



Central Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 15, 2023  
8:30am & 11am Worship

## Welcome to Central!

**Central Lutheran Church**, a congregation of the Oregon Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a Reconciling in Christ community. We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love. We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, education, fellowship, and service.

**Our mission** is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another; nurturing faithful living; serving those in need; and sharing the Gospel.

**A special word of welcome to our guests today:** Thank you for joining us on this most holy day. If you are a first-time or occasional visitor, we invite you to fill out the visitor information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. **Parents of young children:** We welcome the sound of little ones in worship and so we encourage children and parents to worship together. However, if it is helpful to you, you are welcome to utilize the children's space located adjacent to the Narthex (entrance) to the Sanctuary. Additionally, there are children's bags and kid's bulletins available in the Narthex. **Large print bulletins as well as hearing assistance receivers are also available** from the ushers. Please note: if your personal hearing device has a T-Coil there are Hearing Loops in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall.

Although masks are no longer mandated, we encourage you to make an individual choice as to whether to wear a mask, and further we ask that you be respectful of the personal space and comfort level of those around you.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

### PRELUDE

*Elegy*

William Grant Still

*Still, often referred to as “the dean of African-American composers,” published this piece in 1963, likely to honor the life of John F Kennedy. It is chosen today to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and all who work for peace and justice.*

### WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

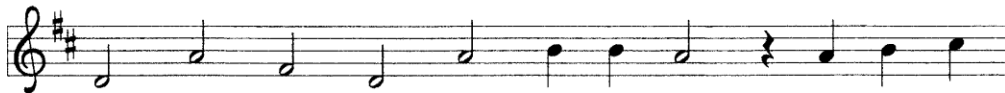
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your beloved children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

# HYMN #308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! *(please stand)*



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

## 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.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray — to the Lord.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

**GLORIA** Cantor sings the refrain alone, then everyone sings the refrain and continues.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 1 Lord God,  
heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
*Refrain*  
praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high est, and  
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the  
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us; You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -  
*Refrain*  
ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God in the high est, and peace to God's peo-ple on  
earth. 3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

**ANTHEM (8:30)**

*We Are Singing*, a Zulu song

Chorale

## FIRST READING **Isaiah 49:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

**ANTHEM (11:00)** *I Want to Walk as a Child*

Cantor

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)



**CANTOR:** “In the | Word was life,\* and the life was the light | of all people.”

*Assembly repeats Antiphon.*



## **GOSPEL John 1:29-42**

The Gospel according to John, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter). The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Deacon Clare Josef-Maier

# HYMN OF THE DAY #715 Christ, Be Our Light *(please stand)*



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



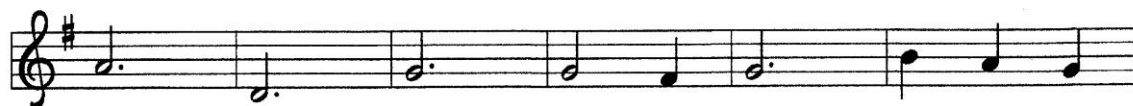
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our Christian faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(please be seated)***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**(8:30) OFFERING**      *Lamb of God*      Christensen      Chorale

*You may place your offering in the plates as you come forward for communion.*

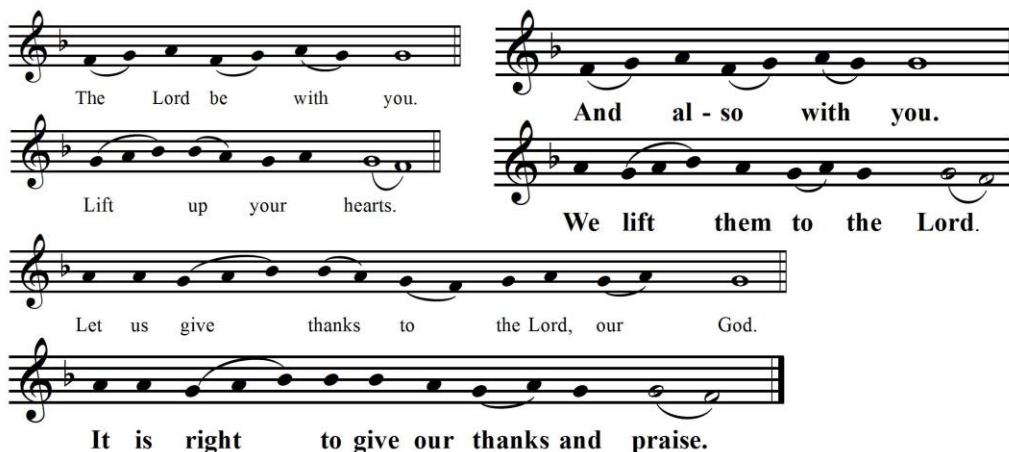
## OFFERTORY RESPONSE (*Text: Brian Wren; Tune: Regents Square*)

Praise the Lover of Creation, Praise the Spirit, Friend of Friends,  
Praise the true Beloved, our Savior, Praise the God, who makes and mends,  
Strong, surrendered, many-splendored, Three whose Oneness never ends.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Creator God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Bless these gifts for the sake of him who offers himself to us through this simple meal of bread and wine. Strengthen us, through this meal, in faith toward you and in fervent love for one another. We ask this through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



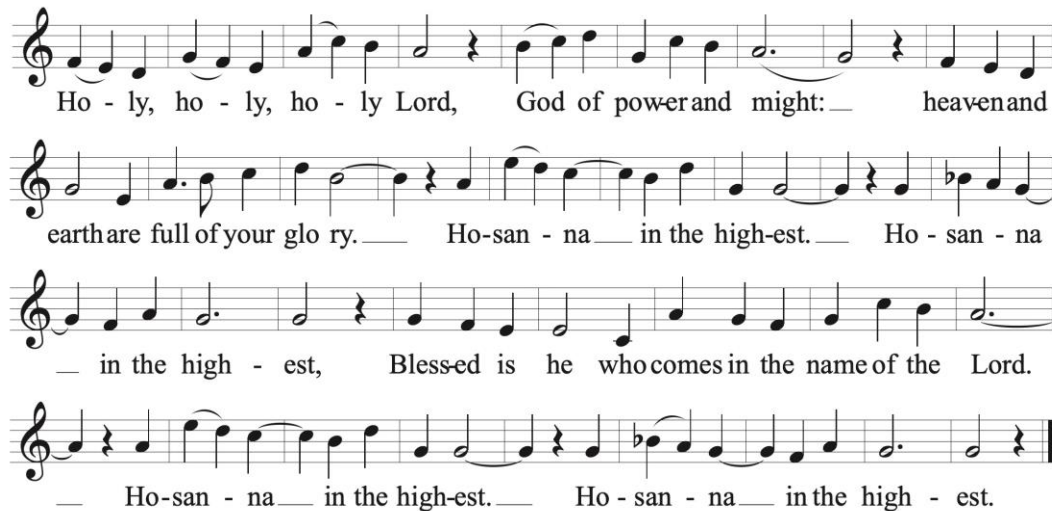
The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And al - so with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might: — heaven and  
earth are full of your glo ry. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est. — 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. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. (please be seated)**

## 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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first two staves are identical and contain the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.' The third and fourth staves continue the melody with the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us — peace, grant us peace.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a final full bar line.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN #547 Send Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Swiss Noel*

Louis Daquin

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**(11:00) Cantor: Alyse Jamieson**

**Welcome home Jenny & Bill Seagren** and thank you for sharing with us this morning about your time serving as missionaries in Prague. We hope you'll join us in the Library following the early service to hear more. Jenny, who grew up at Central, is the daughter of Gwen & Mike Acker.

**Mark your calendar:** Our semi-annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> between services in the Parish Hall. Ministry Teams and Committees reports are due to the church office Friday, January 20. Please email to Kristi ([info@welcometocentral.org](mailto:info@welcometocentral.org)).

**Together Tuesdays begin with a simple supper served** from 5:15-6:00pm, followed by Music Together, Children's Choir, and Adult Education from 6:00-6:45pm. All are welcome!

**A word of welcome and invitation to our guests:** If you would like to find out more about the teachings of the Lutheran Christian faith and/or how you might engage more fully in our life together at Central, we invite you to contact Pastor Laurie or Pastor Ben.

**Thank you** for your faithful and generous support of our shared mission and ministry.



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