



Third Weekend in Easter

Eucharist | Evening Prayer

Saturday, April 18, 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

OPENING LITANY

After each petition:



Sun and moon: God, re-new.—
spin-ing planet:
etc.

After each verse: leader sings refrain,
then all repeat:



For the heal-ing of cre - a-tion, we pray to you, O God.

Petition (sung by leader):

Sun and moon,
spinning planet,
star and comet,
things seen and unseen,
cloud and wind,
lightning and thunder,
atmosphere and ozone,
flames of fire.
The waters of the earth,
polar cap and glacier,
aquifer and river,
lake and ocean.

Response (all):

God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.

Leader sings refrain, then all repeat

Desert and forest,
coral reef and coastline,
prairie and tundra,
wilderness and wetland,
mountain and foothill,
mesa and meadow,
valley and volcano,
floodplain and delta.
The trees of the field,
fir and cedar,
baobab and banyan,
oak and cypress.

God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.

Leader sings refrain, then all repeat

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After each petition:



Sun and moon: God, re-new.____
spin-ing planet:
etc.

After each verse: *leader sings refrain,*
then all repeat:



For the heal-ing of cre - a - tion, we pray to you, O God.

*Birds of the air,
condor and pelican,
eagle and heron,
hawk and sparrow,
creatures of the wild,
mountain goat and badger,
elephant and lion,
grizzly bear and panda.
The fish of the sea,
trout and salmon,
whale and stingray,
anemone and algae.*

**God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.**

Leader sings refrain, then all repeat

*Herds and flocks,
buffalo and llama,
goats, sheep and cattle,
guinea pigs and honeybees,
seed time and harvest,
vineyard and orchard,
grove and garden,
field and paddy.
The face of the earth,
human community,
in rest and labor,
by your Spirit.*

**God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.
God, renew.**

Leader sings refrain, then all repeat



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

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

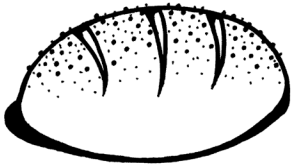
(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music. The lyrics are: "Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah." The music is a simple, rhythmic melody with accompaniment.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY
“Day of Arising”

Hymn 374

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all.

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

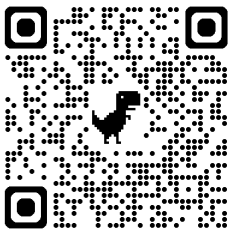
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Like Him We Rise"

Tom Trenney



*Scan to make a
financial offering.*



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Hymn 367

Stanza 4

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...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ has 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

As Easter people, at home in God's new life, we pray together the prayer Jesus taught:

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

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris,
setting, Lloyd Larson

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

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

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Sending



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

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

EVENING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

Hymn 377

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is alive! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Serving Today

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>preacher</i>
Abigail Pribbenow	<i>assisting/reading</i>
Susan Troselius	<i>soloist</i>
Joel Bolen	<i>pianist/organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Bill Hansen	<i>host</i>
Lorene Gilliksen	<i>healing prayers</i>

Thanks to:

Sacristans, Usher, Hospitality, and Décor Ministry Teams.

Chancel flowers this week are given by Nancy Carlson and Bob Manders
to the Glory of God.

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Judy Korogi
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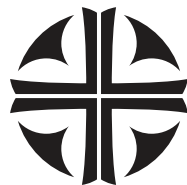
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