



Central Lutheran Church  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 5, 2023  
8:30am & 11am Worship

## Welcome to Central!

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

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

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

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

## PRELUDE

Largo

Elizabeth Stirling

## WELCOME

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

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

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

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

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

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

## HYMN #665 Rise, Shine, You People! *(please stand)*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Organ

**3** *Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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

*Final refrain*

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. **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

**ANTHEM** (8:30) *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*

Cantors

(11:00) *The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee*

Jean Berger

Chorale

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)



**CANTOR:** Jesus says, I am the light <sup>1</sup> of the world;\* whoever follows me will have the <sup>1</sup> light of life. *Assembly repeats Antiphon.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

The Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** [Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

# HYMN OF THE DAY #677 This Little Light of Mine *(please stand)*

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

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this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## **NICENE CREED**

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

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

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

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

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

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

**OFFERING (8:30)**      *Come to Us, Creative Spirit*      Cantors  
*You may place your offering in the plates as you come forward for communion.*

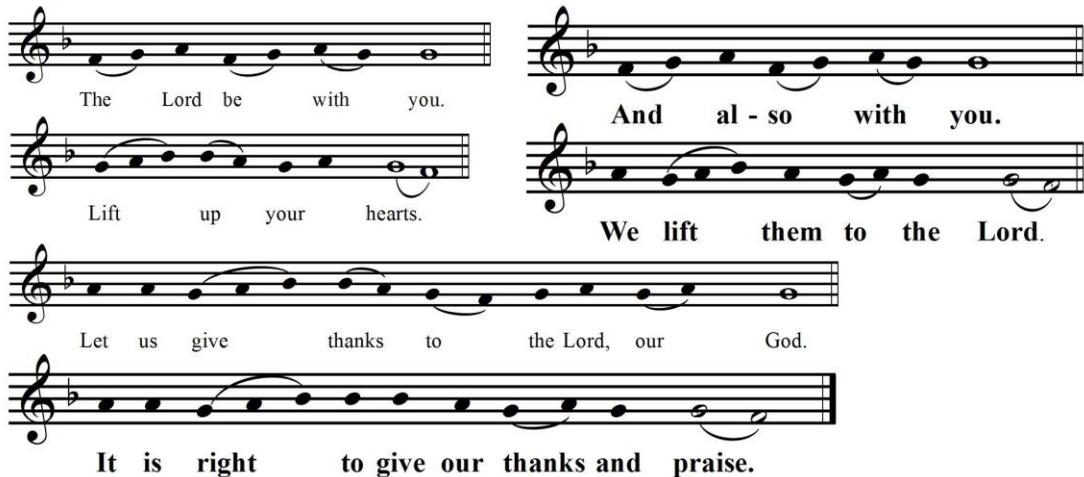
## OFFERTORY RESPONSE (8:30) *(please stand)*

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

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And al - so with you.

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

## SANCTUS



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

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took break, 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 in 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*)

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us — peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN #833 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my  
 2 Let ev - 'ry pow'r in me im - plant - ed a - rise, keep  
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for  
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that through the  
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten

God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has  
 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -  
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -

joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -  
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and  
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to  
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most  
 dore you, when I will join the an - gel through and raise to

ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!  
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy your mak - er's praise!  
 show forth praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!  
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!  
 you with joy - ful cry ten thou - sand hal - le - lu - jahs high!

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY** “Fiddle” Fugue, BWV 539 Johann Sebastian Bach

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**Cantors (8:30):** Alyse Jamieson & David Gustafson

**The altar flowers are given** to the Glory of God by Jean Clancey in memory of Louise and Bruce Brown.

**Please join us between services for education (9:45-10:45).** Children meet in the Godly Play Room. Adults meet in the Library for a new series on Prayer and Our Prayer Life from the Prayer Ministry Team.

**All are invited to join us this week at Together Tuesday.** The meal is from 5:15-6:00pm, followed by Music Together, Children’s Choir, and Adult Education from 6:00-6:45pm. Adult Education continues the series: Lutheran Theology: A Grammar of Faith

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

**Individuals are available to pray** with those with needs in the Chapel immediately following the 8:30 service.

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

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