



Third Sunday after Epiphany

Eucharist

Sunday, January 25, 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

Setting, William Bolcom

Gospel Prelude on "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

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

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**
Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn 307

"Light Shone in Darkness"

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



Glo - ry be to God in the high - est heav'n, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. (organ)



Lord God, al-might-y—heav'n-ly King, God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we— give you thanks, we



praise you— for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Oh, Lord—



God, Lamb of God, you— take a-way the sin of the



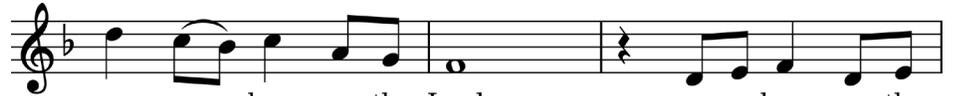
world: have mer - cy, mer - cy on us. For you—



sit at the Fa-ther's right hand: re-ceive our prayer. (organ)



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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

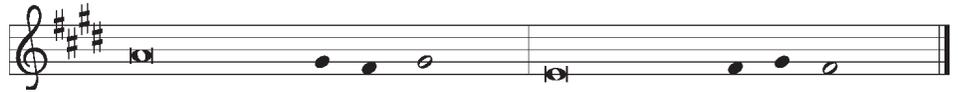
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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

PSALM 27:1, 4-9



Quartet: ¹ *The Lord is my light and | my salvation;
whom then | shall I fear?*

All: **The Lord is the stronghold | of my life;
of whom shall I | be afraid?**

Quartet: ⁴ *One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days |
of my life;*

All: **to gaze upon the beauty | of the Lord
and to seek God | in the temple.**

Quartet: ⁵ *For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high up- | on a rock.*

All: ⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies |
who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices
of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music | to the Lord.**

Quartet: ⁷ *Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.*

All: ⁸ **My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.**

Quartet: ⁹ *Hide not your | face from me,
turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.*

All: **Cast me not away—you have | been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter-nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
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

“Surge Inluminare”

James Biery

Sung in Latin:

Surge inluminare popule Dei quia venit lumen tuum.

Te velabo in gaudio,

in velo amabilitatis ad velationem cordis tui in veritatem super omnia saecula.

Lux et caritas super mensuram pro omnibus gentibus ero per omnia saecula saeculorum.

Surge inluminare quia venit lumen tuum.

Translation:

Arise, shine, people of God, for your light is come.

I will cloak you in joy

a mantle of loveliness to cover your heart with truth beyond all time.

I will be for all people light and love beyond all measure forever and evermore.

Arise, shine, for your light is come.

English text by Marilyn Biery, translated to Latin by Maryann Corbett.



Scan to make a financial offering.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Verse 3

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.

Refrain

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.

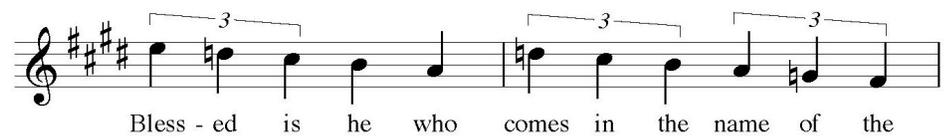
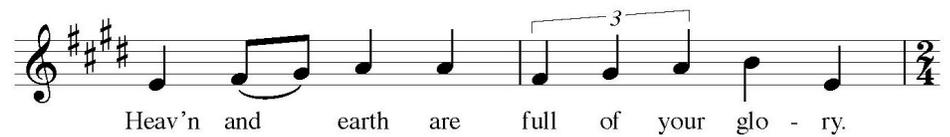
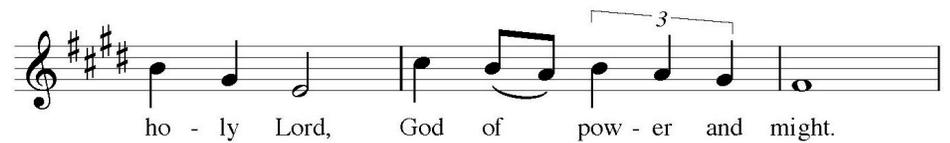
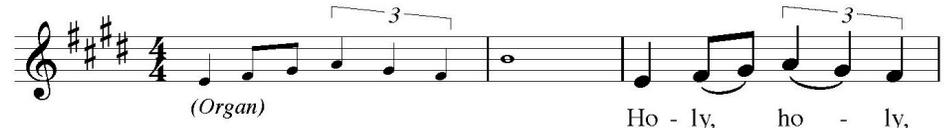
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

“How Lovely are the Messengers” from *St. Paul* Felix Mendelssohn
*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.*

-Romans 10:15, 18, adapted

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Hymn 817

(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 \dagger by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Hymn 661

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Koraal,” from *Modale Suite*

Flor Peeters

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presider</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>hospitality</i>
Zee Gregerson	<i>assisting</i>
Ben Longman	<i>reading</i>
Sam Friesen	<i>crucifer</i>
JoAnna Johnson, Robin Helgen, Bill Pederson, David Gindra	<i>quartet</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Ann Oyen	<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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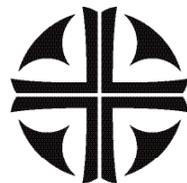
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