

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 3, 2024  
8:30 & 11am Worship



Central Lutheran Church  
1857 Potter Street  
Eugene, Oregon  
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## Welcome to Worship!

**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, or economic circumstance. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

**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.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

## PRELUDE

Elegy

William Grant Still

## WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you are able)*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

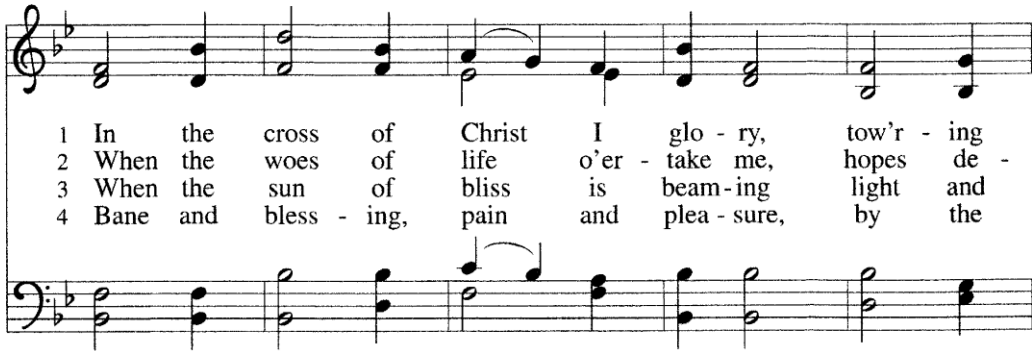
*Silence is kept for self-examination.*

Most Merciful God,

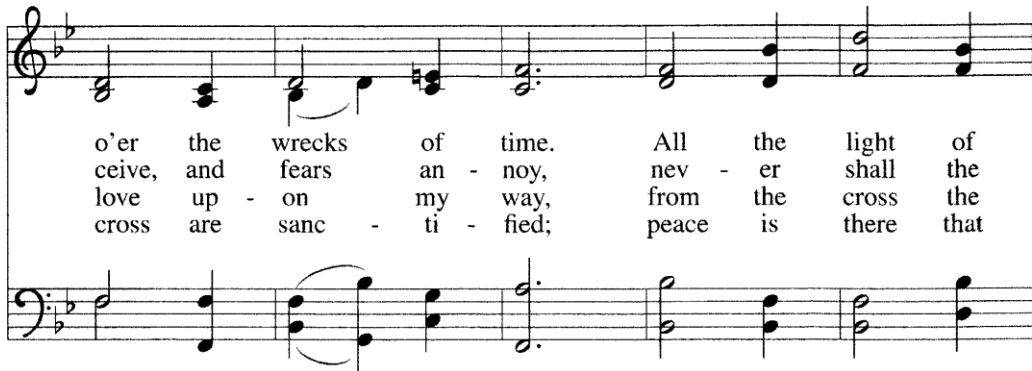
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  
✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

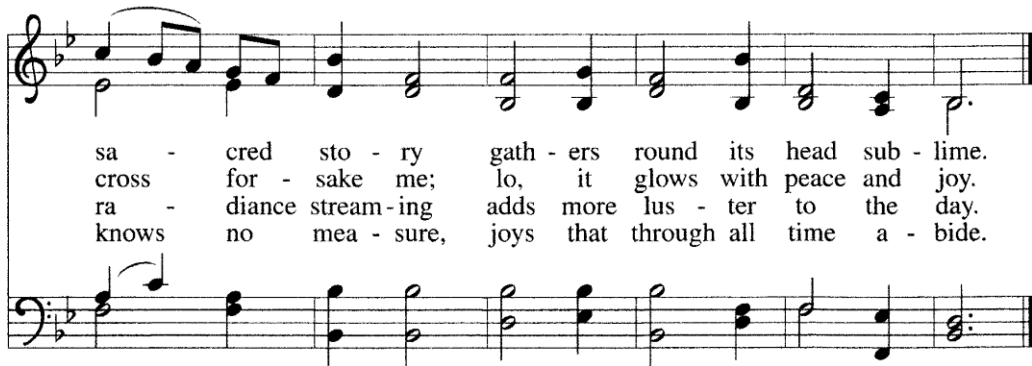
# HYMN #324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

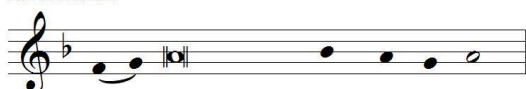


sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

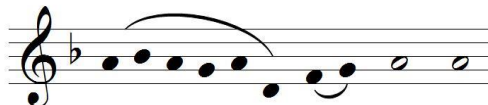
## GREETING

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.**

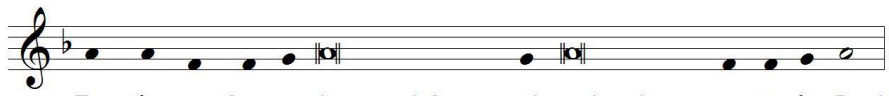
## KYRIE



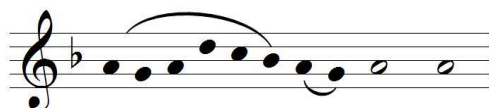
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



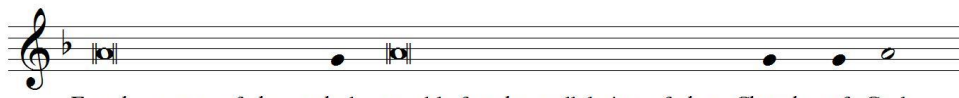
Lord, have mer - cy.




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



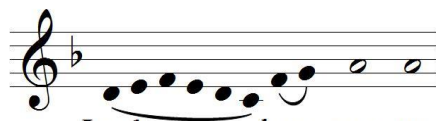
Lord, have mer - cy.



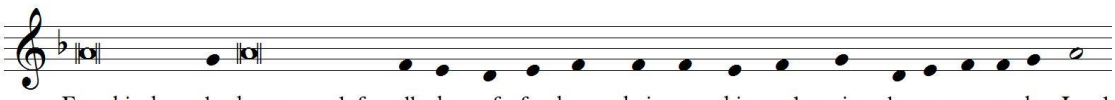
For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God,



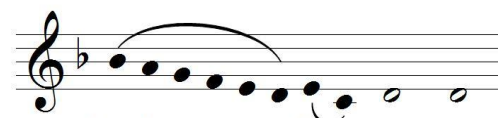
and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



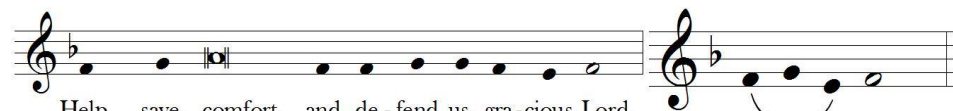
Lord have mer - cy.



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



Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

*The Canticle of Praise is omitted during Lent*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, **through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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 READING Exodus 20:1-17

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's

wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19



<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo-

ry of God, and the sky proclaims its <sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale <sup>1</sup> to another,**

**and one night imparts knowledge <sup>1</sup> to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no <sup>1</sup> words or language, and their voices <sup>1</sup> are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends <sup>1</sup> of the world, where God has pitched a tent <sup>1</sup> for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out <sup>1</sup> of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to <sup>1</sup> run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of <sup>1</sup> it again; nothing is hidden from its <sup>1</sup> burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- <sup>1</sup> vives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to <sup>1</sup> the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- <sup>1</sup> joice the heart;**

**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light <sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous <sup>1</sup> altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than <sup>1</sup> much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey <sup>1</sup> in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- <sup>1</sup> vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is <sup>1</sup> great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's <sup>1</sup> own offenses? Cleanse me from my <sup>1</sup> secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion <sup>1</sup> over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a <sup>1</sup> great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable <sup>1</sup> in your sight, O Lord, my strength and <sup>1</sup> my redeemer.**

Glory be to the Father, and <sup>1</sup> to the Son, and to the <sup>1</sup> Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the begin- <sup>1</sup> ning, is now, and will be fore- <sup>1</sup> ver. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** (8:30) Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho Traditional  
Children's Choir

**ANTHEM** (11:00) My Song Is Love Unknown James Kirkby Cantors

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

**LENTEN ACCLAMATION** (*please stand*)

Handbells

Glor - ry and praise

to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

**Cantor:** We proclaim Christ<sup>1</sup> crucified,\* the power of God and the wis-<sup>1</sup>dom of God. **(Repeat Antiphon)**



## **GOSPEL John 2:13-22**

The Gospel according to John, the second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** *Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

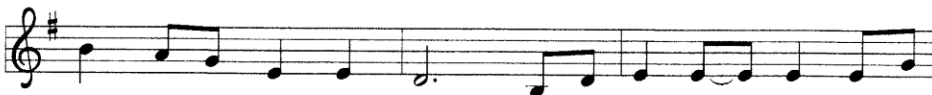
**SERMON**

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

# HYMN OF THE DAY # 723 Canticle of the Turning *(please stand)*



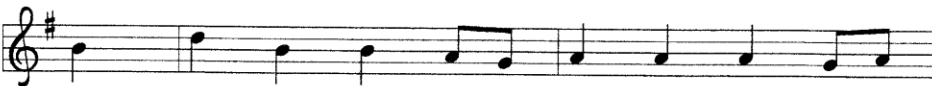
1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



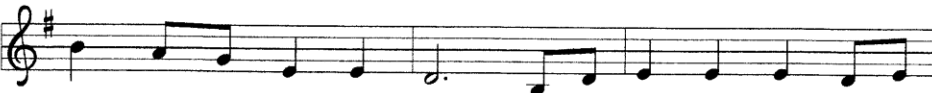
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our Christian faith using the words of the 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**

## OFFERING

*You may bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the plate.*

## INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION (11:00)

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:30)** My Song is Love Unknown James Kirkby  
David Gustafson and Alyse Jamieson

## OFFERTORY PRAYER *(please stand)*

Let us pray. Gracious and merciful God, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

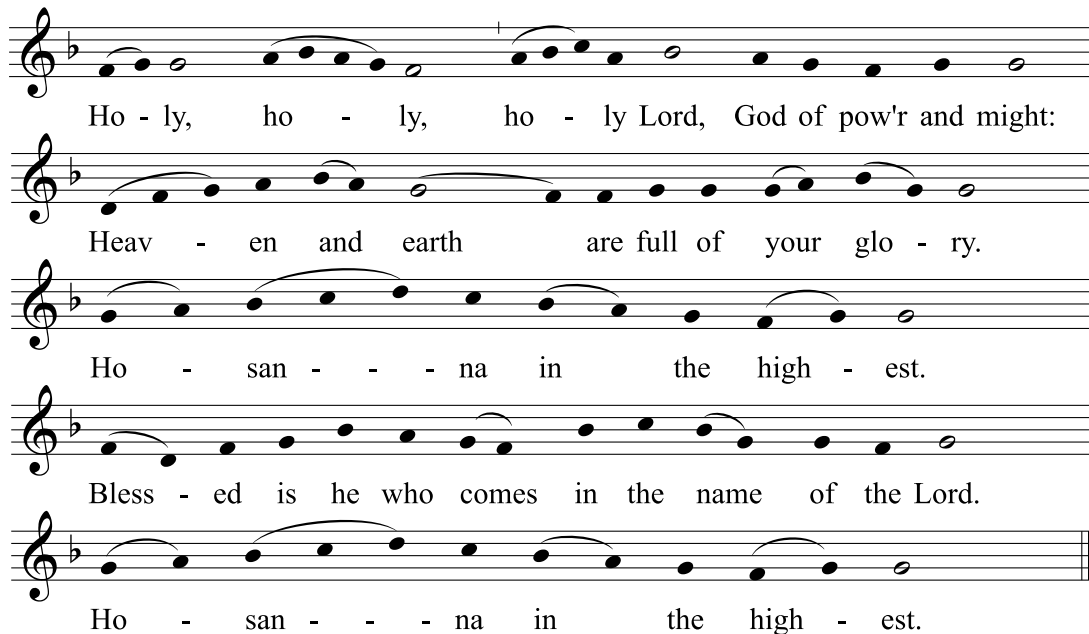
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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



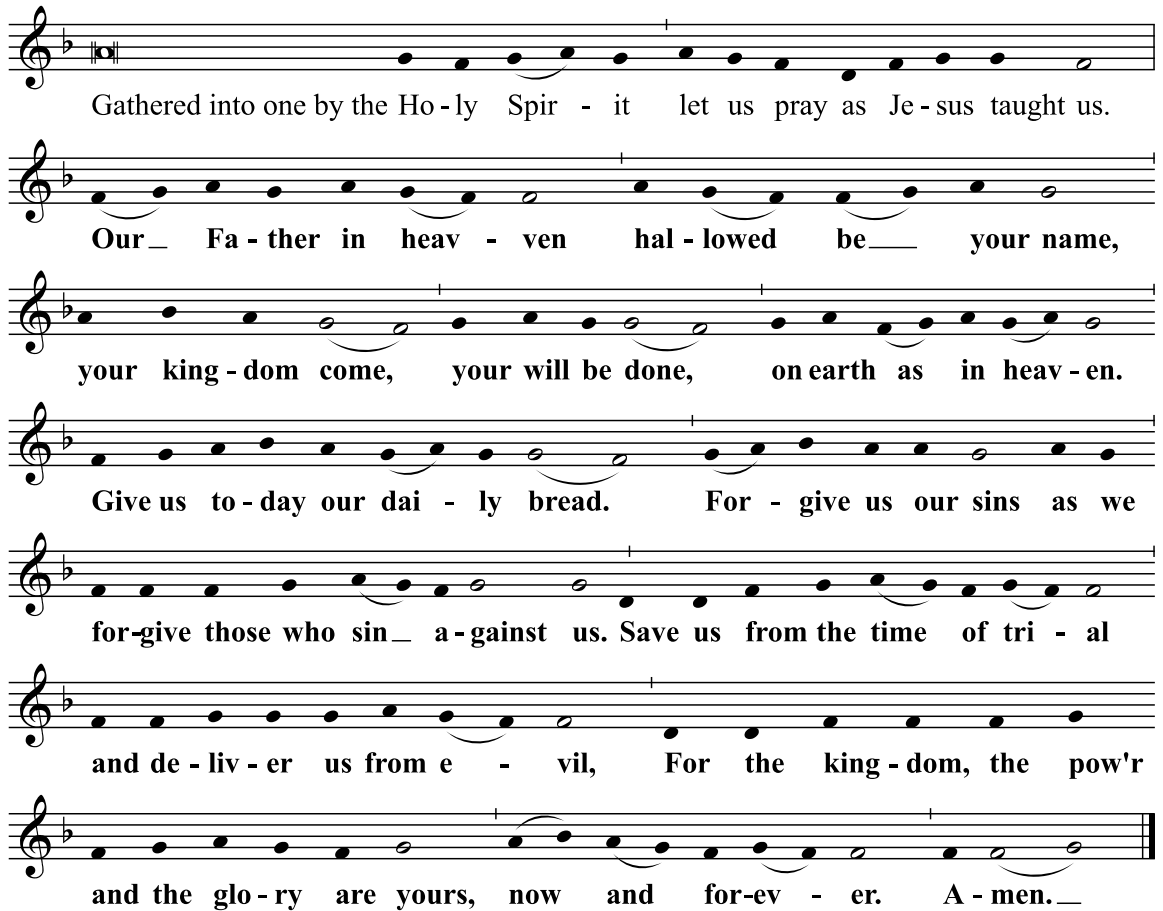
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In 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 into one by the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray as Je - sus taught us.

Our\_ Fa - ther in heav - ven hal - lowed be\_ your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin\_ a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil, For the king - dom, the pow'r

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men.\_

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

*You are invited to come forward with hands outstretched to receive the bread in the form of a wafer and then intinct (dip) the wafer into the cup with red wine or white grape juice, as you hear the words: "The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." (Gluten-free wafers are also available.)*

## COMMUNION 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; grant us peace. A-men.

**ANTHEM (8:30)** Oh When Shall I See Jesus Traditional  
David Gustafson and Alyse Jamieson

**ANTHEM (11:00)** Oh When Shall I See Jesus Traditional Cantors

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **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 #757 All My Hope on God Is Founded



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,  
4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,  
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,  
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,  
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -  
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by  
beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy  
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.  
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.  
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.  
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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**Cantors at 8:30am** Alyse Jamieson & David Gustafson

**Junior Cantors at 8:30am:** Charlotte Miller, Sam Rodgers, Arya Saks, Signe Smith, and CJ Strietelmeier

**Children's Choir:** Ayla Solinsky, Piper Neubert, Eliot Hardwick, Greyson Neckels, Henry Koscho, Louisa Barrett, Paul Rodgers, and Lukas Henriksen

**Cantors at 11am:** David Gustafson, Steve Rodgers

**Lenten Midweek Series with a NEW schedule:** Our Lenten Midweek series continues Tuesday evenings. Our theme is "*Journeying with God through our Wilderness.*" The series begins with a simple soup supper at 5:15, then worship begins at 6pm in the Parish Hall with an interactive reflection on the Word of God, concluding with Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary (6:45-7:15) Note: Music Together and Children's Choir rehearsal is at the usual time (6:00-6:45pm) followed by Junior Cantors (6:45-7:15pm).

**The Concordia Choir Concert on March 10 at 4pm.** Tickets are \$35 for premium seating, \$25 for general admission. Students of all ages are free. Tickets can be purchased between services, in the office, or online at [www.theconcordiachoir.org](http://www.theconcordiachoir.org).

**New Members will be received at both services on Palm Sunday, March 24.** Please let Pastor Laurie or Pastor Ben know if you'd like to learn more about our life together at Central.

**CUE Service Trip Fundraiser:** The CUE Youth Group will be going on its first Summer Service trip since 2019! They will be headed to Chiloquin, OR where they will join teens from other churches. Today, they will be in the narthex ready to receive donations from you to help send them to Chiloquin! With a \$10 minimum donation, you will receive a postcard and picture from one of the teens on the trip. Let's support our teens!

## Central Lutheran Church 2024 Schedule for Lent thru Easter

Date	Lent / Holy Week / Easter
February 14 Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Worship at noon & 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
February 18, 25 March 3, 10, 17	Sundays in Lent Worship at 8:30am & 11am with Education between services 9:45-10:45am
February 20, 27 March 5, 12, 19 Together Tuesdays	Soup Supper at 5:15pm; Music Together & Children's Choir at 6pm; Interactive Worship at 6pm with Holden Evening Prayer at 6:45pm
March 24 Palm Sunday	Reception of New Members at 8:30am & 11am
March 28 Maundy Thursday	Worship at 7:30pm
March 29 Good Friday	Worship at noon & 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
March 31 Easter Sunday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship at 8:30am & 11am

***“Journeying with God through our Wilderness”***  
***Based on Exodus chapters 15-20***

Together Tuesday topics for Interactive Worship:

Feb 20: Joy of freedom & the anxiety of vulnerability in the Wilderness

Feb. 27: Groundlessness, despair, lament, & complaint in the Wilderness

Mar 5: Theology of need rather than abundance in the Wilderness

Mar 12: Sabbath in the Wilderness, gift and challenge

Mar 19: Caring for others in the Wilderness