



Easter Sunday

Eucharist

Sunday, April 5, 2026, 8:30 & 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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PRELUDE

“Festival Toccata”

Robert Elmore

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

Gathering



EASTER GOSPEL

John 20:1-10

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

No tomb could hold him!

The glory of the Lord is revealed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn 365

arr. James Biery

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of 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.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymn 385

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” *Verses 1-2 before Gospel, verses 3-4 after the Gospel*



EASTER GOSPEL

John 20:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

Hymn 385

Verses 3-4

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

Hymn 377

Arr. Tom Trenney

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 love, 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

"Rejoice All Spirits"

Howard Helvey

Rejoice all spirits!

The ascending sun shines alike on the living and the dead.

As the true Helios, Christ climbed the heights of heaven.

*Christ the Sun of suns, risen from the wintry ground of death,
now scatters the darkness from our path.*

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,

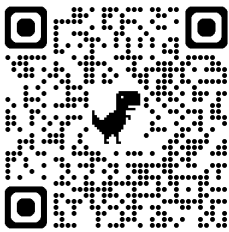
Radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered death! Glory fills you!

Darkness vanishes forever! Alleluia!

Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Alleluia!

– Ray Simpson



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financial offering.*



Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious king,
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread an - gel sheathes the sword;
3. Might-y vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie;

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his wound-ed side.
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
you have con - quered in the fight, you have brought us life and light.

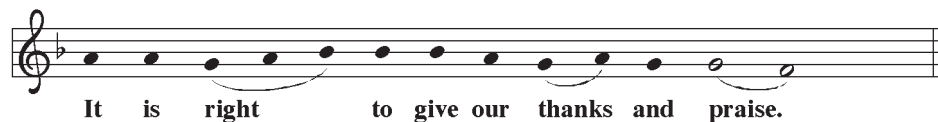
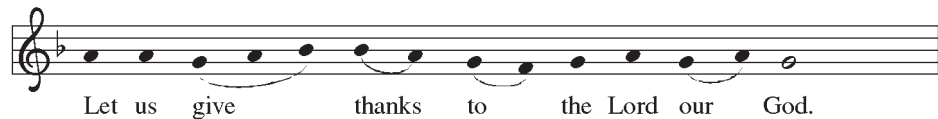
Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
Now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;

gives his bod - y for the feast - Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
you have op - ened pa - ra - dise, and your saints in you shall rise.

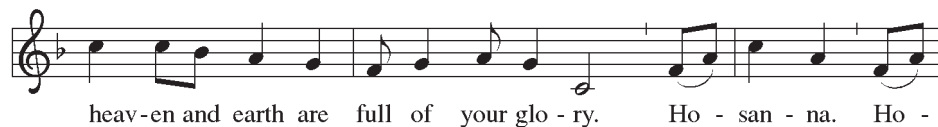
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Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

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GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right...join in their unending hymn:



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.

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

Arr. Dan Forrest

*O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through Him are given the final victory.
Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept our love that we,
we who know Your favor may serve you as our King.
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
make a joyful duty our song of praise. Our sacrifice of praise.*

– Michael Perry

“O Filii et Filiae”

Arr. Fred Granham

(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

BLESSING

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

“Thine Is the Glory”

Hymn 376

Arr. Robert Hobby

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is alive! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor



Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presiders</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	
Tom Edelen	<i>assisting minister</i>
Sam Friesen	<i>crucifers</i>
Jack Friesen	
Choir	<i>ensembles</i>
Bell Choir	
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Steven Garcia	<i>trumpet</i>
Hollyn Fellows	
Mike Engh	<i>french horn</i>
Zach Gingerich	<i>trombone</i>
Craig Stilen	
Jon Lewis	<i>percussion</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist/bell choir director</i>
Henry Rye	<i>organ scholar</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Allison Eger	<i>host</i>

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