

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026
8:30am & 11:00am



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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE *Falling Leaves* - David Kraehenbueh
Lukas Henriksen, piano

WELCOME

THE PROCESSIONAL LITANY (*please stand as you are able*)

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior of the world!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

The people of the world shout Hosanna to the living Christ!

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the King of Kings!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

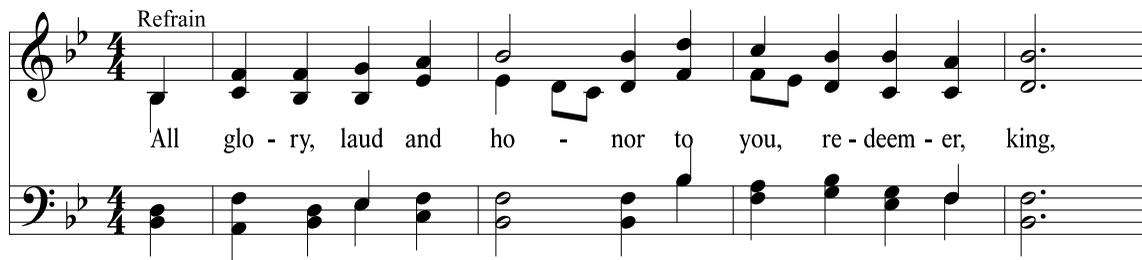
We praise and thank you, O God for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ.**

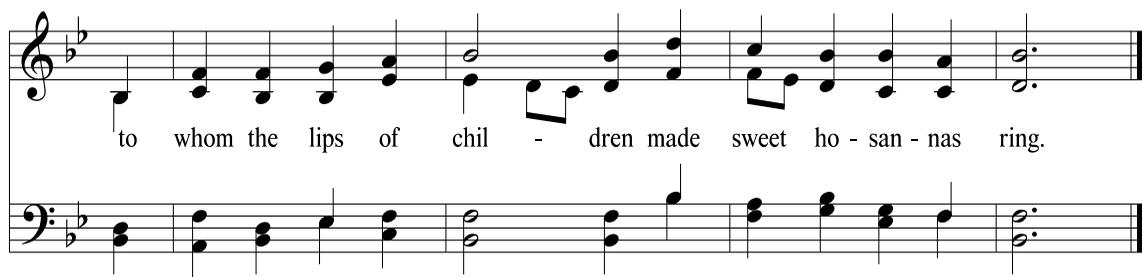
During the Entrance Hymn the congregation is invited to join the processional and receive a Palm Cross at the front of the Chancel.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor

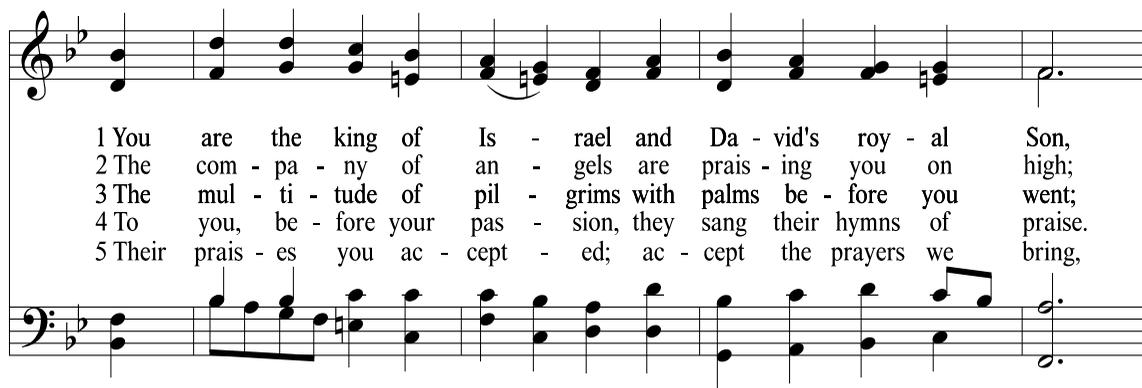
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud and ho - nor to you, re - deem - er, king,

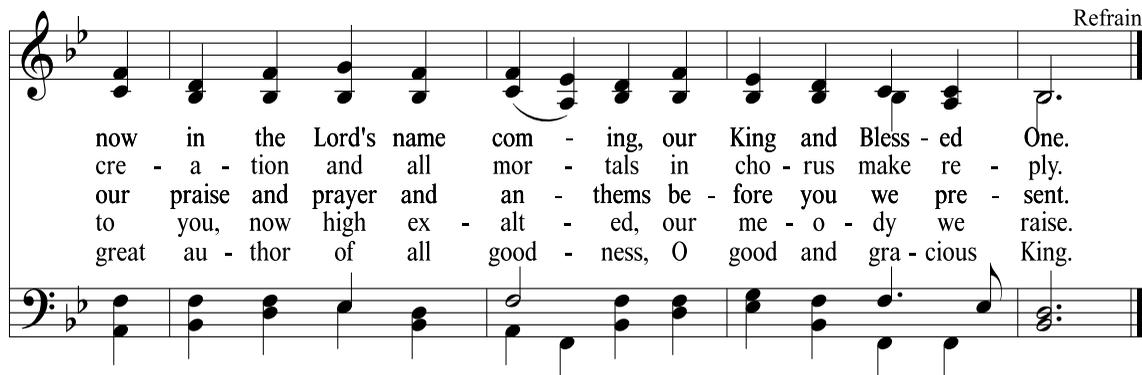


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our me - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Everlasting God, **in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

ANTHEM *He is Coming* – Delmonte
Junior Cantors & Children's Choir

FIRST READING Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Following the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to join Pastor Laurie in the chapel for a Children's Message. We will return during the Hymn of the Day.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please remain seated)*

Hosanna to the Son of David - Tomás Luis de Victoria
Junior Cantors & Children's Choir
with Alyse Jamieson, Daniel Au, & Steve Rodgers

GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11 *(please stand as you're able)*

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Vicar Joel Timmons

HYMN OF THE DAY #342 There in God's Garden *(please stand)*

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!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *(please be seated)*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANTHEM *The Palms* - Jean-Baptiste Fauré

Cantors

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*



The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



And also with you.



We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

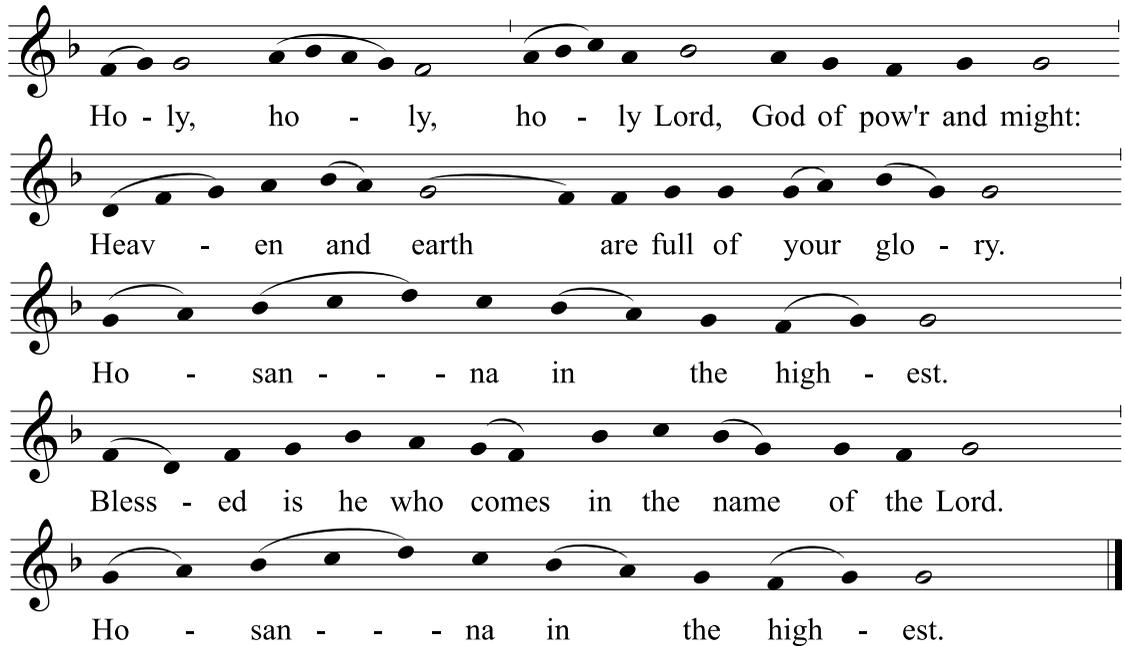


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, 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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. † Christ is risen. † Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace us with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 *(you may be seated)*

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 rather avoid the stairs, feel free to move to the front pew or stay where you are, and the communion servers will bring communion to you. This is Christ's meal, and it is Christ who bids you come. All are welcome.

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.

ANTHEM *Andante* from **Trumpet Concerto in E^b** - Haydn Cantors

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

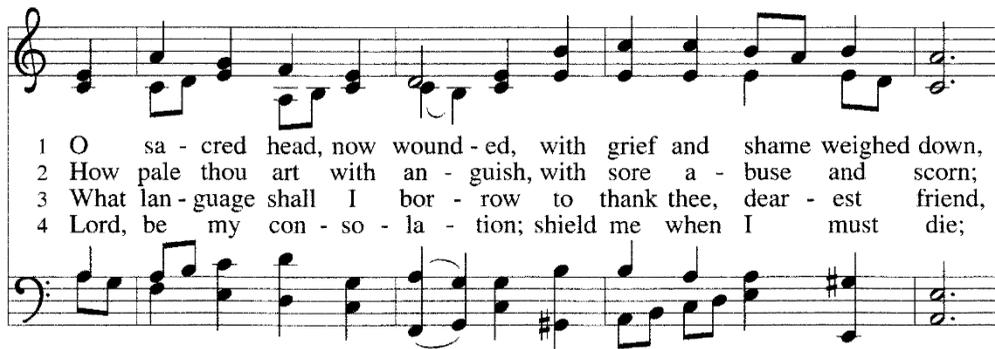
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

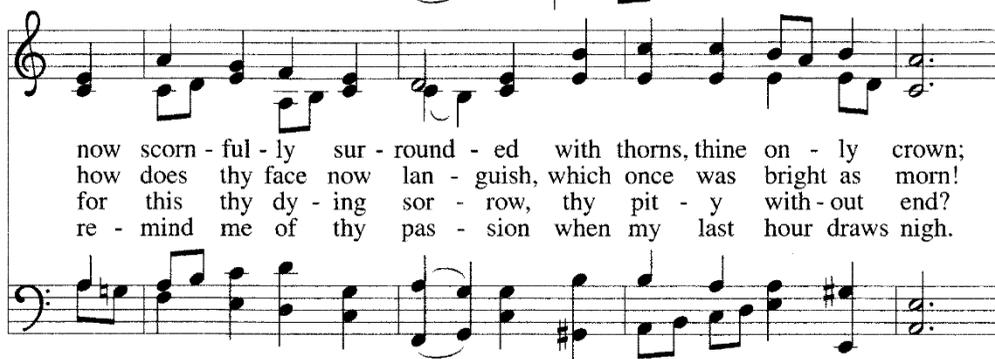
BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

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.**

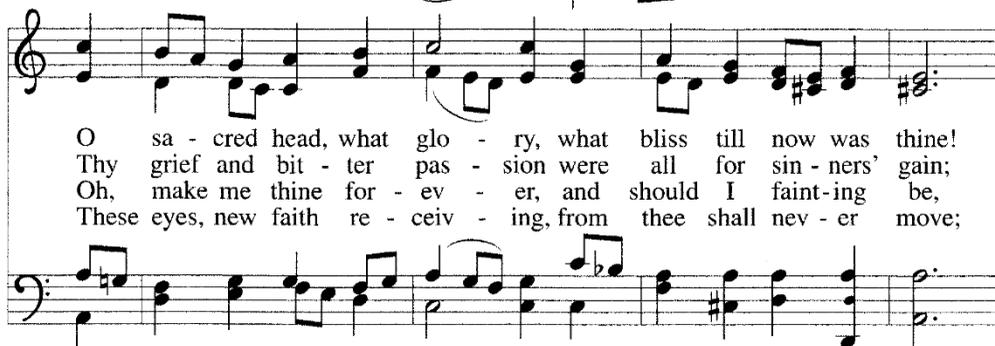
HYMN #351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (St. 4 a cappella, without organ)



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **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 *O Lamm Gottes, Unschuldig, BWV656 - Bach*
O Lamb of God, Unblemished

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Following our worship service today, please join us in the Narthex to celebrate and greet our newest members.

We invite you to worship with us as we observe the *Three Days*—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. **And, again on Easter Sunday** as we celebrate **The Resurrection of Our Lord** at our Festival Worship Services. Detailed information (and the location of these services) is on the back page.

Please note: The Together Tuesday meal and Adult Education will be on break during Holy Week (3/31) and the Tuesday after Easter (4/7), however, for those two weeks our Children’s Choir & Junior Cantors will have their normal rehearsal beginning at 5:45pm and the Music Together Spring session begins on March 31st at 6pm.

A Message from Sandra Koscho, CL Foundation President:

There’s still time to fill out the Foundation Grant Request Form for 2026, however, the deadline is April 10, 2026. Please fill out the form and submit any additional information to Brent Moeller at bmoeller17@yahoo.com or put it in the Foundation mail box across from the Library. (The form can be obtained by emailing the church office churchoffice@welcometocentral.org.)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Greeters: (8:30) Stephanie & Paul Riess

(11:00) Jenn & Josh Neckels

Ushers: (8:30) Don Rasmussen & Howard Kallinen

Crucifer: (8:30) Elise Henriksen

(11:00) Alex Hougland

Cantors: Alyse Jamieson, Daniel Au, David Gustafson, Steve Rodgers

Trumpet: Chris Peters

Organist/Choirmaster: Dr. A. ElRay Stewart-Cook

Associate Organist/Children's Music: Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers

Preacher: Vicar Joel Timmons

Presider: Pastor Laurie A. Jones

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

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Louisa Barrett

Eliot Hodgetts

Oliver Miller

Evelyn Neckels

Greyson Neckels

Paul Rodgers

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Charlotte Miller

Piper Neubert

Sam Rodgers

Arya Saks

Signe Smith

Emma Stalie

CJ Strietelmeier

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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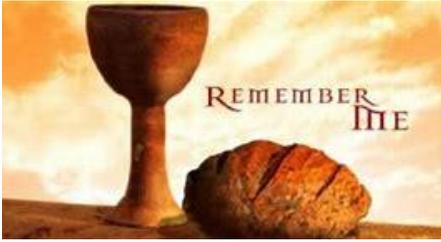
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2nd
noon worship
at United (*includes lunch*)
Worship at Central at 7:30pm

Jesus shares his last meal with his disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd
Stations of the Cross in the Chapel noon-3pm
Tenebrae Worship at Central at 7:30pm
Jesus is crucified.



CHILDREN'S PRE-EASTER EGG PARTY

Saturday, April 4th
Meet in the Parish Hall at 10am

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 4th
7pm at United

Jesus' Passover from death to life.

EASTER SUNDAY FESTIVAL WORSHIP

April 5th
8:30am & 11:00am
The Resurrection of Our Lord.

