



Third Weekend after Epiphany

Eucharist | Evening Prayer
Saturday, January 24, 2026, 5 p.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 as the day fades to night.

PRELUDE

(At the sound of the bell, please stand)

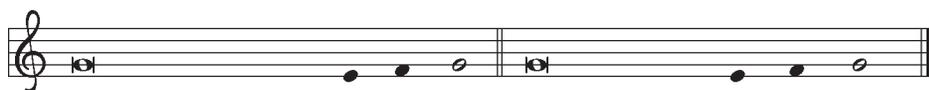
Gathering



God is our light and our sal-vation, our refuge and our stronghold.



From the rising of the sun to its setting, we praise your name, O God.



For with you is the foun-tain of life, and in your light we see light.

HYMN OF LIGHT

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Verses 2 and 3

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there are no shad - ows at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



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 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, your loving kindness leads, guides and follows us each day. Summon all creation into your brightness, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word

FIRST READING

I Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, siblings, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my siblings. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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

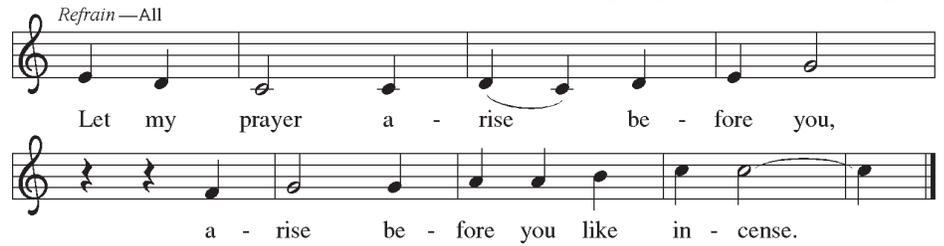
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PSALMODY

“Let My Prayer Arise”

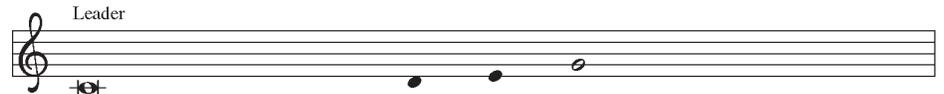
Leader sings refrain; then all repeat

Refrain—All



Let my prayer a - rise be - fore you,
a - rise be - fore you like in - cense.

Leader



- 1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
- 2 Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
- 3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
- 4 Let not my heart incline to any e - vil thing;
- 5 But my eyes are turned to you, LORD GOD;



- 1 hear my voice when I cry to you.
- 2 the lifting up of my hands as the evening sac - ri - fice. *Refrain*
- 3 and guard the door of my lips.
- 4 let me not be occupied in wickedness with e - vil - doers.
- 5 in you I take refuge; strip me not of my life. *Refrain*

Text: Psalm 141:1-4, 8
Music: Leon C. Roberts, 1950-1999
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GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 696

“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”

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.**

PEACE

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

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

John L. Bell,
Scottish traditional

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

Hymn 303
Stanza 4



Scan to make a financial offering.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

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)

COMMUNION

(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.**

Sending

BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope \dagger by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

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



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

**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.*

EVENING HYMN

“Guide My Feet”
*African American Spiritual

Leader All

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual; arr. *This Far by Faith*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Karl Starr	<i>assisting</i>
Christopher Haug	<i>reading</i>
Pat Hansen	<i>soloist</i>
Joel Bolen	<i>pianist/organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Bill Hansen	<i>host</i>

Thanks to:

Sacristans, Usher, Hospitality Ministry Teams.

Chancel flowers this week are given by Judith Hedman in memory of her parents Joyce and Gordon, who died in January, five years apart. Joyce (1-21-20) and Gordon (1-20-25).

Also, Chancel flowers are given by Eunice Dietrich, children and grandchildren in celebration of Franklin's 85th birthday which was on January 22.

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

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