



## Third Sunday in Easter

*Eucharist*

Sunday, April 19, 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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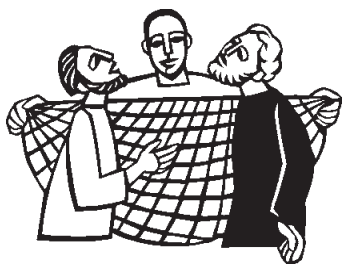
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Welcome to worship at Central Lutheran Church. As you arrive for worship, you are invited to prepare your hearts and minds while listening to the prelude before the service begins today.



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

## PRELUDE

Organ Sonata No. 2, Movement II. "Ruhig Bewegt"

Paul Hindemith

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

## Gathering

### OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

### GATHERING HYMN

Hymn 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

### 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

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

*(Please be seated)*



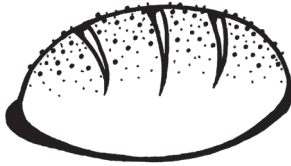


*Choir:*     <sup>16</sup> *O Lord, truly I | am your servant;  
                  I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have  
                  freed me | from my bonds.*  
<sup>17</sup> *I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
                  and call upon the name | of the Lord.*

**All:**       <sup>18</sup> **I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
                  in the presence of | all God’s people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of | the Lord’s house,  
                  in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

*(Please stand)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> 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?” <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them,

“Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> 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

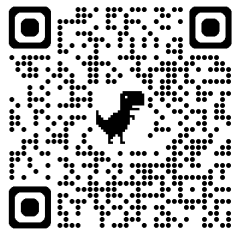
*(Please stand)*

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.**



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## 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies;  
over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale,  
and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,*

*Friends on earth,  
and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of  
heav'n:  
flow'rs of earth and buds of  
heav'n:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise,  
our hymn of praise.*

*-F.S. Pierpoint*



*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Meal

*(Please stand)*

PRESENTATION HYMN  
"O Blessed Spring"

Hymn 447  
*Stanzas 1 and 2*

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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)*

*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.

"The Road Home"

Stephen Paulus

*Tell me, where is the road  
I can call my own,  
That I left, that I lost,  
So long ago?  
All these years I have wandered,  
Oh, when will I know  
There's a way, there's a road  
That will lead me home?*

*After wind, after rain,  
When the dark is done.  
As I wake from a dream  
In the gold of day,*

*Through the air there's a calling  
From far away,  
There's a voice I can hear  
That will lead me home.*

*Rise up, follow me,  
Come away, is the call,  
With the love in your heart  
As the only song;  
There is no such beauty  
As where you belong:  
Rise up, follow me,  
I will lead you home.*

*-Michael Dennis Browne*

"With High Delight Let Us Unite"

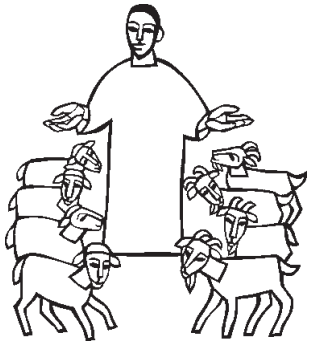
Hymn 368

*(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.**



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

## Sending

### 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.**

### SENDING HYMN

Hymn 548

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is alive! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

“Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux,”  
from *Suite du Premier Ton*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

# Serving Today

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presider</i>
Zee Gregerson	<i>assisting</i>
Sloan Vinson	<i>reading</i>
Karl Evert	<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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