

Central Lutheran Church  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 10, 2021

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Carillon

### **PRELUDE**

*Petit Canon*

Nadia Boulanger

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSTION 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.**

## HYMN Church Bells Break Silence

1 Church bells break si - lence With the sound of ring - ing.  
2 Source of all bless - ings, We bow down be - fore you;  
3 Glo - ry and ho - nor, Praise and a - dor - a - tion,

Peo - ple of God are Ga - thered 'round for sing - ing  
Our hearts and Al - voi - ces Rise up to all a - dore you.  
To God Al - migh - ty, Lord of cre - a - tion.

Hymns to Mes - si - ah - Loud Ho - san - nas  
Trust ing your pro - mise, Pray - ing, we im - -  
You send your grace to Each new gen - e -

ring - ing. To God be glo - - - ry!  
plore - ing. "Send us your Spi - near rit!"  
ra - tion. Al - ways be us

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K. Lee Scott, b 1950

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## 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. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *O Be Joyful (Jubilate Deo)*      Benjamin Britten      Cantors

## SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung by cantors*)

### GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

The Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

<sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

## SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

## HYMN OF THE DAY #775 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, continuing the melodic line from the first line.

tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has  
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear - ly loves us, from all tri - al

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn, continuing the melodic line from the previous lines.

faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn, continuing the melodic line from the previous lines.

no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.  
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Musical notation for the fifth line of the hymn, concluding the melodic line.

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us profess our Christian faith.

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### PEACE

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

**SOLO** *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*      O'Hara      David Gustafson

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

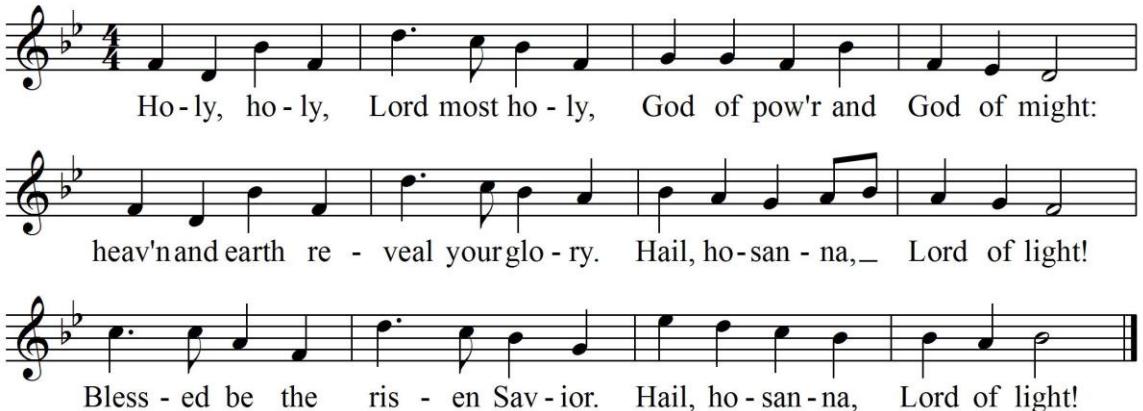
The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are as follows:

- The Lord be with you.
- And al - so 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, offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, through Christ our Lord; who on a cross overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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!

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember the Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.    +    Christ is risen.    +    Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **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**



## 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.

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

## 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.**

## HYMN #589 All Depends on Our Possessing

Musical notation for the first stanza, featuring two staves: treble and bass. The treble staff uses a G clef, and the bass staff uses a F clef. The key signature is one flat.

1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:  
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow’rs your grace con-ferred;

Musical notation for the second stanza, continuing the two-stave format with treble and bass clefs.

na-ture’s won-der, Je - sus’ wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave’s shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.

Musical notation for the third stanza, continuing the two-stave format with treble and bass clefs.

gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f’ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ’s age-less call,

Musical notation for the fourth stanza, continuing the two-stave format with treble and bass clefs.

thank-ful song shall rise for - ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Musical notation for the fifth stanza, continuing the two-stave format with treble and bass clefs.

## **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. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** *Offertoire sur les grands jeux - François Couperin*  
*For those of you worshiping with us in person we invite you to remain seated through the Organ Voluntary. However, if you choose to leave, we ask that you please depart the sanctuary in silence.*

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**Organ Concert at Central today at 4pm.** "Bach on the Brombaugh," featuring organist Wolfgang Rübsam and our beautiful Brombaugh Organ. Attendance is possible in-person or via live-stream at [connecttocentral.org](http://connecttocentral.org).

**Central Lutheran Foundation and Endowment** are currently accepting grant applications for distributions in 2022. For more information call the church office.

**Tuesday night book study:** On Tuesday nights at 7pm via zoom. Vicar Ben is leading a study of the book, *Coming Home To Earth* (Cascade, 2016) written by Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker, our upcoming Chi Rho speaker. This is a timely discussion of our current environmental crisis, what that means theologically, and what hope there is for the future. While the book is available from local booksellers, it is not required to read the book in order to participate in the class.

**Mark your calendars:** Chi Rho will be held (in-person and via live-stream) at Central November 12-14. More details to follow.