

And when my task on earth is done,
 When by thy grace the victory's won,
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
 Since God through Jordan leadeth me.
Refrain

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "The Glory of the Spirit"

Smith

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"Word of God, Across the Ages" - arr. Smith 1997 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Lead On, O King Eternal!" - Thygeson c. 2006 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Goodness, Love and Mercy" Arr. Angerman (c)2019 Brentwood Benson Publishing

"The Glory of the Spirit" - Smith 2006 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Call to Worship Courtesy of Ministry Matters

Bible Reading for October 31

Mark 12:28-34, *If someone were to look at your life, what would they think your first commandment was? To make sacrifices and offerings was an important part of faithful attendance to the faith for Jewish people at the time. Why might Jesus have responded that this scribe was "not far off from the kingdom of God?"*

Facemasks are Recommended



and Encouraged while indoors.

Missions is excited to announce a one day only opportunity to shop at a Trade Fair Marketplace today here at Central. **Poinsettias** are on sale now through Nov 4. Call Patti Stutts to order (256.227.6467).

Wed, Oct 27 is our **Fall Festival**.

Please join us for the **Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner**. Andrea Murphree is asking for help with the dinner. Contact andrea.murphree@dcs.edu. Please sign up for spaghetti supplies <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4EA8AF2EAAF94-cumc>

Also during the fall festival the **Children** will have their **Cake Walk** Fundraiser. Each walk is a dollar. Proceeds will go towards their Christmas Mission Project.

October Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Oct 17	\$11,209
Needed for Oct	\$62,235
Received For Oct	\$33,355

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	143
Online:	53

Calendar

Sunday, October 24

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
 9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)

10:30 AM Worship Service

Trade Fair Marketplace

5:00 PM– 7:00 pm, Children & Youth,

6:00 PM Adult Ministries Class (LFH)

Tuesday, October 26

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G

8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH

9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L

2:30 PM Prayer Team

5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, October 27

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G

5:00 PM Fall Festival, Cake Walk, Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, October 28

7:00 AM, Men's Java Jaay Bible

8:00 AM Gleeeful Bible Study-FH

Friday, October 29

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G

9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall

LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall

L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



Central's mission:

Love God
 Love others
 Serve the world



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM



For Such a Time

Esther 4:10-17
 October 24, 2021

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

Thygeson

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

We struggle and worry.

God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

Listen for God's call to you.

Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. Amen.

Opening Hymn #139 "Praise to the Lord the Almighty (v.1,2,3,5)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning

Bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.

God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.

Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Hymn "Across the Lands" *Getty/Townsend*
You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus
You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man,
And your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of Heaven for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

Chorus

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners
home

Chorus 2x

Prayers of the People

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Jennie-Marie McMasters

Special Music "Goodness, Love and Mercy"

Angerman

Oh Lord, You're my Shepherd,
You make me lie in fields of green.

You lead me by the still waters.
You restore righteousness to me.

Though I walk through the valley,
I will fear no evil thing.

For You are with me
And you comfort me.

Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go.

I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever more.

Bible Reading — Esther 4:10-17

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,**

**that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "For Such a Time"

Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #128 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where're I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.**

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain