

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025
8:30am Worship



Central Lutheran Church
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Welcome to Worship!

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, 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.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Adagio (from **Flute Concerto**)
Dan Rinnan, Organist

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WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(please stand)*

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.

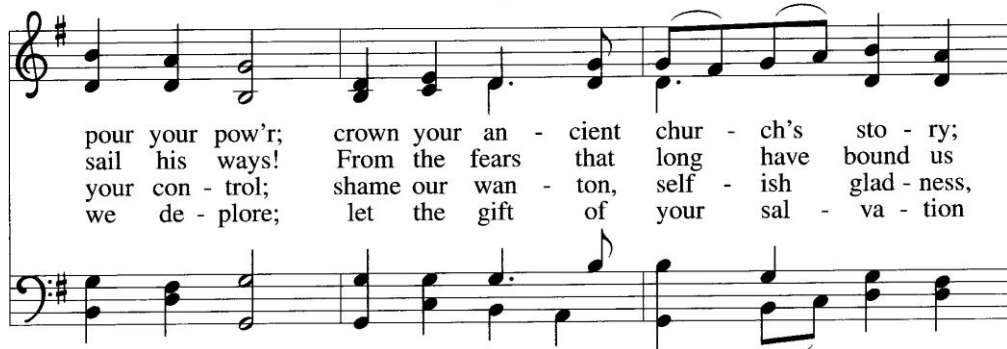
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

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

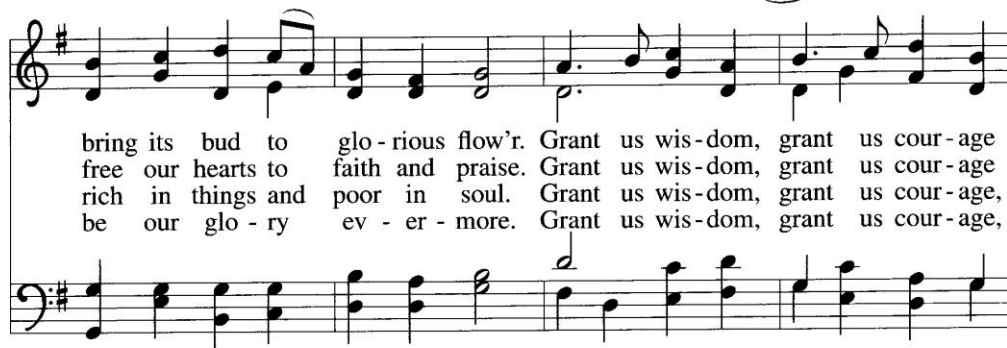
HYMN #705 God of Grace and God of Glory



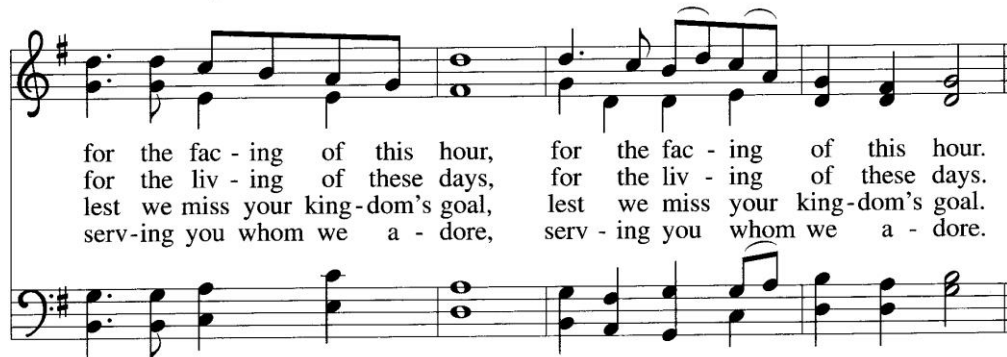
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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. Most holy God, **the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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



PSALM 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things.**

³ When I called, you¹ answered me;
 you increased my¹ strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise¹ you, O Lord,
 when they have heard the words¹ of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways¹ of the Lord,
 that great is the glory¹ of the Lord.

⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares¹ for the lowly,
 perceiving the haughty¹ from afar. R**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you¹ keep me safe;
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right¹ hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your pur-¹pose for me;
 O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;
 do not abandon the works¹ of your hands**

Glory be to the Father, and¹ to the Son, and to the¹ Holy Spirit.
As it was in the begin-¹ning, is now, and will be fore-¹ver. Amen.

ANTHEM Pilgrims' Hymn – Stephen Paulus Chorale

*Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,
 When we seek for the word to glorify you, you hear our prayer
 Unceasing love, O unceasing love surpassing all we know.
 Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

*Even with the darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name
 And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you.
 Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
 Both now and forever and unto ages and ages. Amen.*

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,
² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I

“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

SERMON

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

HYMN OF THE DAY #737 He Comes to Us *(please stand)*



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
 part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
 foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
 birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
 dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
 cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
 tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
 sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
 not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

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.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING

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

HYMN #868 Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old (Luther's Hymn on the Sanctus)

I - sa - iah in a vi - sion did of old The Lord of hosts en - throned on high be - hold:
God's splen - did train was wide out - spread un - til Its stream - ing glo - ry did the tem - ple fill.
A - bove God's throne the shin - ing ser - a - phim With six - fold wings did rev - 'rence un - to God:
With two each ser - aph hid God's glo - rious face, And two a - bout God's feet did in - ter - lace,
And with the oth - er two each soared on high; And one un - to an - oth - er thus did cry:
"Ho - - - - - ly, Ho - - - - - ly,
Ho - - - - ly is the Lord of hosts! God's glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!"
The beams and lin - tels at their cry - ing shook,
And all the house was filled with bil - lowing smoke.

Tune and text: Martin Luther

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(please stand)*

Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The musical score consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second system contains 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third system contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.'. The fourth system contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

PROPER PREFACE

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.

The musical score for the Sanctus consists of four systems of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: '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.' The music features various rhythmic values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and fermatas.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand)*


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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.**

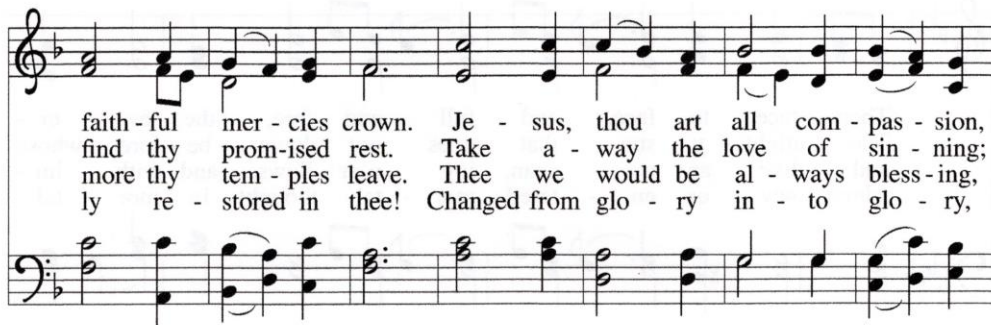
RECESSIONAL HYMN #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* Handel

A Sinfonia from the Oratorio: **Soloman** which describes the entrance of the Queen into Jerusalem. Handel depicts the horses and chariots, the fanfares announcing the arrival and general excitement of the grand procession.

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Coming up:

Winter Vespers: A Meditative program of organ music and poetry, with Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers, organ, and Madeleine Rowell, reader, Sunday February 16th at 4pm in the Sanctuary.

Young Adult Bible Study for ages 18-35 at United Lutheran Church (2230 Washington Street) Saturday, February 22 at 11am. Plan to join us!

Special new service: Light & Hope Amidst Our Deep Darkness: A Candlelight Service of Music and Scripture, Sunday, March 9 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.