



Central Lutheran Church

**Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost
October 03, 2021**

**Rev. Robert Smith
Bridge Pastor**

Central Lutheran Church, ELCA

1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, Setting 1

Keeping silent upon entering the sanctuary respects the prayers and preparation of others.

TOLLING BELL (10:25 A.M.)

PRELUDE: Meditation on "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Joe Cox

BELL PEAL (10:30 A.M.)

**indicates the congregation standing*

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C Amen

P Almighty God, unto 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.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Sit as you are comfortable. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

C Amen

*ENTRANCE HYMN

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, prais - ing 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!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

*GREETING

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

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Ⓑ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray ...Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8 read responsively

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?”

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

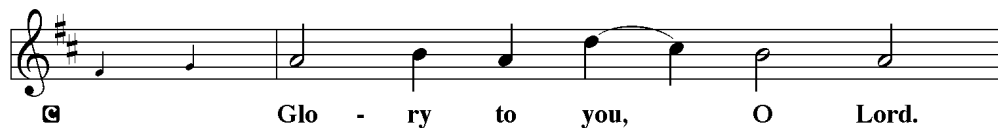
L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.



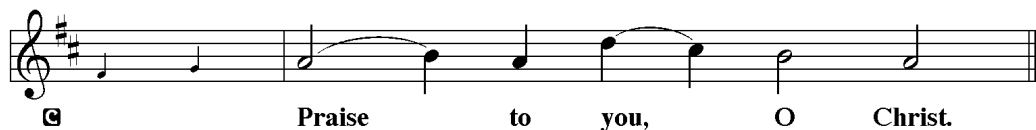
*READING OF THE GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Pain of the World Surrounds Us

1 When pain of the world sur - rounds us with dark - ness and de -
 2 We see with . . fear and trem - bling our ach - ing world in
 3 The church is a ho - ly ves - sel the liv - ing wa - ters
 4 We praise you . . for our jour - ney and your a - bun - dant

spair, when search - ing just con - founds us with
 need, con - fess - ing to each oth - er our
 fill to nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's
 grace, your sav - ing word that guid - ed a

false hopes ev - 'ry - where, when lives are starved for mean - ing and
 waste - ful - ness and greed. May we with stead - fast car - ing the
 pur - pose to ful - fill. May we with hum - ble cour - age be
 strug - gling hu - man race. O God, with all cre - a - tion, your

des - ti - ny is bare, we are called to fol - low Je - sus and
 hun - gry chil - dren feed. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
 o - pen to God's will. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
 fu - ture we em - brace. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and

let God's heal - ing flow through us.
 let God's jus - tice flow through us.
 let God's Spir - it flow through us.
 let God's chang - es flow through us.

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 Music: CALLED TO FOLLOW, Jim Strathdee
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*APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

*You may submit your prayer requests via **Facebook Live** chat and they will be read at this time. If you are unable to utilize the Facebook Live chat feature, you may text your prayer requests to 214.597.8782.*

*The assembly responds to each prayer: Hear us, O God; **Your mercy is great.***

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Please sit or kneel for prayer.

Please continue to pray for those in need:

The names in bold will be read aloud in unison.

Members homebound, in hospital or in senior care facilities: Greg Boatright, Theresa Brown, Max Green, Mary Haynie, Barbara Hunt, Yuvonne Muirhead, Bill Paschetag, Muriel Peiffer, Don Smith.

Members with prayer needs: Pat Buie, Wesley Cannatti, Judy Christiansen, Beth Garcia, Jan Hare, Harold Knight, Jerry Krause, Carol Lamberson, Mark Moody, Stan Nagel, Shana Price, Stephanie Price, Patsy & Lionel Schoen, Tina Smith, Heath Staffeld, Mary Swenson.

Members' Family and Friends:

Angela	Dean	Theresa
Scott Albrect	Rose Atkins	Jeff Barton
David Batman	Jeffrey Betz	Willie Bishop
Katsie Brock	Josh Bryce	Tom Calello
Diane Castillo	Carol Cantesano	Jerry Crawford
Clayton Daniels	Jackie Doves	Selena Capehart Dybdahl
Carol Ecker	Charlotte Erlandson	Kim Faulkner
Mary Garza	Patsy Gist	Dawn Gray
Dottie Sue Gregory	Wanda Groothuis	Shirley Harrison
Gayle Jacobs	Holly Johnson	Jace Josephson
Jennifer Kikta	Fred Krause	Byron Myrick
Norma Ruth Myrick	Char Paul	Dolores Pelus
Joanne Prokop	Tom Quiet	Dr. Lawrence Rasero Jr.
Tony Reyes	Bekah Roebuck	Grace Rothman
Alison Santo	Bonnie Knight Sato	Lisa Sato
Weldon & Betty Smith	Ruth Steiner	Jill Studley
Roy Taylor	Carton Wendel	Jeanine Wendel
Didi Wendel	Susan Wilson	

Military: Michael Barton, Ken Bethke, Isaac Burge, Jason Caldwell, Brandon Chapman, Merrill Cline, Jerry Crawford, Paul Giguere, Brad Glasgow, Steven Glenn, Derek Krause, Robert Krause, Josh Lawson, Tim Miller, Walker Mosely, Robert Rogers, Darrin Sandifer, Jared Sank, James Scott, Tyler Srun, Brandon Stock, Aaron Thrash, Nathan Wrobbel.

The prayers conclude:

P ...through your son Jesus Christ

C Amen.

***THE PEACE**

The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another from your pew or in your home.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

*We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. A box is available in the gathering space following worship. You may also use our online giving through **Vanco** or **Givelify** (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: Thy Holy Wings O Savior

Thy holy wings O Savior, Spread gently over me
And let me rest securely Through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, My rock and hiding place,
And let my every moment Be lived without thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, Within thy downy breast
Where I will find sweet comfort And peace within thy next.
Oh, close thy wings around me And keep me safely there.
For I am but a newborn And need thy tender care.

This day I ask, dear Jesus, Hold me in thy embrace,
Enfold me in the promise Of love for all my days.
Direct me, teach me always Of how much I've been given.
Receive my prayer and keep me, A gift from God in heaven.

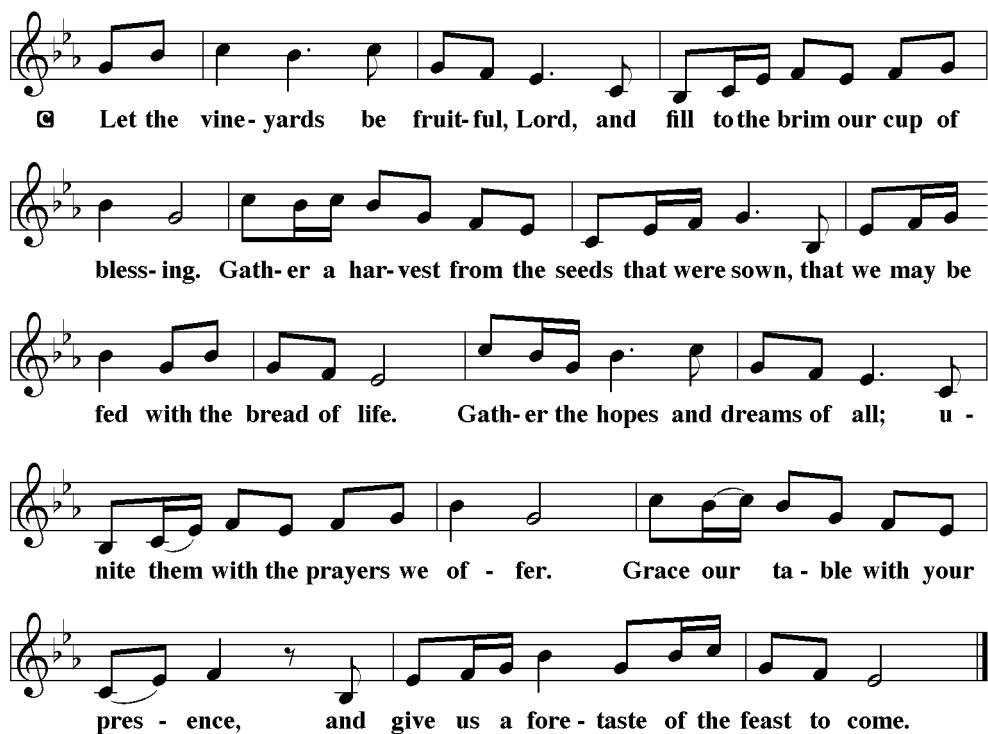
Come close and hover near me, As I receive my name.
Help me remember always The love with which it came.
Inscribe it in the heavens Into the Book Life.
So someday we may gather And walk the fields of light.

Oh, wash me in the waters Of Noah's cleansing flood!
Give me a willing spirit, A heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping, Thy children great and small.
And while we sweetly slumber, Enfold us one and all.

Words: Carolina Sandell Berg (1832-1903)

Music: Swedish Folk Tune

*OFFERTORY:



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

P It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your holy spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

*Reminder for home communion: Know that the grace we receive through Lord’s Supper transcends all places and time. While we are gathered as a dispersed community, know that the words, “**The Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you**” still ring true as you receive the Sacrament. Speak those words aloud or share those words with whomever is in your presence to be reminded that God’s presence and grace is truly for you.*

COMMUNION



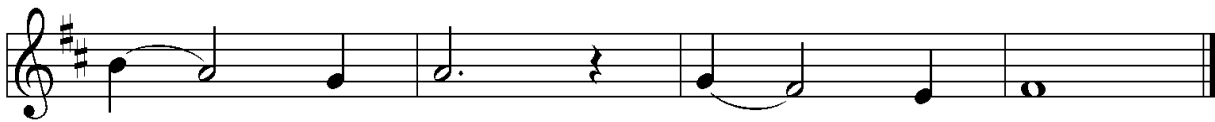
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

P The Body of Christ, given for you.
C Amen

P The Blood of Christ, shed for you.
C Amen

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

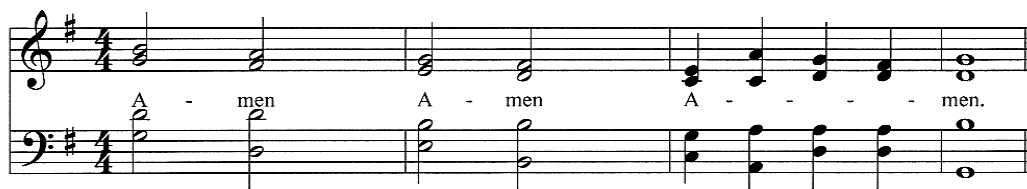
*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P . . . Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

SENDING

*BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



A - men A - men A - - - - men.

***SENDING HYMN**


On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;




Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Fanfare on "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" David Lasky

BELL PEAL

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC: ". . . let God's healing . . . justice . . . Spirit . . . changes . . . flow through us." Today's Gospel lesson begins with the Pharisees testing Jesus about divorce. It is a difficult (perhaps painful) discussion. However, it is followed immediately by the account of Jesus gathering children in love. "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them . . ."

Our hymn of the month for October expresses this same movement from "the pain of the world" to our call to be channels of God's love. It begins with a difficult idea but progresses to the affirmation, "Let God's healing flow through us."

Jim Strathdee (b. 1941), both the composer and poet of this hymn, has been a leader in the training of church musicians especially in the Methodist church his entire life and is still teaching and leading church music in California.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome visitors! We are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again.

Serving in Worship Today Usher: Jan Moody; Lector: Alesia Pearson; Offertory Singers: CLC Choir

Dallas County has updated the mask mandate.

Central Lutheran Church will now **require masks at all times.**

Both the vaccinated and non-vaccinated are now required to wear a mask.

We continue to live stream on Facebook and will continue to worship in person.

Be safe, wash your hands often, and continue to social distance.

God Bless You All! Mary Glenn

SIGN-UP SHEETS

On the bulletin board next to the coffee pot in the Education Building entrance you will find sign-up sheets for Ushers, Lectors, Altar Guild and Altar Flowers. You will also find descriptions detailing what these roles entail. Copies of the job descriptions will be available in the Info Rack on the East wall of the Narthex. If you need additional information, please see Anne Monson or Mary Glenn. You may sign up for a week or several weeks, a month or more. Please consider these important Stewardship opportunities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MIKE REPP! Please join us after worship today in Oak Alley to celebrate Mike Repp's 101st birthday with cupcakes, bottled water, and fellowship!

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Today, October 03

9:00 am Sunday School, led by Bill Slonecker
9:30 am Choir Practice in the loft
10:30 am Worship Service and Communion
Mike Repp's 101st birthday celebration after worship

Monday, October 04

3:00 – 8:00pm Dallas Piano Academy in classrooms 208 & 214

Tuesday, October 05

Adult Bible Study – 10:00 am in Library
Adult Bible Study – 7:00 pm in Library, led by Ed Wolfgang

Wednesday, October 06

Common Ground Home School
9:00 am – 2:30 pm in the Education Building