



Central Lutheran Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost
via Zoom
June 13, 2021

PRELUDE

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. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we

ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

The Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³With many such parables he spoke the word

to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord 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 .

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

The readings for next week are:

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

The Memorial Service for Sally Bethel will be held here on Wednesday, June 16th at 1:00pm with a reception in the Parish Hall following. If you would like to view the service from your home, you will find the link posted on our website: connecttocentral.org.

Next week the 11:00am worship service returns to The Garden (2345 Laura St.) in Springfield. Parking is available in an adjacent lot at Oregon Neurology. Open-air, covered seating with ample space to allow for physical distancing, this is a beautiful setting for a more informal worship experience.

Coffee & Chat on Thursdays from 10am-noon continues through June 24th. Invite a friend to join you in the Terrace room or the Library at Central to catch up or simply drop by to touch base with your Central family.

On Sunday, June 27, from 1pm - 3pm, members of Central, United, and Emmaus are invited to Camp Lutherwood for a light lunch (at 1:30pm), followed by a commissioning service for summer staff. This is an opportunity to see camp after almost two years of renovations since the fire in April, 2019. We will also get to meet the 2021 summer staff as we partner together in raising up young adult leaders. Finally, this is a wonderful opportunity for us to enjoy a few hours at camp with one another as we give thanks to God for the beauty of creation. (Note: Masks will be required.) Carpooling is encouraged. Need a ride? Pastor Laurie has room for 4! Just let Kristi know when you RSVP.

RSVP no later than June 20th (info@welcometocentral.org) and include any dietary restrictions so the camp will be able to accommodate everyone!

Vacation Bible School still needs volunteers. Hosted at Central June 28-July 2, from 9am – 12:30pm this is a collaborative effort of Central, United, Emmaus, Our Redeemer, and Bethesda. Contact Crystal for more information (crystal@unitedlutheran.org or call/text 503-320-4055).

Volunteers needed to harvest produce from the CLC Garden! Each summer, the CLC Garden produces hundreds of pounds of food for our student neighbors. Please help us keep up with the bounty, and contact Ryan Josef-Maier to volunteer at jjcatsndrinks@gmail.com.

Eugene's Pride in the Park is planned for Saturday, August 14th. This year, Central is joining with Emmaus and United to host a booth! Get in touch with Sister Clare to participate.