



## Transfiguration

*Eucharist | Holy Baptism*

Sunday, February 15, 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.



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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.*



*You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been  
baptized. Alleluia!*

## PRELUDE

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

# Baptism

## WELCOME

## HOLY BAPTISM/AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Jasmine Ellis and Cyrus Michael Hair

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

Cyrus and Jasmine, do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## BAPTISM

Jasmine, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*After baptism, all are invited to join in singing:*

You - be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Galatians 3:27, alt.  
Music: Howard Hughes, b. 1930

## PRAYERS FOR THE SPIRIT, ANNOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS, AND GIVING OF THE LIGHT

### WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**



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

## Gathering

### GATHERING HYMN

Hymn 834

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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)*

## Word

### FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses



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

set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 99



*Choir:* <sup>1</sup> *The Lord is king; let the | people tremble.  
The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth  
shake.*

<sup>2</sup> *The Lord, | great in Zion,  
is high a- | bove all peoples.*

**All:** <sup>3</sup> **Let them confess God’s name, which is | great and  
awesome;  
God is the | Holy One.**

<sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished  
equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in  
Jacob.**

*Choir:* <sup>5</sup> *Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore  
God’s footstool;  
God is the | Holy One.*

<sup>6</sup> *Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among  
those who call upon your | name, O Lord,  
They called upon you, and you | answered them,*

**All:** <sup>7</sup> **you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you  
gave them.**

<sup>8</sup> **O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them  
for their | evil deeds.**

*Choir:* <sup>9</sup> *Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon  
God’s | holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.*

*(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 17:1-9

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

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 316

“Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair”



Scan to make a financial offering.

This Sunday's service features "The Transfiguration" by the American composer Larry King (1932–1990), who served as the long-time Music Director at Trinity Church Wall Street. This striking 20th-century work masterfully depicts the biblical account of Christ's glory on the mountain by blending traditional choral textures and organ with an electronic tape recording. This unique use of multimedia creates an immersive, otherworldly soundscape, illustrating the "luminous cloud" and the divine voice with a modern intensity that bridge the gap between ancient scripture and contemporary expression.

## 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 petition concludes:*

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 the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Transfiguration"

Larry King

*Jesus took with him Peter and James  
and his brother John and led them up a high mountain  
where they could be alone.*

*There in their presence, He was transfigured,  
His face shown as the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.*

*Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them.  
A bright cloud covered them with a shadow,  
and from the cloud there came a voice which said:  
"This is my son: The chosen one: Listen to Him."*

*-Text from the Gospels*

## Meal

*(Please stand)*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

Hymn 315  
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

## 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.**



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

Blessed are you O Lord our God, creator of life and love...  
...All glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, 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.**

*(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.

### “Ave Verum Corpus”

Edward Elgar

*Sung in Latin:*

*Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria  
Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro  
homine,  
cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et  
sanguine,  
esto nobis praegustatum mortis in  
examine.  
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili  
Mariae.*

Translation:

Hail, true body, born of the virgin  
Mary;  
Who has truly suffered, slaughtered  
on the Cross for humanity.  
Whose side was pierced, pouring out  
water and blood.  
Be a foretaste for us during our ordeal  
of death.  
O sweet, O holy, O Jesus Son of  
Mary.

*-Text attributed to Pope Innocent VI*

### “Beautiful Savior”

Hymn 838

*(Please stand)*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**



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

## 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 867

“In Thee Is Gladness”

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

“In Thee Is Gladness,” BWV 615

Setting, Johann Sebastian Bach

# Serving Today

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presider</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>hospitality</i>
Sara Masters	<i>assisting</i>
Loren Sass	<i>reading</i>
Sara Gunsch	<i>crucifer</i>
Central Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Henry Rye	<i>organ scholar</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Karen Snyder	<i>host</i>
Marie Wiegert	<i>healing prayers</i>

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