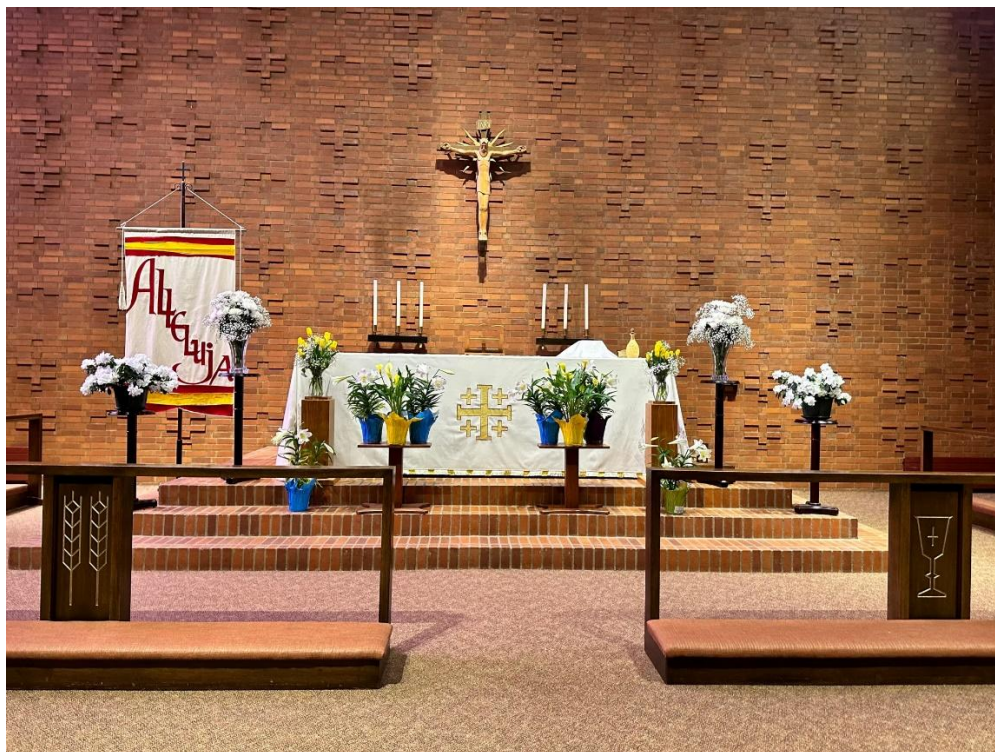


Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 2026  
8:30am & 11am Worship



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## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

## PRELUDE (8:30)

*Psalm 102:7*

Lance Brown

## WELCOME

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN #377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing; O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

# 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

*Cantor* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly* Lord, have mer - cy. *Plainsong*

*Cantor* Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly* Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly* Lord, have mer - cy.

# GLORIA

*Organ* Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
mighty God and Fa - ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 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 - ceive our prayer. Organ

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 Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(you may be seated)*

## **FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

*After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 16



Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”

**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,  
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**

But those who run after | other gods  
shall have their troubles | multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,  
never take their names up- | on my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;  
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night | after night.

**I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;  
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures for- | evermore.

**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)** I Know that My Redeemer Lives from **Messiah** - Handel  
Taylor Hulett with Andy Strietelmeier, Violin

**ANTHEM (11:00)** Hail Thee, Festival Day – Ralph Vaughn Williams  
Bernie Bopp, Tenor

## SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*During the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to go to the chapel for the children's message. We will return during the sharing of the peace.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand as you are able)*



*Cantors:* Blessed are those who | have not seen and yet have come | to believe. **Repeat antiphon.**

## **GOSPEL    John 20:19-31**

The Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

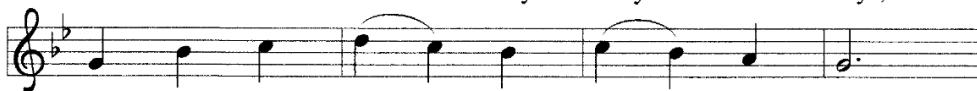
**SERMON**

Vicar Joel Timmons

**HYMN O Sons and Daughters** (*Cong. sings 1-4, 9 Cantors sing stanzas 5-8*)  
*(please stand)*



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
*Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.*  
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:  
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way  
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,  
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,  
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
 that they had seen the risen Lord,  
 he doubted the disciples' word.  
 Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
 and look upon my hands, my feet;  
 not faithless, but believing be."  
 Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,  
 and yet whose faith has constant been,  
 for they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia!

## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church throughout the ages, let us profess our Christian faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

**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**

*When the leader says, "God, in your mercy,"  
you are invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."*

## **PEACE**

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

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**ANTHEM (8:30)**    *He Shall Feed His Flock* from **Messiah** – Handel  
Taylor Hulett, Soprano; Alyse Jamieson, Mezzo; 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. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

*(please stand as you're able)*

## **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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
Hosan-na in the highest. Organ Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan-na in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

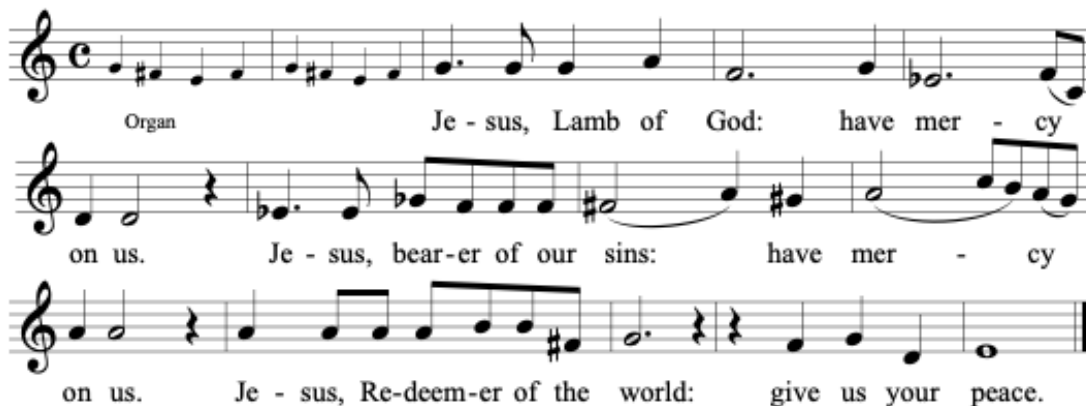
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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)**

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

*You are invited to come forward and kneel (or stand) at the altar rail to receive communion. You will receive the bread in the form of a wafer and then you may drink from the individual cups of either red wine or white grape juice. If you would like to avoid navigating the stairs you may come forward and sit in the front pew (or remain where you are) and the communion servers will come to you. All are welcome.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Organ                      Je - sus, Lamb of God:                      have mer - cy  
on us.                      Je - sus, bear-er of our sins:                      have mer - cy  
on us.                      Je - sus, Re-deem-er of the world:                      give us your 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. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Holy Spirit, our advocate, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

# HYMN #384 That Easter Day with Joy

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

*We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.*

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**      *Toccata in B Minor*      Eugene Gigout

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**Together Tuesday returns this week!** Dinner begins at 5:15pm with Children's Choir/Junior Cantors rehearsal at 5:45pm, Adult Education at 6:pm in the Library, and Music Together at 6pm in the Gathering Room.

**A Red Cross Blood Drive is being hosted at Central** on Wednesday, April 15th with appointments available between 10am and 3pm. Donors can sign up at the America Red Cross website.

**The Spring term for Confirmation Students** will be hosted at Central beginning Wednesday, April 15 from 6-7pm (except on 4/29 we will be meeting at Emmaus for dinner at 5:30pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer).

**Holden Evening Prayer around the World** will be hosted at Emmaus on Wednesday, April 29th beginning with a potluck dinner at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to share. A freewill offering will be collected to help Holden Village recover from the mudslides and flooding that demolished the main access road to the village. All are welcome.

**For additional information** on weekly and upcoming events visit our website [welcometocentral.org](http://welcometocentral.org).

## 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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