

Sunday, June 11, 2023

2nd Sunday after Pentecost



Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Central Lutheran Church: Called to Share God's Love.

We're glad you are here! Help us welcome you by signing a pew pad.
Please give the name of each person attending worship, including children.
Visitors, may we have your complete address?
Children 5 years and under are welcome in our worship services or in the nursery in room 4.

GATHERING.

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" with "Jesu. Joy of Man's Desiring"

arr. Marilynn Ham Debbie Pankow

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called to Share God's Love

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION

Living out God's Grace and Love through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CORE VALUES

We are a congregation that

- is open to all,
- values a community of all ages,
- is grounded in scripture and sacrament.
- nurtures individual gifts,
- believes that everyone has something to offer,
- values involvement in the greater community,
- supports all in the challenges and celebrations of their lives, as God meets us where we are.



"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, praising 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 ELW SETTING FOUR

ELW pp. 147-48

- ☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
- □ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mercy.
- ☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
- ☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.
- ☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW SETTING FOUR

ELW pp. 149-50

- ☐ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- ₩ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength,

and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING 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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY JUNE 18

Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 6:1"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. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let 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."

⁴What 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. ⁵Therefore 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. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerinas.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:7-15



⁷"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear wit- I ness against you; for I am God, your God.

8I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are al- ways before me.

⁹I will not accept a calf ^Tfrom your stalls, ||

nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰for all the wild animals of the for- [|] est are mine, || the cattle on a l thousand hills.

¹¹I know every bird [|] of the mountains, ||

and the creatures of the | fields are mine. ¹²If I were hungry, I | would not tell you, |

for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

¹³Do you think I eat the [|] flesh of bulls, || or drink the | blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall I hönor me.

SECOND READING 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.

¹³The 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations,"

according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He 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), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Special Music "Doxology" Hazel Bryan

 ELW p. 151 Please stand.

GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

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⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what

this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay

your hand on her, and she will live." 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Jeff Hackler

SERMON

Rev. Jeff Hackler

Atar flowers today are given by the Helgesons.

Thank you to our worship leaders today:

 Presider & Preacher:
 Rev. Jeff Hackler

 Musician:
 Debbie Pankow

 Assisting Minister:
 Birte Eliasen

 Lectors:
 volunteer

 A/V Wrangler:
 John Bulkow

Projectionist: volunteer



APOSTLES' CREED

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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We Ask Your Prayers for: Alaska Native Lutheran Church; Sitka Lutheran Church, Sitka;
Jan Adasiak, Marcia Baranow, Wendy Bergman, Jan Beverlin, Janet Boardman, Al Boecker,
Joe & Lisa Boecker, Lori Boecker, Yvonne Boecker, Harlan & Ella Braun, Erik Bryant,
Maria Bulkow, Charlene Chanonto, Lenore Clinton, Betsy Cooper, Katy Coski, Kara Dale,
Dixie Foley, Shannon Foley, Dave & Dianne Hillemeyer, Linda Koenig, Pete Kropidlowski,
Dee Lambert, Ed & Donna Luiten, Arne & Norma Mjolsnes, Judith Moore, the Padden family,
Marlene Rapp, George Rhyneer, John & Nel Rogers, Makayla Rose, Bob Voris, Bobbi Whitmire,
Mark Wohlgemuth, Lucinda Wright, Kallen Young, Kariana, Judy
Please pray for the families of those who've died: Alice Bethka

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

PEACE

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

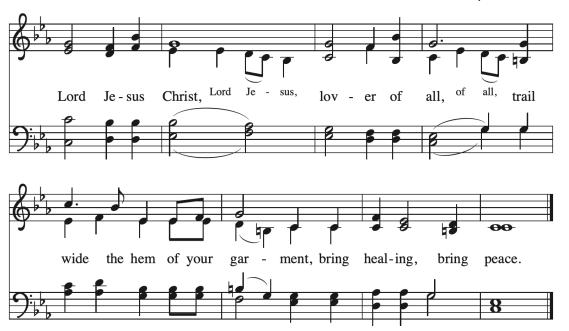
Please be seated.

OFFERING

The offering plate is located on a table at the center back of the Sanctuary. We welcome your donations to support Central's ministries and beyond via cash, check, card via the Square app on the tablet at the table, or at our website at centluth.org. Thank you.

OFFERTORY ACS # 1019

"Lord Jesus Christ, Lover of All"



Offering Prayer Please stand.

Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ELW SETTING FOUR

ELW p. 153

 □ Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Lord gives us a meal and gives us a prayer. We pray together: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

† Invitation to the Meal †

This is not Central's table, not a Lutheran table; this is God's table, and you are all welcome.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table, whether you are a member or a guest. Today we commune in a walking style. If for any reason you would prefer to receive a blessing in lieu of receiving communion, please hold your hand over your heart. You are invited to take time for prayer at the altar rail after taking communion. Gluten-free wafers are available on the tray at the first pew.

LAMB OF GOD ELW SETTING FOUR

ELW p. 154

□ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 □ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 □ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Votive candles are available to light in memory of loved ones in the stand on the left side of the altar. Please use the Oil Candle Lighter. It is the small metal box with two removable metal wands. Each wand has a wick on one end that is kept moist with oil from inside the box. Light the wick end of the wand from an already lit votive candle. After lighting a new votive candle, blow out the flame on the wand and place it back into the container, which will re-wet the wick with new oil. Please do not let the wick burn for a long time, as it will use up the oil in the wand and the wick will actually start to burn (which we do not want). Please do not pick up the votive candles to light them. Let each worshipper re-light and extinguish the wand at their turn; do not pass the burning wand to another person.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 588

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty. there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood. and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der-ful - ly kind. great-er good be - cause of e - vil, larg-er mer-cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n. there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up-per home of bliss. and we mag-ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own. and our lives will be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 983

"Now the Meal Is Over"



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

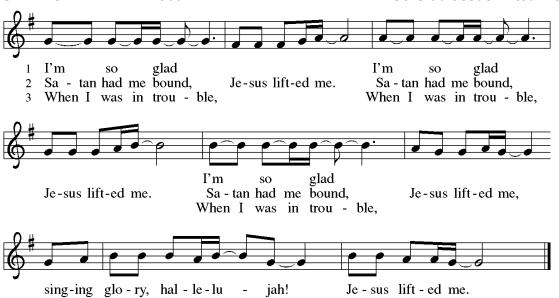
SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #860

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"



BLESSING

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 harvest. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Fantasia"

by Johann Pachelbel Debbie Pankow The **Book Club** is discussing Election by

Tom Perrotta on Monday, June 19, at 4:30 at church. From the New York Times bestselling author of The Leftovers and Tracy Flick Can't Win comes this darkly hilarious novel about a high school election that brings out the worst in everyone.



Join our multi-generational group of **pickleball** players. We play most Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall, 4:45-6:15 pm. Text Christi at 646.710.0805 for details. All levels welcome.

Women of the ELCA will be hosting their Triennial Gathering this fall, September 21-24, 2023, in Phoenix, AZ. Registration is open now at welcatg.org and the early registration discount is still active!

Fall Women's retreat in Fairbanks -September 8-9 at Fairbanks Lutheran Church. Learn more from Karen Voris or Kathy Freeman and join us! RSVP to AlaskaSynodicalWomensOrg@gmail.com

The weekly **Coffee Klatsch** meets 8:30 - 10 am Wednesdays at Kaladi Bros. Coffee on Brayton. For the 9 am Zoom Klatsch link, please reach out to Hedric Hanson.

Our Anchorage Farmers Market meets Saturdays, 9 am to 2 pm. Central hosts a hospitality booth and we'd welcome your donation of bake sale items or gift of a few hours. See our online sign up in eNews THANK YOU to 6/11 volunteer Steve Lambert and 6/17 volunteers Ralph & Judy Bagley

Let's Play! Wednesdays, June 14 & June 28, we'll picnic at 6 pm at Valley of the Moon. Multi-generational picnics with music, games, an activity for the kiddos, and time to play while the adults visit. We'll grill some main dishes and you can bring a side dish to share. ALL are welcome.

Let's walk! Monday evening walking group meets June 12 at 6 pm at the Little Campbell Lake parking lot at Kincaid Park. All ages and leashed pups are welcome. Come once or come every week.

THANK YOU all for your support of our fundraising for the **building fund**. This fall we are upgrading the elevator and fire detection system for \$260,000. We have \$243,811.48 toward our goal.

Eva Wissmann and Judy Bagley and Paula Zawodny are continuing a **kitchen cleaning and organizing** project. Join them on June 21 at 10 am or pick a 2nd time.

The Helping Hands Clothing Closet has the following **wish list**:

- Men's shoes, sizes 10 11
- Women's clothing, size 6
- Women's walking shoes, sizes 7
- Men's jeans, waist sizes 30 32
- Back packs
- Blankets

Save the date: **Mike & Ruth Carson Memorial Service**, Saturday, July 29, at 3 pm followed by cookie reception

Sunday 6/11

9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE** (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org 10:45ish Annual Congregational Picnic @ Valley of the Moon Park 11 am KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel) 2 pm ANLC WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)



Monday 6/12

Weekdays, various times Intellektica Russian tutoring (Room 3)

2 pm Women's Gather Bible Study (office & via zoom.us)

6 pm Let's Walk! @ Little Campbell Lake, Kincaid Park (take Raspberry, "lake parking" signs)

6:30 - 8 pm Kingikmiut dancers (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday 6/13

Noon Pastors' Text Study (Cordova Room)

1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Closet open (HH Closet)

4:45 - 6:15 pm Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 6/14

8:30 - 10 am Coffee Klatsch @ Kaladi Bros. on Brayton

11 am staff meeting (Church office)

Noon - 1 pm Lectionary Text Study (Cordova Room)

6 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)

6 pm Let's Play! @ Valley of the Moon Park

Thursday 6/15

10 am - 1 pm Log Cabin Quilters (Fellowship Hall) Noon Finance Committee meeting (Cordova Room) Worship online via centluth.org

Friday 6/16

6 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)

Saturday 6/17

8 am set up, 9 am - 2 pm Anchorage Farmers Market (upper parking lot)

9:30 - 10:30 am WW Meeting (Community Room)

11 am - 2 pm Foot & Wound Clinic (Balcony)

11:30 am - 1 pm NAMI (Community Room)

Noon - 3 pm Eddie's Monthly AA Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

1 - 3 pm Listening Post (Balcony) & Helping Hands Closet open (HH Closet)

Sunday 6/18

8 am Church Council meeting (Cordova Room)

9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org

10:45 am Adult Ed class on St. Paul with Pastor Jeff (Cordova Room)

11 am KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)

2 pm ANLC WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

Zoom.us meeting ID 963 8911 9335 password is in weekly eNews

Bible studies & meetings