The Resurrection of Our Lord April 9, 2023 8:30am and 11:00am



Central Lutheran Church

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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, fellowship, and ministry.

Central's 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 and would like to be added to our mailing list, or you'd like to hear from us, we invite you to fill out the visitor information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Also, you can find out more about Central on our website at welcometocentral.org.

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.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER SUNDAY

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, let us rejoice and be glad. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE FOR EASTER

Royal Trumpet Tune David Johnson The Central Brass Ensemble, Timpani, and Organ

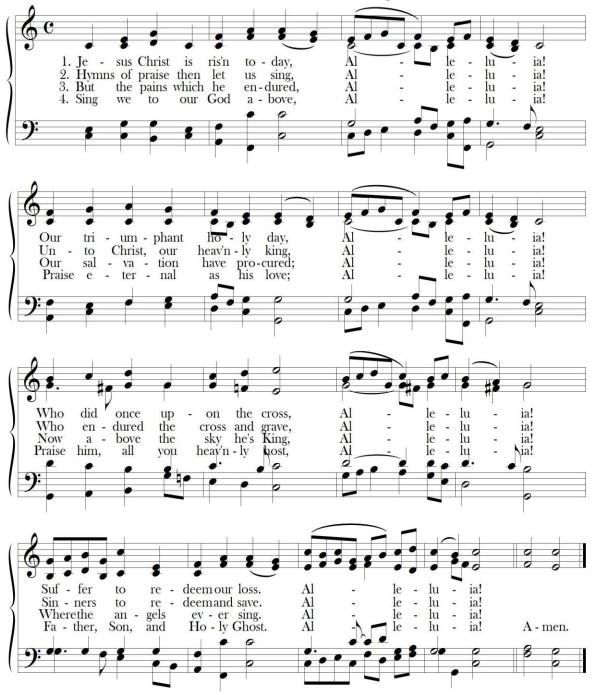
WELCOME

INTROIT	Now the Green Blade Rises	McChesney
	The Central Handbell Ensemble	

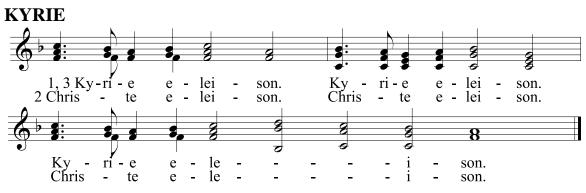
LITANY FOR EASTER (please stand as you are able)
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Oh, sing to the Lord a new song.
For God has done marvelous things!
Because of God's steadfast love,
All the ends of the earth have seen the glory of our God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead!
Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth.
Break forth into joyous song and praises.
For God will rule the earth with righteousness. Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Carillon

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

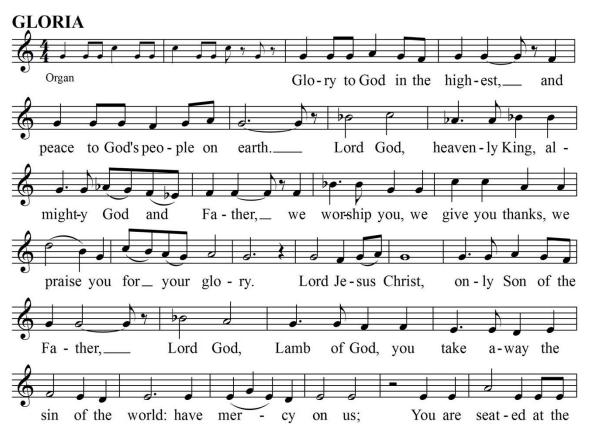


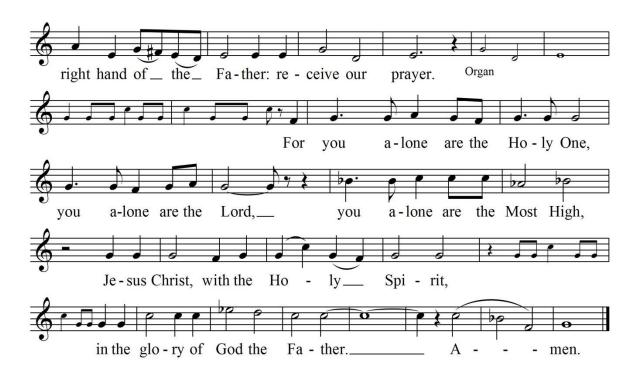
GREETING



Translation: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy







SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (*please be seated*)

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Give Me Joy* - John Burke Children's Choir

SECOND LESSON

Paul writes, "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being; the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand) Fine Al-le-lu ia, al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia. Now is the vic - tors tri - umph The strife is o'er. the bat - tle done; of praise Now be the song won! be - gun Al-le - lu - ia.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

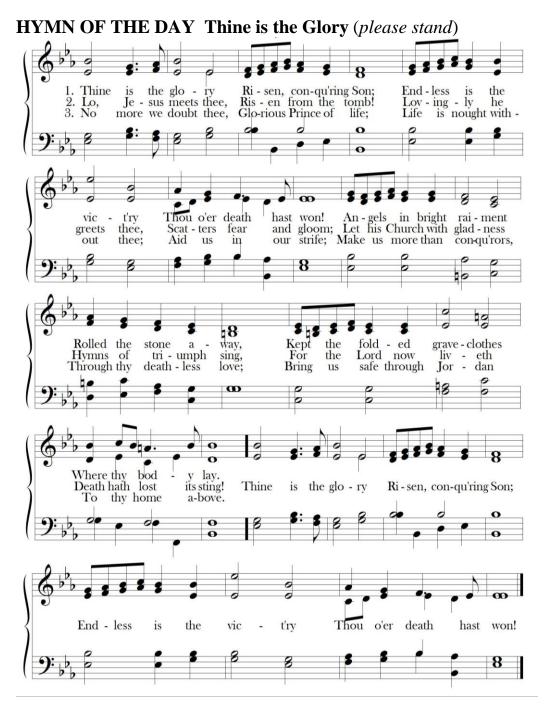
The Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord. After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." The Gospel of our Risen Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Hallelujah (Mount of Olives) Ludwig van Beethoven The Central Chorale

SERMON

Pastor Ben Nickodemus



NICENE CREED (8:30)

With the whole church throughout the ages, let us confess 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*)

BAPTISM (11:00)

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Evelyn Lee Perez is here baptized.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

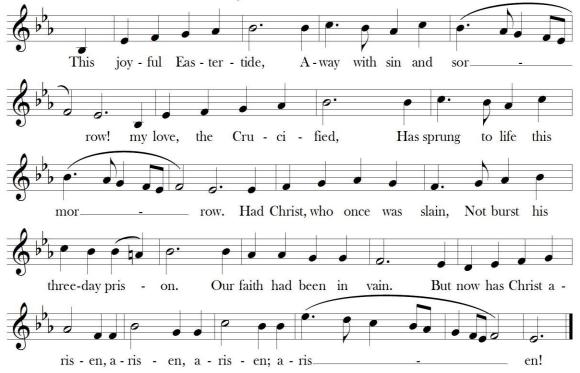
The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

We receive the morning offerings.

OFFERTORY*Processional March* from **Scipione**HandelThe Central Brass Ensemble with Timpani & Organ

OFFERING RESPONSE This Joyful Eastertide



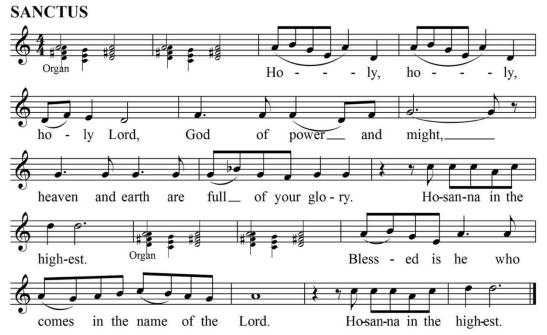
OFFERTORY PRAYER (please stand)

Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen Christ. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy, almighty, and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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*)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

MOTET O Sacrum Convivium Olivier Messiaen The Chorale O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; our souls are filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.

ANTHEMLass dich nur nichts nicht daurenJohannes BrahmsCentral Brass Ensemble and Organ

MOTETBeautiful SaviorF. M. ChristiansenThe Chorale with Alyse Jamieson, Mezzosoprano

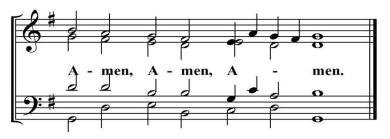
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*please stand*) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

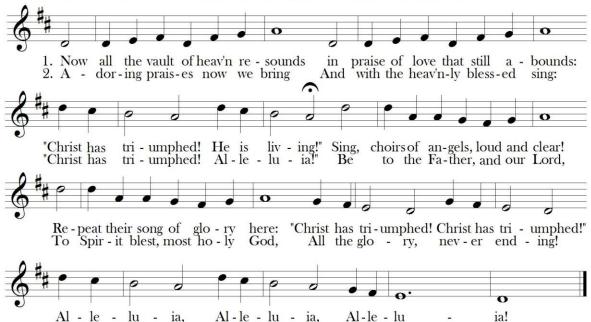
The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.



EASTER PEAL

The Carillon

RECESSIONAL HYMN Now All The Vault of Heaven Resound



DISMISSAL Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!** Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ. **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 *Toccata* from the **Fifth Organ Symphony** Widor

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Members and Friends of Central: For those who haven't submitted a picture for our photo directory, you are invited to have yours taken today. Photographers will be in the Narthex following today's worship service.

Friends and Guests of Central: All are welcome to join us for worship each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00am, and most especially on Sunday, May 7, when the Chorale with orchestra and soloists will present Haydn's **Great Organ Solo Mass**.

Important Reminder: A special congregational meeting will take place next Sunday, April 16th, at 9:45am to address property maintenance issues.

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