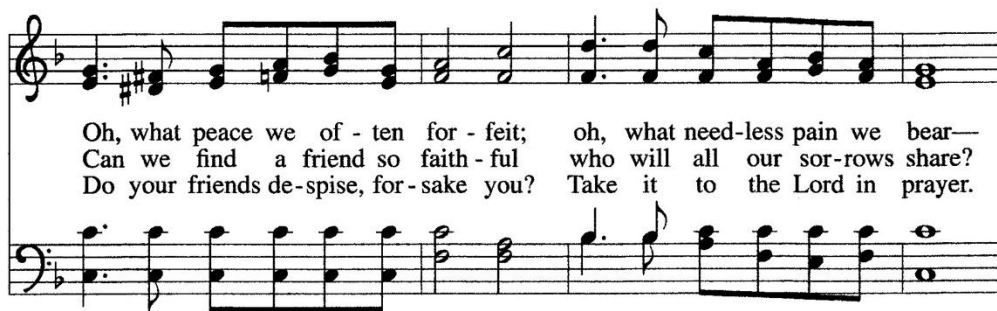
HYMN #742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

The CUE Whole Life Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, October 25th, from 3-5pm at Emmaus Lutheran. *Gathering the Harvest* will have games, activities, and presentations that will help live out Jesus' instruction to bring in the harvest both spiritually and materially. This will include a food collection for FISH maze, activities to support those who produce and provide food in our communities, a presentation from the youth summer service trip, prizes & treats! There will be something fun for our youngest members on up, so please plan to join us.

Volunteers are Needed for the Harvest Festival! Please consider bringing snacks, staff table stations, provide a fall-themed game, and/or bring a donation of non-perishable food items. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Crystal Miller (503-320-4055 or crystal@unitedlutheran.org).

Annual Solicitation for Funding Special Projects: CLC Endowment 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, from the Endowment Committee or www.connecttocentral.org/foundation-endowment. Your proposal must be coordinated through a committee, ministry team, council, relevant staff person, and/or one of the pastors. **Deadline: November 1, 2026.** Endowment Fund Committee Members: Kelly Colvin-Smith, Chair; Donna Bennett; Drew Haugen; Stephanie Riess; Becky Shurson; Bruce Smolnisky; and Debbie Knebel (Council Rep).

Chi Rho Series - October 23-24

Central Lutheran Church

Join us for a weekend of study with Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers and explore the ways that the pipe organ forms sacred community, through the spoken word, hands-on exploration, and musical meditation.

Lead, Wood, Air, Flesh, and Bone: Musical Elements of Sacred Space **Friday, October 23, 7pm**

Our kickoff evening will feature an interactive presentation exploring the role of the pipe organ in forming sacred communities. The program will focus on the organ both practically and imaginatively: an object that is equally a functional musical instrument, an exquisite piece of artisanal craftsmanship, and a symbol of multi-faceted human cooperation.

All Ages Pipe Organ Exploration **Saturday, October 24, 10am**

Come discover how a pipe organ works! In addition to learning about the renowned Brombaugh organ at Central, participants young and old will be able to build a real, functioning pipe organ. The "Do-Organ" kit, on loan from OrgelKids USA, contains 133 parts that groups can assemble under one hour, bringing the science, engineering, and music of the instrument to life.



Organ Vespers

Saturday, October 24, 4pm

Central's Organ Vespers series features meditative programs interspersing organ music and poetry. This Organ Vespers will focus on the pipe organ as a source of poetic imagination, one that often symbolizes community and interdependence.