



## Fifth Weekend in Easter

*Eucharist | Evening Prayer*

Saturday, May 2, 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.

MEMBERS OF:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America | [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

Align Minneapolis | [www.alignmpls.org](http://www.alignmpls.org)

ReconcilingWorks | [www.reconcilingworks.org](http://www.reconcilingworks.org)

MNIPL Climate Justice Congregation | [www.mnipl.org](http://www.mnipl.org)



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:

Ban-gla-desh and In - di - a: Peace, be yours.  
Tai - wan and Chi - na:  
etc.

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

For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.

Petition (sung by leader):

Bangladesh and India,  
Taiwan and China,  
Japan and Hong Kong,  
North and South Korea,  
Indonesia, Viet Nam,  
Thailand, Malaysia,  
Philippines and Australia,  
Papua New Guinea,  
Iraq and Iran,  
Palestine and Israel,  
Afghanistan, Jordan,  
Syria and Turkey.

Response (all):

Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.

Leader sings refrain, then all repeat

France and Spain,  
Switzerland and Italy,  
Romania and Slovenia,  
Czech and Slovak Republics,  
Russia and Finland,  
Austria and Hungary;  
Croatia, Estonia,  
Latvia and Poland,  
Norway and Sweden,  
Iceland and Denmark,  
Netherlands and Germany,  
Ireland and England.

Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.  
Peace, be yours.

Leader sings refrain, then all repeat

After each petition: 

*Ban-gla-desh and In - di - a: Peace, be yours. —*  
*Tai - wan and Chi - na:*  
*etc.*

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



**For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.**

<i>South Africa, Angola,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Madagascar, Namibia,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Botswana, Malawi,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Mozambique, Zimbabwe,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Sierra Leone,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Central African Republic,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Senegal, Liberia,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Cameroon, Nigeria,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Tanzania and Sudan,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Kenya and Congo,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Ethiopia, Somalia,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Eritrea and Rwanda.</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>

*Leader sings refrain, then all repeat*

<i>Bolivia and Chile,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Uruguay and Paraguay,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Ecuador, Guyana,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Brazil and Argentina,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Colombia, Venezuela,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Costa Rica, Mexico,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Salvador, Honduras,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Nicaragua, Guatemala,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Greenland and Canada,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>Haiti and Jamaica,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>United States and Cuba,</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>
<i>all immigrants and exiles.</i>	<b>Peace, be yours.</b>

*Leader sings refrain, then all repeat*

**GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Risen Christ, you prepare a place for us, in the home of the Parent of us all. Draw us more deeply into yourself, through scripture read, water splashed, bread broken, wine poured, so that when our hearts are troubled, we will know you more completely as the way, the truth, and the life. **Amen.**





## GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 816

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

## 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:*

God 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 Lord Will Lead"

Felix Mendelssohn



*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

“Rejoice, O My Spirit”

Johann Ludwig Bach

*(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.**

*All are invited to receive these gifts of God.*

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



*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.**

### EVENING HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Hymn 389

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is alive! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

# Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Karl Starr	<i>assisting</i>
Christopher Haug	<i>reading</i>
David Gindra	<i>soloist</i>
Joel Bolen	<i>pianist/organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>
Judith Hedman	<i>host</i>

*Thanks to:*

Sacristans, Usher, Hospitality, and Décor Ministry Teams.

Chancel flowers for this week are given by Glenn Steinke and family  
in loving memory of Mary.

Chancel flowers are given in honor of the confirmands by their parents.

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Judy Korogi  
at 612-788-1288 or [receptionist@centralmpls.org](mailto:receptionist@centralmpls.org).

This weekend we celebrate these eight students as they are confirmed:  
Lucy Blechert, Rosebeth DeVries Smith, Clementine Grahn, Natalia Heruy,  
Melanie Holst, Elsa Paleen, Ben Surla, and Caroline Weiblen.

*Portions of the liturgy are from SundaysandSeasons.com*

*© 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.*

*Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress liturgies license #26515.*

*Hymns reproduced under OneLicense A-704051.*

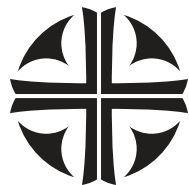
*Opening Liturgy: Text: Susan Briehl. Music: John D. Becker, from Litany of the Saints*

*Text © 2009 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved*

*Music © 1987 John D. Becker. Published and distributed by OCP publications.*

*Prayer of the Day: Adapted from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers © 2002 Consultation on  
Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used with permission.*





Central Lutheran  
MINNEAPOLIS

An Everyday Church for Everyone

Central Lutheran  
333 South 12th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

(612) 870-4416 | [info@centralmpls.org](mailto:info@centralmpls.org)