

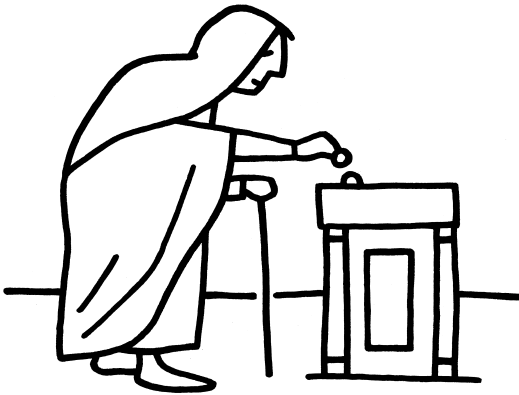
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Sunday, November 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost



Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

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

We're glad you are here! Help us welcome you by signing a Welcome to Worship 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

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” arr. Marilyn Ham
Debbie Pankow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You may face the baptismal font as the service begins. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **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.

OPENING HYMN ELW # 695

“As Saints of Old”

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day

to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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 EIGHT

ELW pp. 184-85

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.

- ♪ For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**
- ♪ That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**
- ♪ For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
- ♪ **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**
- ♪ For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink."

¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home

and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.

¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

PSALM 146



¹ Hal-¹ lelujah! || Praise the LORD,¹ O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long¹ as I live; ||
I will sing praises to my God while I¹ have my being.**

³ Put not your¹ trust in rulers, || in mortals in whom there¹ is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re-¹ turn to earth, ||
and in that day¹ their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob¹ for their help, ||
whose hope is in the¹ LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that¹ is in them; ||
who keeps promis-¹ es forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to¹ those who hunger. ||
The LORD sets the¹ captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who¹
are bowed down; || the LORD¹ loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares¹ for the stranger; ||
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall¹ reign forever, ||
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.¹ Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“It Is Well with my Soul”

by Horatio Spafford and Philip Bliss

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain

It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.*

*He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW SETTING EIGHT

ELW p. 188

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

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

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into

the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Mark Galbraith

SERMON

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1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, “You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me.” Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you.”
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

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

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

We Ask Your Prayers for:

Alaska Native Lutheran; Anchorage Grace Korean; Epiphany Luth. Episcopal Church, Valdez; Jan Adasiak, Gary Bergman, Wendy Bergman, Jan Beverlin, Al Boecker, Joe & Lisa Boecker, Lori Boecker, Yvonne Boecker, Harlan & Ella Braun, Erik Bryant, Maria Bulkow, Charlene Chanonto, Betsy Cooper, Kathy Earhart, Dixie Foley, Shannon Foley, Dianne Hillemeier, Mark Johnson, Pete Kropidowski, Dee Lambert, Ed & Donna Luiten, Ed Mjolsnes, Arne & Norma Mjolsnes, Marlene Rapp, John Rogers, Kristina Slater, Lynn Soiseth, Remi Thrasher, Lee & Jackie van Horn, Andrea Vancil, Bob Voris, Bobbi Whitmire, Carol West-Dahl, Mark Wohlgemuth, Mary Wolter, Kallen Young, Kariana

Each petition ends: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

PEACE

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

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.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY ACS # 1035

“Though the Earth Shall Change”



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, **our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. 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 EIGHT

ELW p. 190

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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. Today we commune in a walking style—you'll be offered a wafer of bread and may select a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). After communing, drop your empty cup in the basket. If, for any reason, you prefer to receive a blessing in lieu of receiving communion, please cross your arms over your heart. Gluten-free wafers are available on the tray at the first pew.

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.

LAMB OF GOD ELW SETTING EIGHT

ELW p. 191

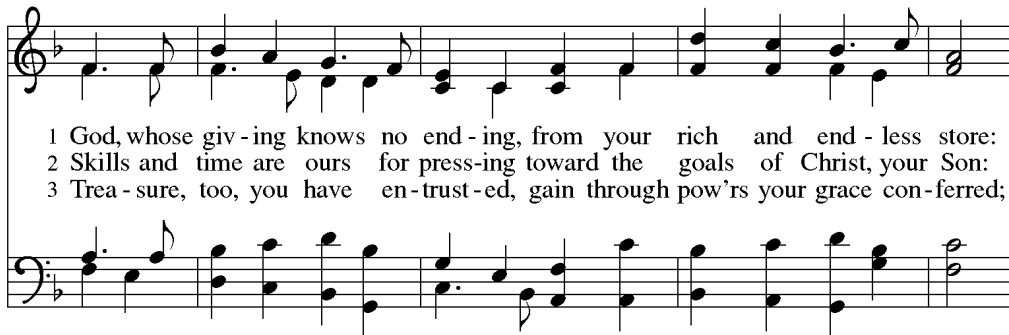
♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

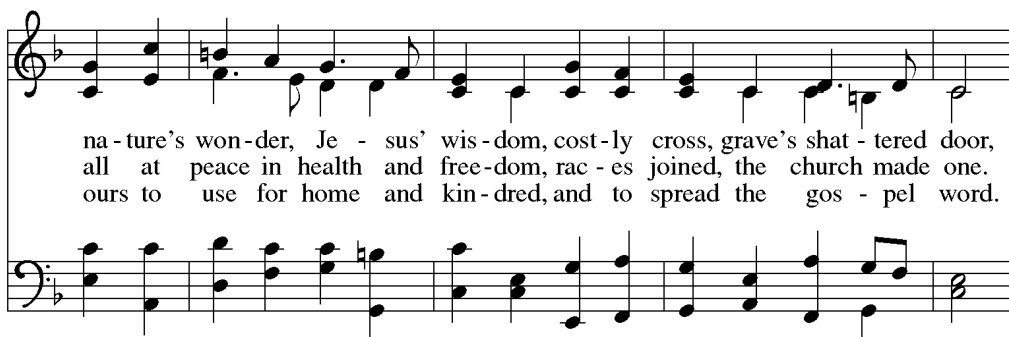
1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 678

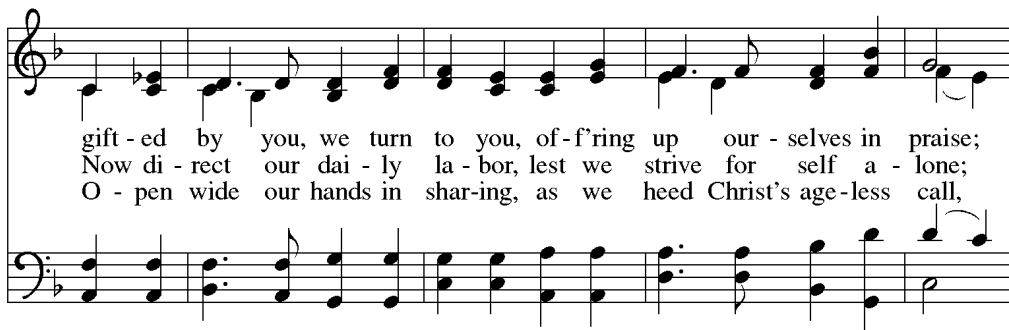
“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”



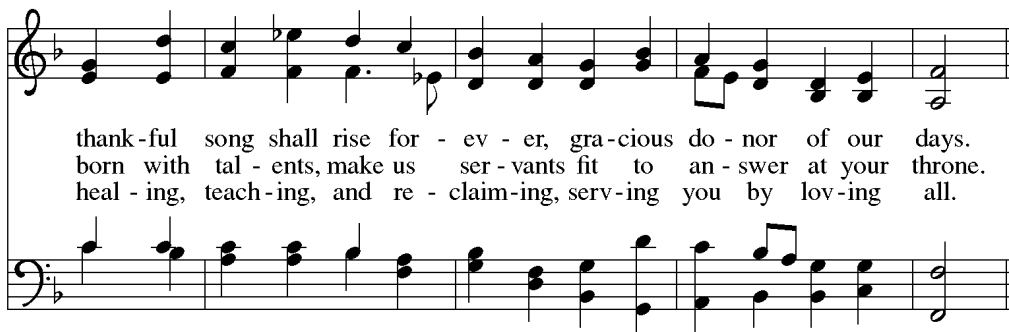
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



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.



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,



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.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 679

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

SENDING

SENDING HYMN ELW # 790

“Day by Day”

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

BLESSING

Please face the baptismal font..

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Jig Fugue”

**by Dietrich Buxtehude
Debbie Pankow**

Thank you to our worship leaders today:

<i>Presider:</i>	Rev. Mark Galbraith
<i>Choir Director:</i>	Tai Wai Li, today Choir is led by Debbie Pankow
<i>Musician:</i>	Debbie Pankow
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Keith Padden
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>volunteer</i>
<i>A/V Wrangler:</i>	<i>volunteer</i>
<i>Projectionist:</i>	<i>volunteer</i>

Sharing with Stars holiday craft day! led by Deacon Linda Bender, offers a craft day here at Central 10 am to Noon-ish on Tuesday 11/12. We'll be creating Swedish stars and cards for an exchange with congregants in Petersburg and beyond. **We need the following supplies for this project:** cotton fabric with a winter or holiday design, card stock paper, construction paper, fabric glue, and any decorations that would go on a card or small stocking.



Donations of Chapstick, small lotions, wrapped candies, pens, and small combs would be appreciated. You may drop off donations in the office or give to Deacon Linda at church.

80th Anniversary Potluck:

Pick up a Central Lutheran cook book, past or present, and select a recipe to make and share at our **80th Anniversary Potluck on Sunday, November 17, following worship.**

(Don't have a classic cook book? Visit the Church office to find and photocopy something perfect!) It will be fun to share who originally submitted the recipe.



**Tickets now
available!**



THE
Light

SHINES IN THE
DARKNESS, AND
THE DARKNESS
HAS NOT
OVERCOME IT.

John 1:5, ESV

Lutheran Women's Advent Brunch

**9 am Saturday
November 30, 2024**

Central Lutheran Church, Anchorage

Tickets available now at most Lutheran Churches

Possible child care on site. We'll collect diapers and wipes for LSSA at the event.

Need more info? Phyllis Rude 907-230-9001

Worship:

We worship each Sunday at 9:30 am. Watch for the addition of Advent worship services on Wednesday evenings, 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18 at 7 pm. Christmas Eve services will be at 5 and 10 pm.

Study:

Book Group is reading Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Discuss with friends on Monday, November 18, at 4:30 pm.

The Divine Drama continues with the same class offered each week first on Tuesday evening, 6:30 to 8 pm, and again on Wednesday, Noon to 1:30 pm, both in person and via zoom.us.

The **Early AM Study** continues with weekly meetings via zoom at 7 am Tuesdays to study The David Story by Robert Alter.

Confirmation class and faith formation classes for all ages continue Sundays, 11/10 and 11/17, here at Central Lutheran Church. These Sunday evening events include a shared meal, music, classes for age groups including adults, middle-school age confirmation youth, and youngsters led by a group of pastors and volunteers from five local ELCA congregations.

Fellowship:

LSSA's Golden Connections, led by Deacon Linda Bender, offers a second GCI cell phone class focusing on taking great photos to remember the holidays. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on Wednesday 11/20 at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Deacon Linda.

Sharing with Stars holiday craft day! led by Deacon Linda Bender, offers a craft day here at Central 10 am to Noon-ish on Tuesday 11/12. We'll be creating Swedish stars and cards for an exchange with congregants in Petersburg and beyond. **We need the following supplies for this project:** cotton fabric with a winter or holiday design, card stock paper, construction paper, fabric glue, and any decorations that would go on a card or small stocking. **Donations of Chapstick, small lotions, wrapped candies, pens, and small combs would be appreciated.** You may drop off donations in the office or give to Deacon Linda at church.

Ladies, **Lutheran Women's Advent Brunch** tickets are now on sale from Karen Voris and the Church office. This year, Central will host the event on Saturday, November 30. Breakfast, worship and fellowship.

Call Process:

Mission Study small groups are here! See the table in the hall and select the meeting date and time that works best for you, or call the Church office. THANK YOU to our trained facilitators. **Remember, we want to listen to you! Every member and attendee of Central is invited** to select a time to share and listen as part of our prep for calling our next pastor. Sessions available include:
8:30 am Wednesday 11/13 at Kaladi
Call or email the church office to RSVP, or sign up this Sunday. Each time has twelve spots, and some may be almost full. More sessions may be added as needed.

80th Anniversary Potluck:

Pick up a Central Lutheran cook book, past or present, and select a recipe to make and share at our **80th Anniversary Potluck on Sunday, November 17, following worship.** (Don't have a classic cook book? Visit the Church office to find and photocopy something perfect!) It will be fun to share who originally submitted the recipe.



Serve:

Thanksgiving Blessing is distributing holiday meals on Monday, November 25. Volunteer to build and fill boxes, donate canned corn, green beans, gravy packets and boxes of stuffing, or get meals to recipients in our drive-thru.

Year-round, we collect shelf-stable foods for **LSSA Food Pantry**. Our November focus is **canned corn, green beans, boxes of stuffing and packages of gravy** for the Thanksgiving Blessing holiday meal.

News:

Winter has arrived and the **Helping Hands Clothes Closet** is busy with folks looking for winter gear. Keep looking for those donations of coats, clothing, shoes and boots, belts, winter accessories like GLOVES, sleeping bags and blankets, backpacks. . . . all those items in kids and adult sizes in usable condition.

THANK YOU to Birte Eliassen and Anna Bryant for taking recycling. THANK YOU to Larry Helgeson for some facility work. THANK YOU to our newsletter crew on October 30, Jane Hanson, Jean Boecker, Anita Soiseth and Sue Tonkins.

LSSA Christmas Stockings:

LSSA gives filled Christmas stockings to the families with young children who visit the LSSA food pantry during the month of December. Central ladies make and fill several dozen and thus are collecting: story & activity books about Jesus' birth, new coloring books, card games, little play-doughs, wrapped candies and snacks, pencils, crayons, stickers and small toys (think party supplies aisle or dollar bin). Distribution of stockings is December 3-24.

LSSA Food Pantry:

The Food Pantry continues to see a large number of families who are seeking food assistance. We find our shelves especially low on the following items. Tuna, Spam, canned soups and chili, canned fruit, oatmeal, cereals, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni n cheese and packages of ramen are some of the more popular items that we are low on or have none on the shelves. Please remember the Food Pantry the next time you are shopping and simply bring the items with you to church or drop them off at the LSSA Food Pantry.

Sunday 11/10

- 8 am Worship Committee meeting (Cordova Room)
- 9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Mark Galbraith** (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org
- 11 am Eucharistic Ministers meeting (Cordova Room)
- 11 am KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel, Community Room)
- 2 pm ANLC WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
- 5 - 7 pm Confirmation Class meal and faith formation classes for all ages

Monday 11/11 Veteran's Day

Russian tutoring meets most days in rooms 3-4

- 1:30 pm staff meeting (Church office)
- 2 pm Women's *Gather* Bible study (Church office)
- 6:30 - 9 pm Anchorage Concert Chorus (Sanctuary)

Bible studies & meetings
Zoom.us meeting ID
963 8911 9335

Tuesday 11/12

- 7 am Early AM Study of The David Story via zoom.us
- 10 am LSSA Golden Connections craft day (Fellowship Hall)
- Noon Pastor's Text Study (Cordova Room)
- 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open (HH Closet)
- 4 - 7 pm Alaska Children's Choir (Room 8)
- 4:45 - 5:45 pm Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 - 8 pm The Divine Drama study (Community Room) and via zoom.us

Worship online
via centluth.org

Wednesday 11/13

- 8:30 - 10 am Coffee Klatsch @ Kaladi Bros. on Brayton
- Noon - 1:30 pm The Divine Drama study (Community Room) and via zoom.us
- 2 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)
- 5:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday 11/14

- 9:30 am - 1 pm Wildflower Garden Club (Community Room)

Friday 11/15

- 2 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)

Saturday 11/16

- 9:30 - 10:30 am WW Meeting (Community Room)
- Early set up, Noon - 3:30 pm Eddie's AA Monthly Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- No Foot & Wound Clinic today. Resumes Dec 21.*
- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm NAMI (Community Room)
- 1 - 3 pm Listening Post open (Balcony)
- 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open (HH Closet)

Sunday 11/17

- 8 am Church Council meeting (Cordova Room)
- 9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Mark Galbraith** (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org
- 11 am **80th Anniversary Potluck** (Fellowship Hall)
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