



Baptism of Our Lord

Eucharist

Sunday, January 11, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Exploring the promise of God for all

You are welcome. No exceptions.

Central Lutheran Church experiences God's expansive love and strives to share it abundantly. We affirm all people without regard to age, race, biological sex, housing status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigration, refugee or migration status, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, and physical or mental health or ability. All are a part of God's family, created in God's image.

We strive to practice radical hospitality with all people and work toward racial equity. Everyone is invited to immerse themselves in the life of this community of faith as we explore the promise of God for all.

Worship



Bold print indicates responses spoken by all.



Congregational hymns are found printed in this bulletin or in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).



You are encouraged to listen to your body and stand or remain seated at any point in the service.



Masks are welcome, but not required.



Children are welcome and celebrated in worship. Each Sunday there are Children's Bags at each of the ushers' tables at the entrances to the sanctuary. Inside each bag is a worship activity and snack. Many families sit near the children's tables next to the baptismal font, but you are welcome to sit anywhere in the sanctuary that is comfortable to you.



All are welcome to receive communion at Central. At the ushers' invitation, you will proceed toward the altar where there are regular and gluten-free wafers served with wine or grape juice. Your server will offer bread and wine for all, including children. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please let your server know.



Offering can be made online using the QR code in the bulletin or left in the offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors.

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Welcome to worship at Central Lutheran Church. As you arrive for worship, you are invited to prepare your hearts and minds while listening to the prelude before the service begins today.



The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on this first day of the week.

PRELUDE

“Lied”

Gaston Litaize

(At the sound of the bell, please stand and face the font)

Gathering

OPENING SENTENCES

The Israelites were guided through waters from slavery into freedom.

Like the crowds from Judea, Jesus was washed in the Jordan River.

God called the Israelites a holy people and claimed them for good.

A voice came from heaven,

“You are my Son, the Beloved One, with you I am well pleased.

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years, learning to trust God and becoming a new people.

The Spirit cast Jesus into the wilderness for forty days, where he was tempted by Satan, surrounded by earthly beasts and celestial beings.

Israel emerged a nation,

God's chosen people bound for the promised land.

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news, “The Kingdom of God has come near!”

GATHERING HYMN

“This Is the Spirit's Entry Now”

Hymn 448

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

1st time: leader
2nd time: All

(Organ)

Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you

thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

1st time: leader
2nd time: All

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

1st time: leader
2nd time: all

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our Divine Parent, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Guide all who seek to follow Christ, that we may be faithful in our callings as your beloved children. Empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)



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

Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29



Choir: ¹*Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.*
²*Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.*

All: ³**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of |
glory thunders;**
the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;**
the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.

Choir: ⁵*The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;*
⁶*the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.*

All: ⁷**The voice | of the Lord
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.**
⁸**The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

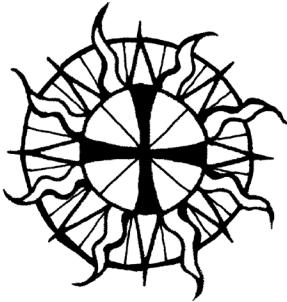
Choir: ⁹*The voice of the Lord makes the | oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple | of the Lord
all are | crying, “Glory!”*

All: ¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
¹¹**O Lord, give strength | to your people;**
give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

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

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Hymn 305

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of communities everywhere.

Each petition concludes:
Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God’s loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please be seated)



Scan to make a financial offering.

*Many African American spirituals and hymns were never credited to their creators or were claimed by other individuals. On weekends when Central uses music or music texts created by people who were kept in chattel slavery, a donation will be made to a Historical Black College and University (HBCU) as a reparation to their descendants. For 2026, Central will be sending donations to Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Deep River”

*African American Spiritual,
arr. René Clausen

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over in to camp-ground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
that promised land where all is peace.*

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Verse 1



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain
Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

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...and join in their unending hymn:

(Organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er 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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
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.

(Please be seated)

*All are invited to receive these
gifts of God.*

*Children are welcome to
come forward and receive
communion or a blessing.*

COMMUNION

“Lamb of God”



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

“The Water of Life”

*The Father's voice calls us above the waters,
The glory of the Son shines on us,
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.*

James Biery

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Hymn 423

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



God blesses us and sends us for shared mission in our shared world.

Sending

BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope [†] by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Hymn 310

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

(Based on the hymn tune of ELW 304)

Setting, Healy Willan

Serving Today

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presider</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>hospitality</i>
Jeff Block	<i>assisting</i>
Robert Sime	<i>reading</i>
Shirley Dahl	<i>crucifer</i>
Central Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Roberta Groening	<i>host</i>

Thanks to:

Sacristans, Usher, Hospitality Ministry Teams.

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If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288.

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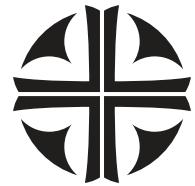
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