

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026  
8:30am & 11am Worship



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## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

## PRELUDE (8:30)

*Petit Canon*

Nadia Boulanger

## WELCOME

Vicar Joel Timmons

## 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 #391 This Joyful Eastertide

1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, A - way with sin and sor -  
 2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son slum -  
 3. Death's flood has lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the riv -

er! my love, the Cru - ci - fied, Has sprung to life this  
 ber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in  
 er: Lo - ver of souls, from ill my pass - ing soul de -

mor - row. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his  
 num - ber.  
 liv - er,

three-day pris - on, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a -  
 ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en; a - ris - en!

## GREETING

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

## KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, **your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

## **FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19



I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,  
**for the Lord has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:**

**“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”**

How shall I re- | pay the Lord

for all the good things God has | done for me?

**I will lift the cup | of salvation**  
**and call on the name | of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of | all God’s people.

**Precious in your | sight, O Lord,**  
**is the death | of your servants.**

O Lord, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me | from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**  
**and call upon the name | of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of | all God’s people,

**in the courts of | the Lord’s house,**  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

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

**As it was in the begin- | ning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.**

**ANTHEM (8:30)**      *Lord of the Dance* – John Fergusson      Chorale

**ANTHEM (11:00)**      *Rise Up, My Heart, with Gladness* – Bach      Cantor

## SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 1:17-23

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. The word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

Fine

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

The strife is o'er the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's tri - umph

won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

## **GOSPEL    Luke 24:13-35**

The Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

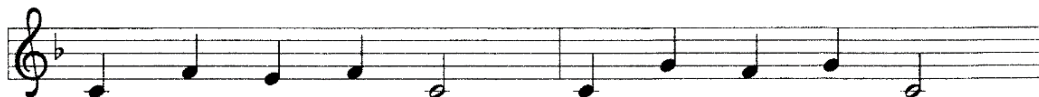
Now on that same day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and

their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

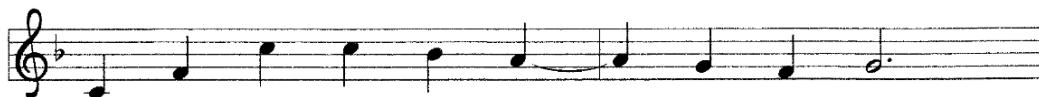
**SERMON**

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

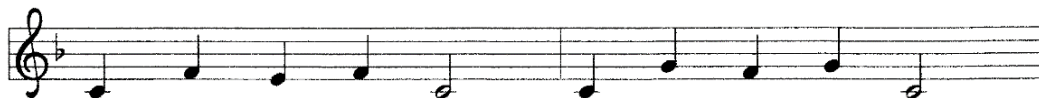
**HYMN #317 Day of Arising** (*please stand*)



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

## **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 the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

## HYMN Tell Out My Soul



1 Tell out my soul, the great-ness of the Lord! un - num - bered  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his name! make know his  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might! pow'rs and do -  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glor - ies of his word! firm is his

bles - ings give my spir - it voice; ten - der to me the pro - mise of his  
might, the deeds his arm has done; his mer - cy sure, from age - to - age the  
min - ions lay their glo - ry by. Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to  
pro - mise, and his mer - cy sure. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the

word; in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
same; his ho - ly name, the Lord, the might - y one.  
flight, the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
Lord to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more.

## 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, we pray. **Amen.**

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



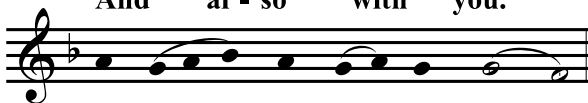
The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



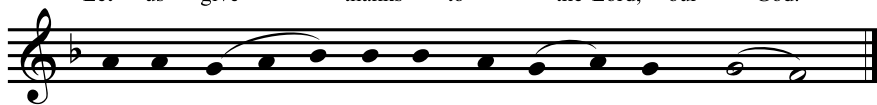
Lift up your hearts.



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, 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

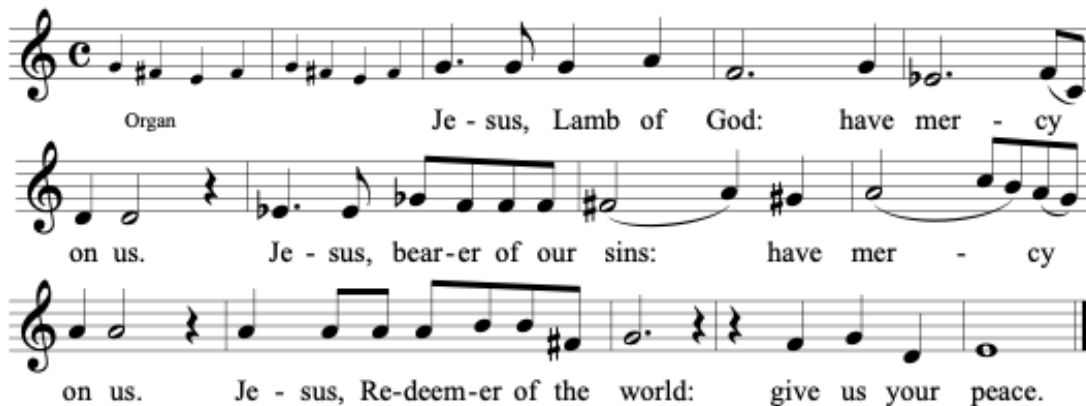
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 (gluten-free wafers are also available) 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 #385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!** *(see back page)*

**DISMISSAL**

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

*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 and Fugue in D minor, BWV 538 – Bach*

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**Today's Cantor at 11am:** David Gustafson

**Join us in the Library for the Adult Forum between services** to learn more about Central's Memorial Courtyard & Columbarium and the gift you can give your loved ones when you pre-plan and make your final wishes known.

**Campus Ministry for University/College Students:** Come and feast on a home-cooked meal with other students at "Sunday Dinner Church" starting at 5pm in the Parish Hall, concluding with the Lord's Supper in the Sanctuary.

**Together Tuesday's Adult Education discussion will be facilitated by Vicar Joel Timmons.** We will be focusing on the book, *For a Time Such as This – An Emergency Devotional* by Hanna Reichel.

**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.

# HYMN #385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

## 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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