

October 11th, 2020 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: O Day of Rest and Gladness ELW #521 verses 1 & 4

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.

4 New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises,
to Father, and to Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Greeting

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,

and turn us again to life in you

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O 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. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For 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, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On 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. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he 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. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, 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 the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, 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 co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, 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. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

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

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.’ ¹⁴“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Sermon – Pastor Michael Short

Hymn of the Day - We are Called ELW #720 verses 1 & 3

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Candidate for baptism, sponsors, & parents gather with the ministers at the baptism.

Presentation

Sponsors present the candidate.

Promises are made by the parents & sponsors; then by everyone present:

People of God, do you promise to support Lincoln and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

By the baptism of... the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Presentation of Candle and Quilt

Welcome Newly Baptized

Prayers

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Watch over those dealing with wildfires in the west or hurricanes in the south. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict; that they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill , those recovering from surgery or the symptoms of Covid 19, especially: **Geraldine, Bruce and Janet, Karen, David, Peter, Linda, Dennis, Carolyn, Ken, Steve, Marcy, Stan, Ruth Spielman Family, Sean and Jodi**, strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion & Words of Institution

Let us pray using the words our Savior gave 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.

Special Music

Offering

Closing Blessing

Mothering God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen.

Dismissal

Live in God's peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Please remember in your prayers this week:

Geraldine Williams (health & recovery)
Bruce and Janet Fuller (comfort and loss due to fire)
Karen Freiheit (health)
David Heise (health)
Peter Berhow (health - cancer)
Linda Garrison (health & recovery)
Dennis Rasmussen (healing)
Carolyn Rasmussen (general health)
Ken Westrud (health)
Steve Pecsénye (health)
Marcy Karsten (health)
Stan Gudmundson (health - cancer)
Ruth Spielman Family (death)
Sean & Jodi Grafton (mourning the death of Ray Grafton)

Today's Worship Assistants

Vocalist: **Keith Holmquist**
Lector: **Bob Hermann**
Assisting Minister: **Ed Berkley**
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY:

**HOLY BAPTISM OF:
LINCOLN JOHN KRUGER**



In-Person Worship

Each Sunday at 9:30 AM

We ask you to continue to follow the guidelines you have come accustomed to following: wearing a mask / physical distancing, and sanitizing your hands. Masks are optional outside and in cars but WILL BE mandatory whenever we are inside of the building. No social time will be offered before or after worship. Singing will be limited, but as much as possible we will offer special music to enhance your worship experience. Thank you for doing your part to help others stay safe and well.

For those who are not yet comfortable joining us for in-person worship, we will continue to offer a worship service online at 9:30am each Sunday morning. We will be live streaming when we are inside the building and premiering a video on Sundays when we are outside. Currently we do not have the ability to live stream from outside and provide the quality of service you have come to expect.

Watch for Service Bulletins to be sent via E-news on Saturdays, you will also be able to access them on our website to follow along during services under Worship -Sermon Links. At Central, we are looking to provide as many ways to view our church services from home as possible. We will be live streaming services on our Church Facebook page which can also be found on our Church website.

We also have our Sunday services broadcast on television; Mondays at 7 PM on Spectrum #986; and Wednesday at 5 PM on HBC #20.

Harvest Contributions

We will gladly accept flowers, pumpkins, gourds, etc, to decorate the area around the altar! If you have something you would like to donate, please contact the office.

All Saints Day Sunday, November 1

On All Saints Sunday, during our 9:30 am service, we will honor and remember the saints who have passed. The Book of Names will be displayed; please pause to write the names of loved ones to be remembered during the prayers through Nov. 22. If you prefer, you may email the names of your loved ones to aharvey@centrallutheranchurch.org or call the office.

Sunday School 2020-2021

Zoom on over to Virtual Sunday School!

Sunday mornings, 9:00 am, starting Oct. 11

We will send links and information this week. Virtual Sunday School will include a story, music and a craft. We hope to see you there!

Indoor & Outdoor Worship in October

We will hold an indoor service at 9:30 am each Sunday. This service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

On October 4, 11, and 18 we will also plan to hold a service outdoors in the parking lot at 10:30 am, weather permitting. You are encouraged to sit in your car and listen over the radio if you prefer.

- We will make an announcement by the previous Thursday at noon after checking the weekend forecast. Please check on Facebook or call the church office.
- If the temperature is below 50 degrees at 8:30 am on Sunday, we will cancel the outdoor service. Please watch for a Facebook announcement on Sunday mornings either way.

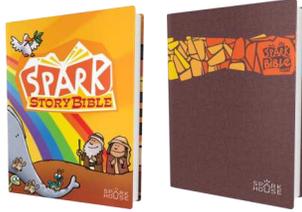
Six-Week Grief Support

Tuesdays, October 13th - November 17th
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Goodview Haven - 3655 W. 6th St., Goodview
Open to anyone who is experiencing grief, no matter when their loss occurred. Small group setting where people can share their experience with others who are dealing with loss. In order to join they ask that you please RSVP by calling Winona Health Hospice at (507) 457-4468 or by email at mkromrey@winonahealth.org.

Bible Distribution

Central Lutheran Church is pleased to invite all three-year-olds and third graders to schedule a time to receive their very own Bible (a gift from our congregation), a blessing from Pastor Mike, and a photograph. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are doing this individually, then turning it into a presentation that will be shared during the Reformation Sunday (October 25) worship service at 9:30 AM. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



Support Central's Mission

Just as there are multiple ways to participate in worship at Central (in-person or on-line, live or video), there are multiple ways for you to support the mission and ministry of Central.

Here are the options for you to consider:

- Put your weekly or monthly contribution in an envelope and mail it to the church - Central Lutheran Church, 259 W. Wabasha St. - Winona, MN, 55987.
- Consider signing up for direct deposit of your contribution by either:
 - a. Using the electronic payment setup through the church
 - b. Using the bill-pay option offered by your own bank.
- Going to www.CentralLutheranChurch.org website and click on the give tab.
- Or bring it with you whenever you come to worship in-person.

Thank you for all the ways you support the ministries of Central. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Christ in Our Home Devotionals Available at the Church

If you are needing a new devotional they are now available for pick-up at the church, just ring the doorbell. You can also call Kim in the office at (507) 452-5156 if you feel more comfortable having one brought out to you in your car or have no means of transportation.

Central Needs your Voice

During this time of virtual worship as well as in -person, we want to include as many voices as possible in worship. At the same time, we know some of you are still hesitant to venture out or to come into the church building. You can record your lesson or song using a smartphone or computer, camera, or voice recorder. We have a camera and a voice recorder to lend you if that would be helpful to you. Your participation is not limited to reading lessons or singing songs. If you play an instrument (piano, guitar, bells, or kazoo). Maybe you like telling stories and would like to record one for the children. You and your family could take turns reading the petitions of the prayers of the people. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination. So if you are willing to add your voice to the service by participating virtually in the service, please contact Pr. Michael or Aleah.

Preparing Holy Communion at Home

The service of Holy Communion will be included in our worship services, both in-person and online. So if you are at home and plan on participating in sharing communion with us, here are a couple suggestions to prepare a place for this holy meal.

- Create a sacred space by laying out a napkin or placemat.
- Place a candle in that space and light it as the worship service begins
- Prepare the meal by placing some bread and a small cup of wine on a place.
- You may use gluten free or a cracker in place of bread. Also grape juice in place of the wine.

Then as we share Holy Communion in worship, you may serve each other at home.

If you have small children who do not yet participate in the meal, don't forget to bless them at this time. Maybe even invite them to bless each other or to bless you as well. A blessing might be as simple as 'Jesus loves you' or whatever words you might want to use.



150th Anniversary Cookbook

Calling all cooks! Bakers too! While you are planning that Thanksgiving dinner— or dreaming of how it tasted “in olden days” before the COVID-19 shutdown... why not get out those best-ever, mouth-watering family recipes and send copies to the church cookbook?! Yay! Then you'll have them all in the book so you can find them.

See, it's like this: We know you can find recipes for almost anything online. (But is it as special as Grandma's?) We know you may not be getting together all at once this year. (Keep grandma safe at home. But we also want to create a tangible keepsake for this 150 year birthday of Central Lutheran Church. (Why “Central”?) And though so much has changed in the world outside our doors, our bellies still need filling and we still cook with love.

So! Please take 10 minutes to copy a favorite and get it to Grace Schueler. Need ideas? Christmas baking, breakfast, kid stuff, gluten-free, potlucks, graduation, parties, picnics, bake sale, eggless, dairy-free, vegetarian, cooking for threshers, the feast, beverages, foreign cuisine, etc.

Do it now, while you think of it! We need it by Thanksgiving in order to get them all typed up in time. A virtual hug to you if you get it to us sooner! Send us as many as you want before Thanksgiving. If you have a comment on the source or history around the food, share that too. We'll try to include as much as we can.

Send recipes and your name and how to reach you to:

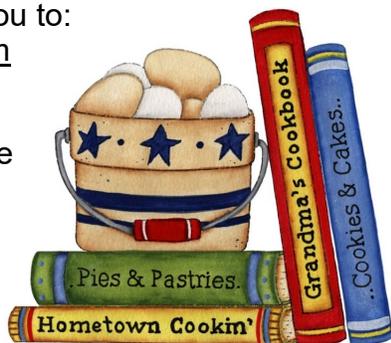
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WELCA Board

South Lawn of CLC - 2nd Monday of Each Month, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

CLC's WELCA Board meets regularly the second Monday of each month 9 am - 10 am. The Board meets outside (*socially distanced*) on the south lawn of the Church.

Food Donations

No one should go hungry. Food banks can not do it alone and you can help! Central Lutheran Church is still accepting food donations, you can call and a staff member will come out and grab them from you or ring the doorbell and we will let you in to drop your donated food in the bin. Thank you for contributing to this very important mission!

Christmas Sale and Luncheon Cancelled

The members of WELCA regret that we will be unable to hold our annual Christmas Baked Goods and Lefse Sale, as well as the Christmas Luncheon this year, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We look forward to sharing the tastes of the Christmas Season with you in 2021!



Your gifts make a difference!

Offering Income October 1st - 5th: \$10,515.00

Offering Goal October: \$47,609.77

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