



Central Lutheran Church

September 25, 2022, 10:00 am
16th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Choir

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, who loves us beyond our days, frees us from past mistakes, and walks beside us into whatever lies ahead.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love as Jesus loves us.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of new beginnings and new life,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.**

Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life.

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Gather Us In”

ELW 532

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

WOV pg. 28

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**
(*Lord, have mercy:*)

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**
(*Christ, have mercy:*)

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**
(*Lord, have mercy:*)

Hymn of Praise

WOV pp. 29-30

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

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Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

Choir

WORD _____ *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-12

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

The Gospel of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

(Refrain:) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *(Refrain)*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *(Refrain)*

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Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *(Refrain)*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *(Refrain)*

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Affirmation of Faith

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.

The Prayers of the People

As petitions conclude: "God of grace," please respond "hear our prayer."

Sharing of God's Peace

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

MEAL _____ *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

Offering & Offering Prayer

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.

It is not only right...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

Communion Hymn "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984 Text © 1961 Oxford University Press

Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING _____ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Sending Song "Canticle of the Turning" ELW 723

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

(Refrain:) My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

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Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
 and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
 you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
(Refrain)

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
 there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *(Refrain)*

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Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**



Flowers given by Beth Kendall in celebration of Marlene Ringen's Birthday.

Worship Leaders	Today, September 25	Next Week, October 2
Ushers	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen, Dave Watts	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen, Dave Watts
Greeters	Peter & Laurie VanderWeyst	TBA
Lector	Jonathan Todd	Suzy Lavis
Assisting Minister	Kathy Trosvig	TBA
Zoom Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Communion Bread	Laurie VanderWeyst	Debbie Saunders

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-12 Luke 17:5-10

We Hold in Prayer this Week

God's Healing Presence to Surround: Mary Beck; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Aggie Birklied's son Mike & brother Kenny; Dave Bemis; Ben & Carol Krause's friend Mark; Gayle & Dave Watts' nieces Amanda & Laura Beyerlin; Peter & Laurie VanderWeyst's friend Paul Paulsen; Dave Watts' brother Ken; Duane Blair

We pray for our world, nation, and communities: The families and communities that are grieving the loss of loved ones by gun violence. The people of Ukraine. All refugees and all those who are facing violence.

Announcements

Blessing of the Animals On Sunday, October 9, we will celebrate the life of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, with a blessing of the animals. Please bring your fish, caged animals, well-behaved dogs, or pictures of animals that you want to have blessed.

Sunday Morning Bible Study takes place following worship in the Friendship Room. We are studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. All are invited.

"Do I Stay Christian?" Book Study takes place Wednesday afternoons 2:00 - 3:00, and Thursday evenings 6:30 - 7:30. Fell free to join at any time.

The fence is being installed. Special donations are being received to help cover the cost. Please clearly mark you special offering.

The PrayGround is for children pre-school and under to have their own space to enjoy worship. We encourage parents whose children are using the PrayGround to sit on that side of the Sanctuary so they can supervise their children.

September Mission of the Month: Academia Latina is the largest Latino organization in Snohomish County. English, GED and math are taught. Nutritional assistance is also provided.

With One Voice (WOV) Setting 5 We are using WOV Setting 5 for our liturgy. WOV is the small blue hymnal. Page numbers for the liturgical music are listed in the bulletin. We will also be using the newer version of the Lord's Prayer.

Re-Opening Committee is encouraging that masks be worn during worship and other church activities. The case rate per 100,000 for 7-day rolling period is 95, compared to 46 back on March 13 when mask wearing was made optional.

Pastor Jim's office hours Tuesday through Friday, times may vary, call to verify. Contact: 402-415-8748 or pjkillough@gmail.com.