

*5 Epiphany, February 8th 2026
8:30 & 11am Worship*



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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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Welcome to Worship!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Méditation religieuse

Henri Mulet

WELCOME

Vicar Joel Timmons

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS (*please stand as you're able*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the One who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers us in the righteousness of Christ and forgives our sin in \dagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give us strength to live for others and bless us with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN #665 Rise, Shine You People



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.



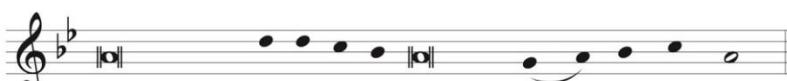
For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



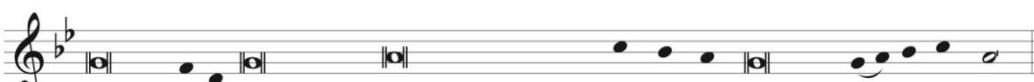
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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.

GLORIA

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 1 Lord God,
heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
Refrain
praise you for your glo - ry. 2 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 -
Refrain
ceive our_ prayer. 3 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 Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

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 LESSON **Isaiah 58:1-12**

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

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 want God on their side. “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. 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 straps 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.”

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-9



Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.

It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the Lord.

Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands | fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.

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>Gymnopedie #3</i> – Eric Satie	Handbell Ensemble
ANTHEM (11:00)	<i>O Day Full of Grace</i> Christiansen/Stewart-Cook	Chorale

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech 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 made not with persuasive 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 being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, 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"—God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human 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 Life. **Thanks be to God.**

During the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to join Vicar Joel in the Chapel for a special message. They will return during the sharing of the peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand as you are able)



Cantors: Jesus says, I am the light ¹ of the world;* whoever follows me will have the ¹ light of life. **Repeat antiphon.**

GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th 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. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lamp stand, 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

Dr. Dennis Lindsay

HYMN #667 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,

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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.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN #715 Christ Be Our Light (See insert)

OFFERING

You are invited to place your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On 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 by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord 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

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; have mer-cy on us.

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ANTHEM (8:30)*The Beatitudes* – Richard Shephard

Cantors

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. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God (*see back page*)**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God!**

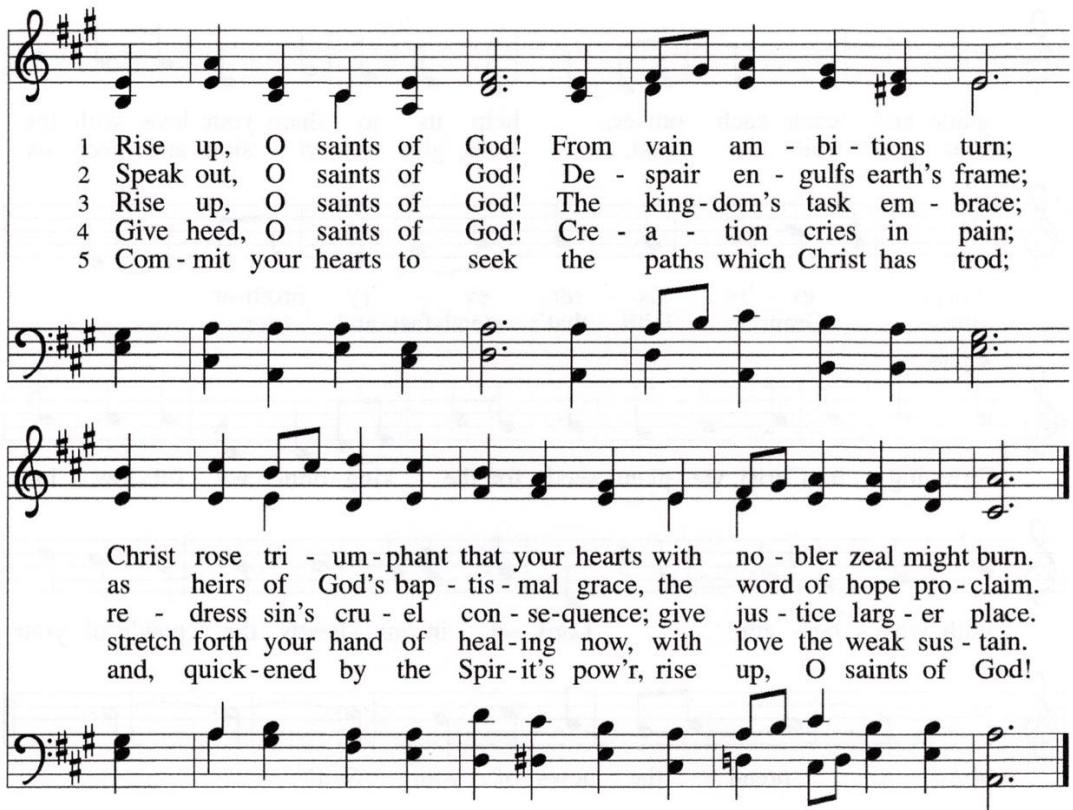
You may remain seated during the Organ Voluntary; however if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence until you reach the Narthex.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY*Praeludium in A Minor, BWV 543*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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HYMN #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God



Today's Cantors (8:30): Taylor Hulett & Daniel Au

A special thanks to Dr. Dennis Lindsay for bringing the message to us this morning.

Join us between services (9:45-10:45am) in the Library for an Adult Forum on seasonal hymnody facilitated by Susan & Pastor Ray Wade.

New members will be received on Palm Sunday, March 29th at both the 8:30am & 11:00am worship services. If you are interested in finding out more, simply fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate as you come forward for communion or contact the church office.

OFFERTORY HYMN #715 Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
 wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
 hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
 bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
 shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
 to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath-ered to-day.

Central Lutheran Church

2026 Schedule for Lent – Easter

Date	Lent / Holy Week / Easter
February 18 Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Worship at noon in the Chapel & 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
Feb 22 & March 1, 8, 15, 22 (Sundays)	Sundays in Lent Worship at 8:30am & 11am with Education between services 9:45-10:45am
Feb 24 & March 3, 10, 17, 24 (Together Tuesdays)	Soup Supper at 5:15pm; Music Together & Children's Choir at 5:45pm; Adult Ed at 6pm with Holden Evening Prayer Worship at 7:00pm
Feb 25 & Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wednesdays)	Lenten Matins Worship in the Chapel at noon followed by a soup luncheon in the Narthex
March 29 Palm Sunday	Reception of New Members at 8:30am & 11am
April 2 Maundy Thursday	Worship at noon at United Lutheran or at Central at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
April 3 Good Friday	Chapel open for prayer between noon & 3pm; Worship at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
April 4 Vigil of Easter	Worship at United Lutheran at 7pm
April 5 Easter Sunday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship at 8:30am & 11am