

*Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15th 2026
8:30 & 11am Worship*



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Central Lutheran Mission

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.

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, 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, gender expression, economic circumstance, and we firmly commit to racial equity. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, education, fellowship, and service.

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Welcome to Worship!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Gunther Martin Götsche

Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)

WELCOME

Vicar Joel Timmons

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS (*please stand as you're able*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

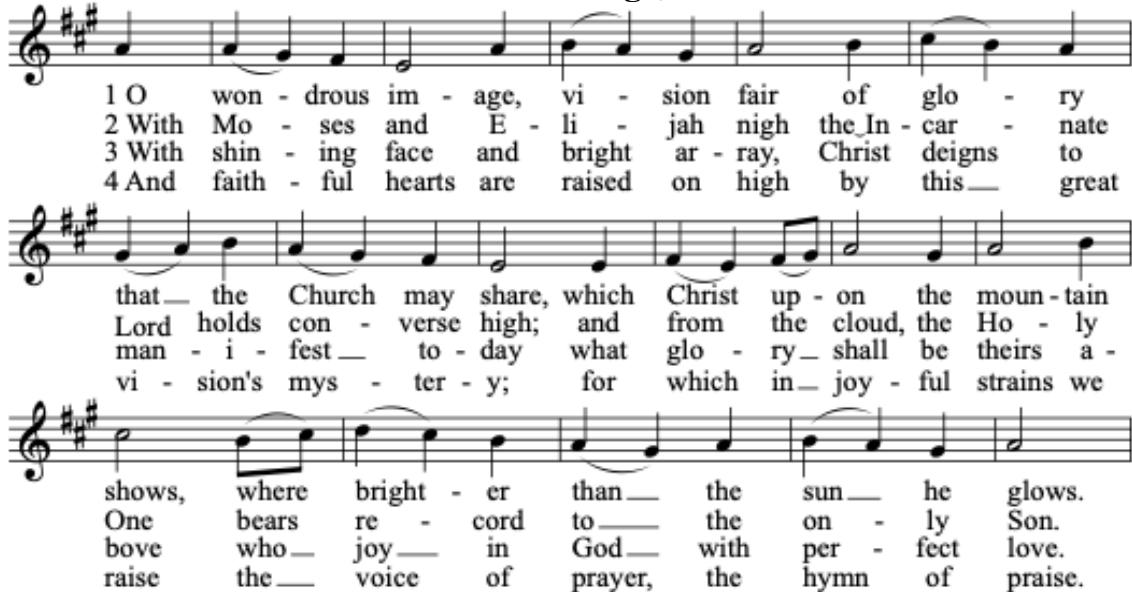
Let us confess our sins to the One who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers us in the righteousness of Christ and forgives our sin in \dagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give us strength to live for others and bless us with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



1 O won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of glo - ry
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the In - car - nate
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the moun - tain
Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the Ho - ly
man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be theirs a -
vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in - joy - ful strains we

shows, where bright - er than the sun - he glows.
One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
bove who - joy in God with per - fect love.
raise the - voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Text: Latin, 15th century

Tune: Wareham

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.



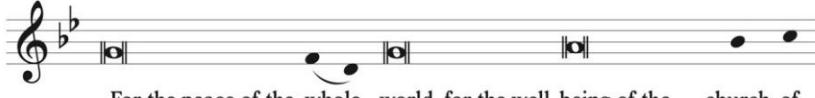
Lord, have mer - cy.



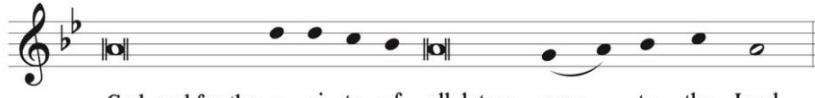
For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



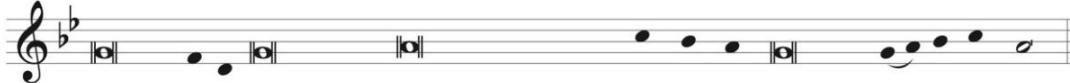
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



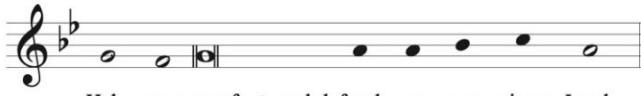
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

3

Refrain

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

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. Pow-er, rich - es wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu ia, al-le-lu ia. 2 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. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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)

FIRST LESSON Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.

The Lord, | great in Zion,

is high a- | bove all peoples.

Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;

God is the ¹ Holy One.

O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord,

they called upon you, and you answered them,

you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree¹ that you gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's¹ holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the¹ Holy One.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-^{ver}. Amen.

ANTHEM (8:30)

The Transfiguration - Shepherd

Chorale

After six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and his brother, John up a high mountain apart and was transfigured before them. And his face did shone as the sun. And behold a bright cloud overshadowed them and behold a voice out of the cloud which said: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye him."

ANTHEM (11:00)

Bist du bei mir - Bach
When Thou Art Near

Cantor

SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

During the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to join Libby Kelly in the Chapel for a special message. They will return during the sharing of the peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand as you are able)

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

Cantors: This is my Son, my Chosen, Listen to him! Repeat antiphon.

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter. Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” **Glory to you, O Lord.**

SERMON

Vicar Joel Timmons

HYMN #317 Jesus on the Mountain Peak (*please stand*)



1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blas - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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. (please be seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANTHEM (8:30) *Laudate Dominum* - Mozart Chorale
Praise the Lord all nations, Praise him all ye people, For his merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
with Taylor Hulett, Soprano, &, Andy Strietelmeier, Violin

OFFERING

You are invited to place your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*please stand as you're able*)

The Lord be with you.
And al - so 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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who by sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant right. And so, with all the choirs of angels, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

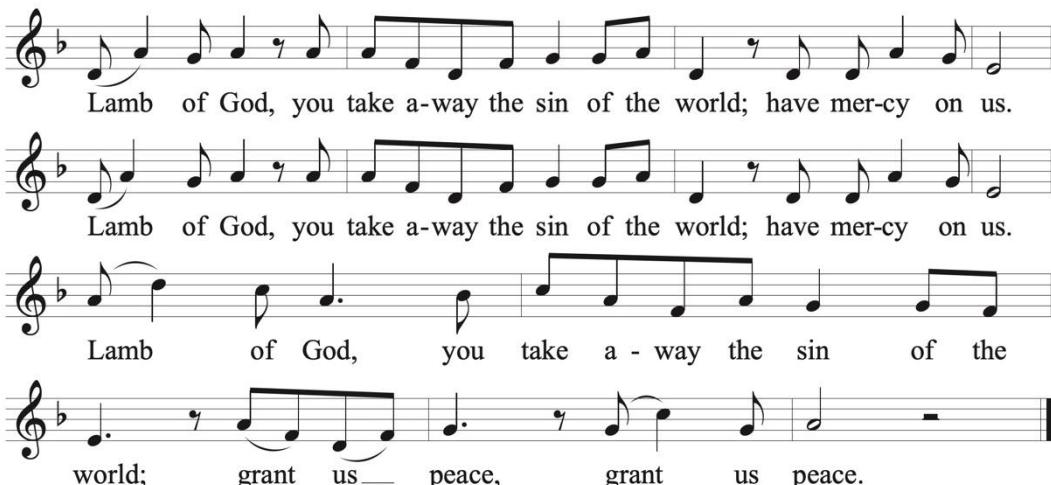
Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord 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*)

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

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; have mer-cy on us.

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

HYMN Alleluia, Song of Sweetness (the final alleluia before Easter)

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of sweet - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
3 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
Al - le - lu - ia, our trans-gres - sions make us for a - while fore - go;
At the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high,

In the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
For the so - lemn time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
There to you for - ev - er sing - ing, Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Al - le - lu - ia, song of sweet - ness, thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
Al - le - lu - ia lead our prais - es, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free.
There to you for - ev - er sing - ing, al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God!**

You may remain seated during the Organ Voluntary; however if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence until you reach the Narthex.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Third Organ Sonata*

Mendelssohn

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Today's Cantors (11:00): Bernie Bopp

A special thanks to Dr. Dennis Lindsay for presiding this morning and to Vicar Joel for bringing the message.

New members will be received on Palm Sunday, March 29th at both the 8:30am & 11:00am worship services. If you are interested in finding out more, simply fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate as you come forward for communion or contact the church office.

Together Tuesday on February 17 will be extra special as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday at 5:00pm with our annual Mardi Gras-themed Pancake Supper! In addition, this year, we will host our Friends Concert following supper starting around 6:15pm. Come enjoy your many talented fellow church members, friends and children's choir with musical and creative arts performances.

Central Lutheran Church

2026 Schedule for Lent – Easter

Date	Lent / Holy Week / Easter
February 18 Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Worship at noon in the Chapel & 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
Feb 22 & March 1, 8, 15, 22 (Sundays)	Sundays in Lent Worship at 8:30am & 11am with Education between services 9:45-10:45am
Feb 24 & March 3, 10, 17, 24 (Together Tuesdays)	Soup Supper at 5:15pm; Music Together & Children's Choir at 5:45pm; Adult Ed at 6pm with Holden Evening Prayer Worship at 7:00pm
Feb 25 & Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wednesdays)	Lenten Matins Worship in the Chapel at noon followed by a soup luncheon in the Narthex
March 29 Palm Sunday	Reception of New Members at 8:30am & 11am
April 2 Maundy Thursday	Worship at noon at United Lutheran or at Central at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
April 3 Good Friday	Chapel open for prayer between noon & 3pm; Worship at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
April 4 Vigil of Easter	Worship at United Lutheran at 7pm
April 5 Easter Sunday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship at 8:30am & 11am