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Weekly Bulletin



GATHERING ----- *The Spirit Calls Us Together*

Prelude

Pastor's Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Choir

Litany for Repentance and Healing of the Creation

In the beginning, the Spirit hovered over the deep;
new life daily unfolded at God's call.

Darkness and light: Good.

Skies, lands, and seas: Good.

The earth and all that fills it; plants and rocks,
the finned, the feathered, the furry: Good.

At the last, humankind in God's image: Very good.

Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness
in care for God's creation.

**Forgive us, God, for the ways we have
exploited the earth and its creatures.**

We have misunderstood our calling
to be protectors of God's creation.

**Forgive us, God, for the ways we
have ignored the earth and its creatures.**

We long for new relationships with God's creation
that has been entrusted to us.

**Help us, God, to make a new community
with all that lives alongside us.**

May the merciful God who calls us
to tend earth and all its creatures,
deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving,
so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace
with all living things; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Animals**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of life.
Recalling Francis who celebrated your love for all creation,
today we embrace our connectedness to all:
to wind, sea, and sky; to earthworm, giraffe, and chicken;
to fish and puppy, to cats of the jungle and in our homes.
Bless all who care for injured and abused animals.
Comfort those who mourn for their pets
and for endangered and extinct species.
Deepen our care for all that lives;
in the name of Jesus, our teacher, savior, and friend.

Amen.

Special Music*A Place in the Choir*

Sunday School

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

First Reading

Genesis 1:1,20-28

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky."

So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind."

And it was so.

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.

And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air

and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth[and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”
So God created humans in God’s image, in the image of God they were created; God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.**

Declare God’s glory among the nations
and God’s wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king!

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peoples with equity.”**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all
that is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming,
O LORD,**

for you come to judge the earth.

You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Children's Message & Blessing of the Stuffed Animals

Gospel Acclamation

WOV #613

Alleluia, alleluia.

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*Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'

For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

(v 1 English, v1 Spanish, then English)

The Prayers of the People

As petitions conclude: "...Hear Us, O God," respond "Your mercy is great."

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

Offering

Offering Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us trust in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave, ... (continued on next page)
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might:
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (*please feel free to offer your preferred version of the Lord's Prayer*)

Communion

Communion Hymn

God of the Fertile Fields

ACS 1063

Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
 Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
 Where there is injury, help me to pardon.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is darkness, let me bring light.

Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy, let me bring joy!

O Lord, master divine, grant that I not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved, to love, to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

And in pardoning that we are pardoned.

For in dying we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Amen.

SENDING

Sending Hymn *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*

ELW 835

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

(Following worship, setup for Sunday Supper takes place in the Fellowship Hall.)

We Hold in Prayer this Week

God's Healing Presence: Chris' brother Tom and his family; Dave Finstad; Kathy Trosvig; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Agnes Birkliid; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm & sister-in-law, Megan; Debbie's friends Larry and Terry; Surridges' friends Barby & Larry, Hedy, Cynthia, Monte, and Nana, and brother-in-law Dwight; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Royce Keller; Joan's father; Dave's friend, Julie Bolser, and niece, Leile Defolo; John, Guillermo, Monica, Cecilia, and Sofia; Call Committee, Pastor Andy Yee, and candidates considering a call to Central Lutheran Church.

Prayers for our world, nation, and communities: For immigrants living in fear. For nations and peoples in the midst of warfare. For refugees seeking safety.

Announcements

Pastor David Parks - Thank you for being with us and leading our worship today. We appreciate you!

Reformation Sunday Next Sunday, October 25. Please help us celebrate by *wearing red*, *bringing a side dish* for the hot dog luncheon after service (drinks provided), and *bringing a baked good* for the bake sale to raise money for the holiday gift cards.

Mission of the Month for both October and November is Central's Holiday Grocery Gift Cards. Donations can be made using the Special Offering envelopes in the pews. Or, you can donate on our website. Make sure to designate your donation to "Mission of the Month" on the "To:" drop down menu. We will be inviting gift card recipients to a reception to receive their cards in November.

To see the church calendar, use the QR code or visit:

<https://www.centrallutheraneverett.com/pages/church-calendar>



Both the calendar for this week and the worship schedule for this week and next week are located on the sign-up board at the back of the sanctuary.