

Presentation of Our Lord
Sunday, February 1, 2026
10:30 a.m. service

Welcome to Central Lutheran Church.
You are welcome, no exceptions.

Exploring the promise of God for all.

Here are a few notes you might find helpful for worship:

Bold print indicates responses spoken by all.

Masks are welcome, but not required.

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

*As you arrive for worship, you are invited to prepare your hearts
and minds while listening to the prelude before the service begins today.*



PRELUDE

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Setting, David N. Johnson

GATHERING

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can overcome.

Blessed are you, O God, our maker.
 Illumine our way by the light of your Christ.
May your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are full of loving kindness for your whole creation,
and we give you thanks, O God, now and forever.
 Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

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

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 shadows at all. The night and the

day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the

city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934, alt.
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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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
"Glory be to God"



(organ)



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



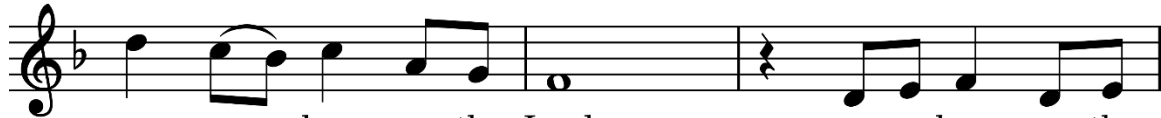
world: have mer - cy, mer - cy on us. For you—



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



Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God_ the Fa-ther.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,

your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple.

May we be presented to you with clean
and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ,

our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood,
[Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things,
so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death,
that is, the devil,

¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

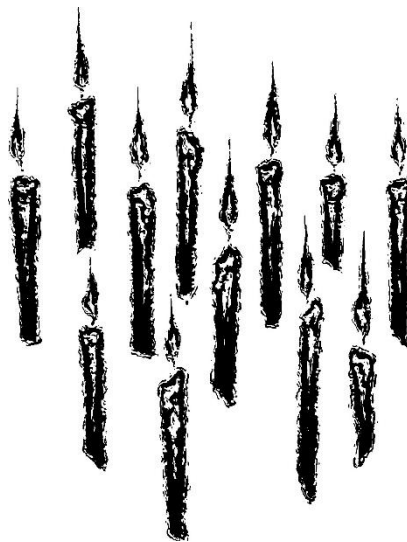
¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels
but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect,
so that he might become a merciful
and faithful high priest in the service of God,
to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered,
he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





Choir: ¹ How dear to me | is your dwelling,
 O | Lord of hosts!
² My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.

All: ³ Even the sparrow has | found a home,
 and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young,
 by the side of your altars, O | Lord of hosts,
 my king | and my God.

Choir: ⁴ Happy are they who dwell | in your house!
 They will always be | praising you.
⁵ Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
 whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

All: ⁶ Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,
 for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.
⁷ They will climb from | height to height,
 and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.

Choir: ⁸ Lord God of hosts, | hear my prayer;
 give ear, O | God of Jacob.
⁹ Behold our defend- | er, O God;
 and look upon the face of | your anointed.

All: ¹⁰ For one day | in your courts
 is better than a | thousand elsewhere.
 I would rather stand at the threshold of the house | of my God
 than dwell in the tents | of the wicked.

Choir: ¹¹ For the Lord God is both sun and shield, bestowing | grace and glory;
 no good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk | with integrity.
¹² O | Lord of hosts,
 happy are they who put their | trust in you!

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Music by Isaac Drewes, 2024

“Alleluia”



GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses,
[Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord,

“Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”),

²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord,
“a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon;
this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel,
and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple,
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him
what was customary under the law,

²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word,
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother
were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary,
“This child is destined for the falling
and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed
³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—
and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.
She was of a great age,

having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four.

She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting
and prayer night and day.

³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God
and to speak about the child
to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

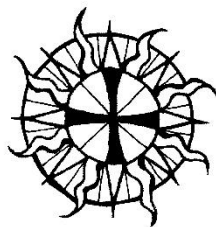
³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom,
and the favor of God was upon him.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON



(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Hymn 295

Bell arrangement: Isaac Drewes

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

With the light of Christ shining upon us, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all in need.

Each prayer petition ends:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God,
in the sure and certain hope that you hear and respond, listen and restore.
Amen.

PEACE

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

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“O Lord, Now Let Your Servant”

*Finnish tradition,
arr. Kevin McChesney*

MEAL

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

ACS 914

Verse 4

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;

The musical notation consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the notes.

“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, our duty and our joy,...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Music by James E. Bobb

(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.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues:

Blessed are you O Lord our God, creator of life and love....

...in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

As the beloved of God, we 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.

COMMUNION

Music by James E. Bobb

“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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Nunc Dimittis”

JoAnna Forbes L'Estrange

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,

Is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 711

“O Day of Peace”

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,

in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

People of God,

forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of Christmas,...

...of Christ's light and Christ's promises.

Let us pray.

O eternal God, who have created all things,

we ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use.

May they stand as a sign to us of the presence of your Son,

who is the light of the world,

and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God forever and ever.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The God of hope and light fills you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope.

The God of all grace, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hymn 866

“We Are Marching in the Light”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Andrew Carter

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe *presider*

Pastor Melissa Pohlman *preacher*

Pastor Stephanie Friesen *hospitality*

Kathryn Holum *assisting minister*

Rod Richter *reader*

Christopher McCarty *crucifer*

Bell Choir,

Central Choir *ensembles*

Isaac Drewes *organist/bell choir director*

Mark Kieffer *video/sound*

Abigail Pribbenow *host*

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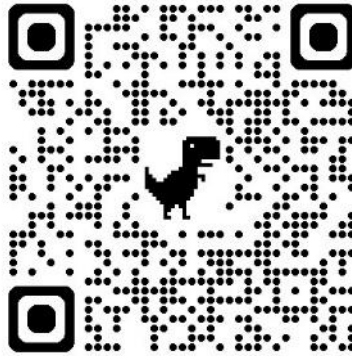
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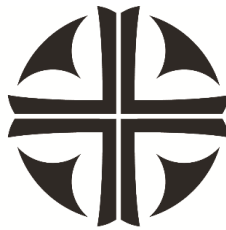
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