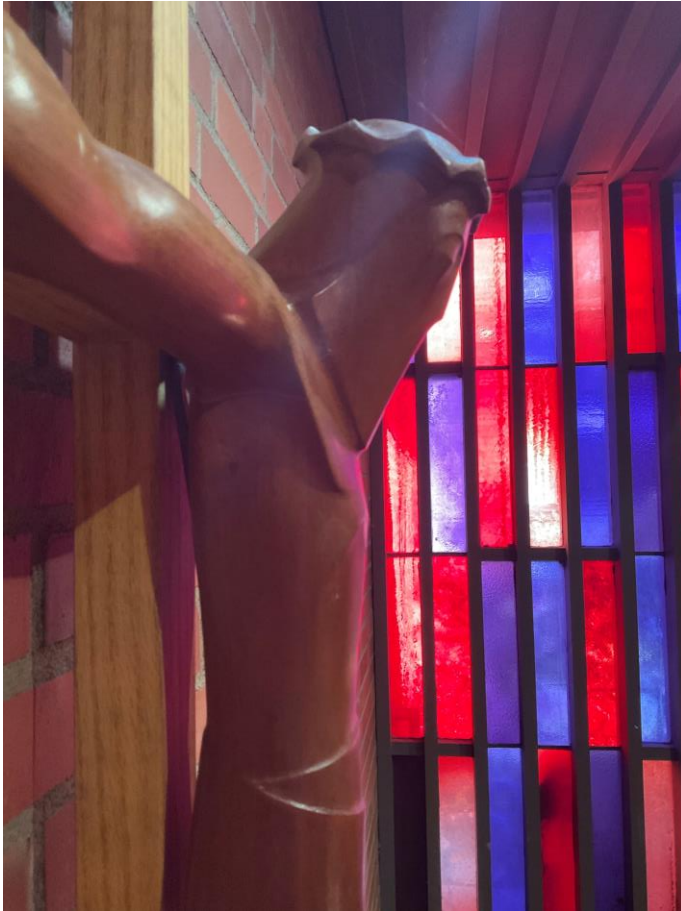


Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024
8:30 & 11am Worship



Central Lutheran Church
1857 Potter Street
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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Dusk

Nkeiru Okoye

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 #342 There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

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.**

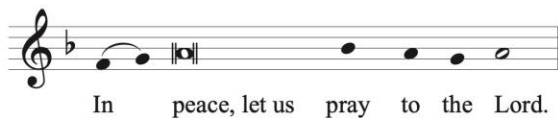
KYRIE (11:00) -- Louis Vierne (1870-1937) Central Chorale

<i>Kyrie eleison</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	Christ, have mercy upon us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us.

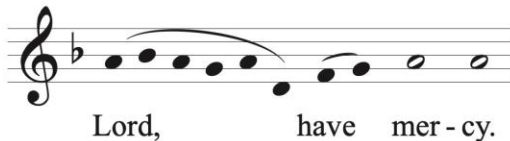
From the French Cathedral tradition, this Kyrie employs the two musical forces in dialogue that was available in the French Cathedrals: the Grand (very large) organ in the rear gallery, the Cathedral Choir and a smaller organ in front by the altar. Louis Vierne, the blind organist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, composed an entire Mass (from which this Kyrie is taken) for choir and two organs. As we do not have a choir organ, we will use the members of the Central Brass Ensemble.

Central Brass Ensemble (11:00) Cornet: Chris Peters; Horns: Sheri Pyron, Frances Pinkham, Roger Welch; Bass Trombone: James Meyers

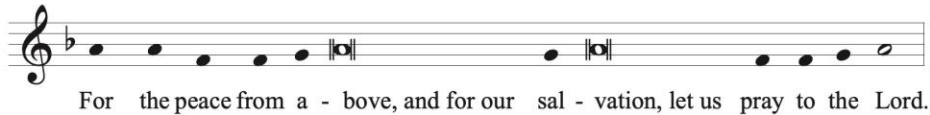
KYRIE (8:30)



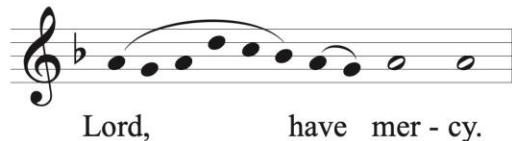
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



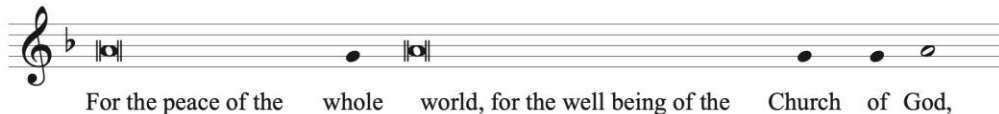
Lord, have mer-cy.



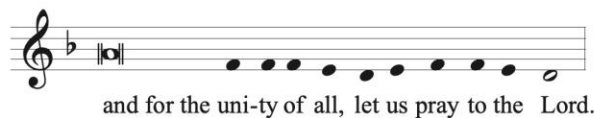
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



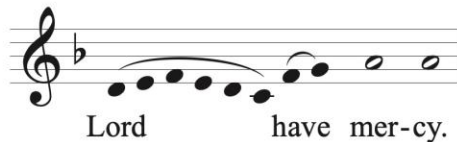
Lord, have mer - cy.



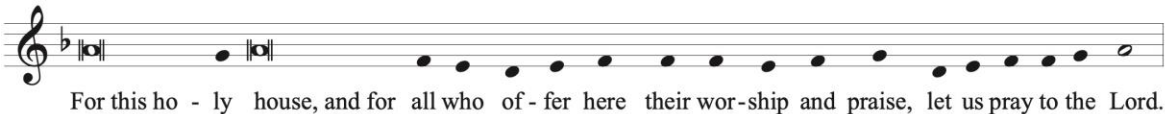
For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God,



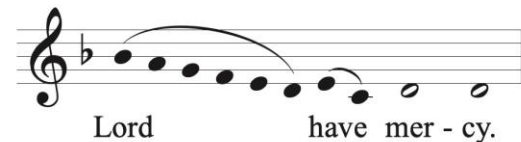
and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



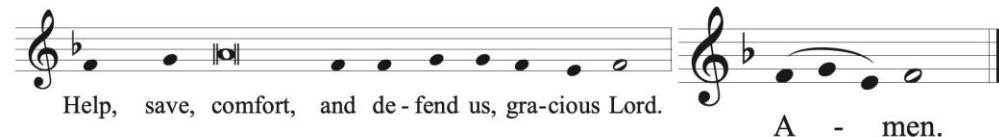
Lord have mer-cy.



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. O God, **rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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 Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22



¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the ¹ Lord is good, for God’s mercy en- ¹dures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the ¹ Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand ¹ of the foe,**

³gathering them in ¹ from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and ¹ from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took re-^l bellious paths;
through their sins they^l were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all man-^l ner of food and drew near^l to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried^l to the Lord
and you delivered them from^l their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your^l word and healed them
and rescued them^l from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your^l steadfast love
and your wonderful works^l for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices^l of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with^l shouts of joy

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the^l Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-^l ver. Amen.**

ANTHEM (8:30) *As the Winter Days Grow Longer*

Cantors

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one

may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
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: God so loved the world that he gave his | only Son,* so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have e - | ternal life.
(Repeat Antiphon)

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

The Gospel according to John, the third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
[Jesus said:] “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

HYMN OF THE DAY #666 What Wondrous Love Is This *(please stand)*

G Dm C Am C Dm F Em Dm

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

Am Am7 F Em Dm Dm7 G Am Am7 Dm G

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll

Am B♭maj7 C Dm G Dm C F Em

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing his love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

Dm G Em Dm Am Am7 F Em Dm

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN #927 Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

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.**

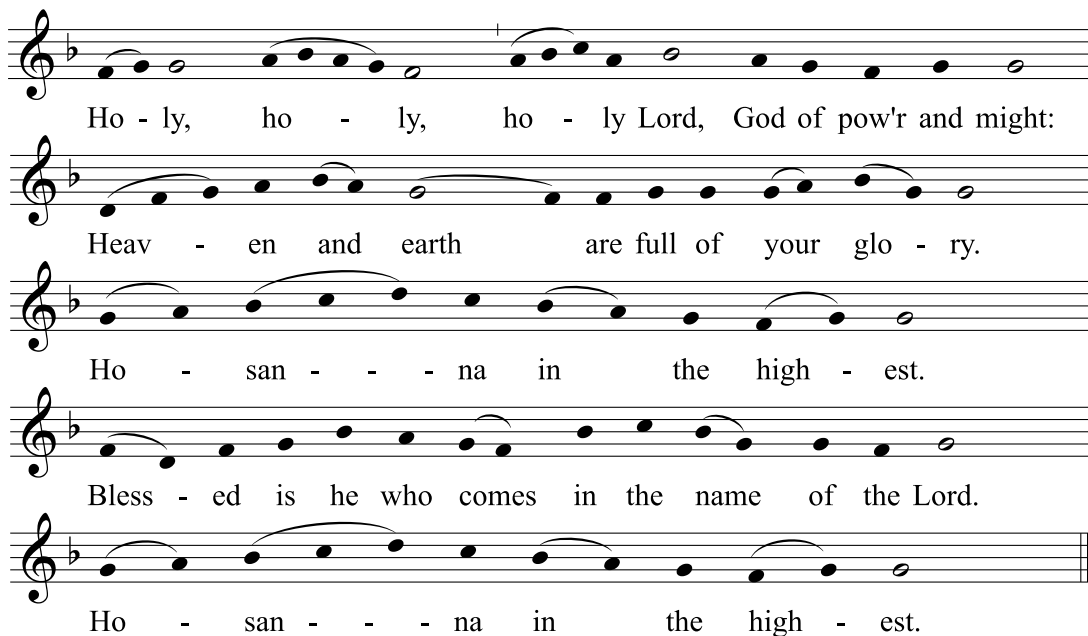
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

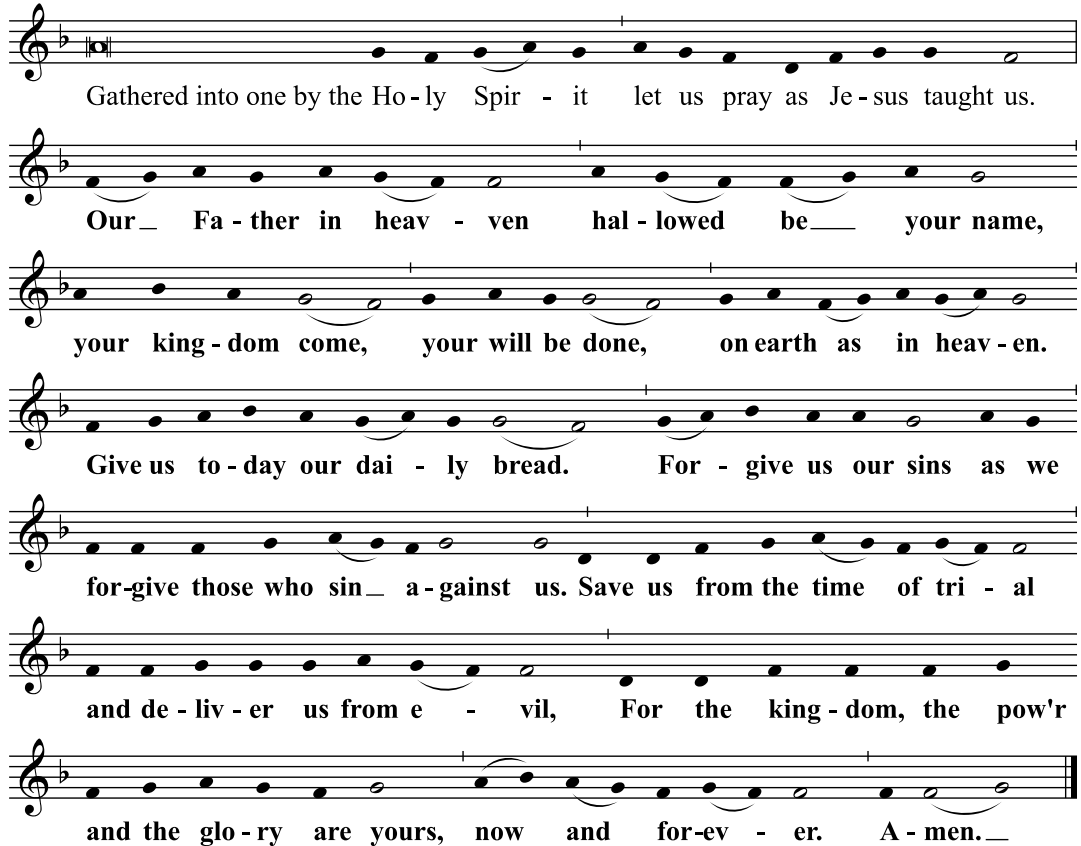
SANCTUS



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

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.

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

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 Go Now in Peace *(You are invited to sing Stanza 2 as a round)*

* Round begins on 2nd Stanza



1. Go now in peace though friends must part, Your pre-sence lives in ev - ry heart.
2. Go now in hope, and hope - ful stay, Though shad-owed val-leys hide your way;



Your gifts to us no words can tell: Go now in peace, in Christ go well.
Through good and e - vil, joy and pain, With God in Spir - it, you re-main.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Fugue based upon the name ALAIN* Maurice Duruflé



A - L - A - I - N

Jehan Alain, a young and promising French organist/composer, died during World War II leaving only a few brilliant compositions, one of which is entitled

Litanies and is regularly heard as a voluntary here at Central. Crafting a melody using the letters of ALAIN by extending the musical alphabet using the German system, Duruflé composed this **Prelude and Fugue** in homage to a young talent who suffered a premature death.

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Cantors at 8:30: Naomi Castro & Dylan Buntun

The Concordia Choir Concert, today, March 10 at 4pm. Tickets are \$35 for premium seating, \$25 for general admission. Students of all ages are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.theconcordiachoir.org or at the door.

Everyone is invited to a baby shower for Holly, Pastor Ben and Iris on Saturday, March 16, 1pm in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served. They are expecting a boy. The couple's gift list includes: Gift cards to Target or Amazon, Disposable diapers - size 1 and above, Clothes for 3 months and up, board or cloth books

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.

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 will begin 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 (which stands as our homily for the evening), 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).

Holy Week Worship Schedule

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

Central Lutheran Church
2024 Schedule for Lent through Easter – Save the Dates!

Date	Lent / Holy Week / Easter
March 17	Sundays in Lent Worship at 8:30am & 11am with Education between services 9:45-10:45am
March 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
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“Journeying with God through our Wilderness”
Based on Exodus chapters 15-20

Together Tuesday topics for Interactive Worship:

Mar 12: Sabbath in the Wilderness, gift and challenge

Mar 19: Caring for others in the Wilderness

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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