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January 25, 2026, 10:00 am
3rd Sunday after Epiphany



GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Choir

Opening Litany

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; one ¹ thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God ¹ in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music ¹ to the LORD. R

Hear my voice, O LORD, ¹ when I call;

have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.

My heart speaks your message— ¹ “Seek my face.”

Your face, O LORD, ¹ I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of ¹ my salvation.

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
from the cross forever beameth all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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Greeting

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

Kyrie

ELW pp. 175-176

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros.
mer - cy. (sing twice)

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . . .

so - tros.
mer - cy. (sing twice)

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros.
mer - cy. (sing twice)

Hymn of Praise

ELW pp. 176-177

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios! (sing
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . . on high! twice)

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que_a-ma_el Se - ñor. (sing
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God. twice)

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

Choir

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus

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and Gaius,¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 179



*i*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! (sing twice)

*i*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,

*i*A - le - lu - ya! *i*A - le - lu - ya!

Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

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light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

No sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW 798

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949; Text © 1987 Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc.

Affirmation of Faith

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.

The Prayers of the People

As petitions conclude: "Merciful God," please respond "**receive our prayer.**"

Sharing of God's Peace

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus

Offering & Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 129

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.
It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn.

Sheet music for "Holy, Holy, Holy" in G clef, 4/4 time, with lyrics in English and Spanish. The music consists of eight staves of music with corresponding lyrics below each staff.

Staff 1:

San - to, san - to, san - toes el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Staff 2:

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - toes el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Staff 3:

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - toes el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Staff 4:

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - toes el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Staff 5:

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

Staff 6:

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. . . . Blest is he who comes in the

Staff 7:

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

Staff 8:

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .

Staff 9:

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (Please feel free to pray your preferred version of the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Communion Hymn "God, Whose Farm is All Creation" ELW 734

God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that we may live.
Take our plowing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain.

All our labor, all our watching, all our calendar of care
in these crops of your creation, take, O God: they are our prayer.

Text: John Arlott, 1914-1991; Text © Trustees of the late John Arlott, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING _____ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

(Refrain:) Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. (*Refrain*)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! (*Refrain*)

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929; Text © 1975 Hope Publishing Company.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

*(Following worship, setup for Sunday Supper takes place in the Fellowship Hall
and making sack lunches takes place in the Library.)*

Flowers given by Janis Ahern, in loving memory of Tom.

We Hold in Prayer this Week

Those Grieving: Family and friends of Ken, friend of Surridges.

God's Healing Presence: Jean Lilley; Kathy Trosvig; Steve Olsen; Mary Beck; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm & sister-in-law, Megan; Debbie's friend Larry & cousin David; Surridges' friends Barby & Larry & Marc Walkden; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Martin Olson; Joan's father; Dave's friend, Julie Bolser, and niece, Leile Defolo.

Prayers for our world, nation, and communities: For immigrants living in fear. For nations and peoples in the midst of warfare. For refugees seeking safety.

Announcements

Annual Meeting Central Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting is today, following worship in the sanctuary. Business items for the meeting include electing three Congregation Council Members, adopting the 2026 budget, and amending Central's constitution to conform with required sections of the ELCA Model Constitution.

January Mission of the Month: Share and Care Fund The Care and Share fund is a discretionary fund used to help people with short-term financial needs. Often, helping to cover one month's rent, or paying a utility bill keeps a family or individual from experiencing greater and greater financial difficulties. The Congregation Council added the Care and Share fund to the Mission of the Month list this year to allow Central to assist the growing number of people facing financial difficulties.

Sewers Needed The quilting group is looking for help sewing down the binding on the quilts. The quilts are tied together, and the binding is pinned down and ready to be sewn. If you would like to help, please contact Jean Lilley or the church office.

Sunday School meets at 9:15 am. in the Nursery and adjoining room. Toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary age children are welcome.

This Week at Central

Montessori Academy M-F, 7:30-4:30

Sunday, January 25

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
11:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting
1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
5:00 pm Sunday Supper
7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Monday, January 26

9:30 am Quilters

Tuesday, January 27

5:00 pm Academia Latina

Wednesday, January 28

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Thursday, January 29

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
5:00 pm Academia Latina
7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Saturday, January 31

10:00 am Marshallese Worship

Sunday, February 1

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
9:15 am Sunday School
9:30 am Friends Worship
10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
5:00 pm Sunday Supper
7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Worship Leaders	This Sunday, January 25	Next Sunday, February 1
Keyboard	Joan	TBA
Usher	Dave Finstad	Dave Finstad
Lector	Jonathan Todd	TBA
Assisting Minister	Peter Lee	TBA
Communion Bread	Beth Kendall	Debbie Saunders
Fellowship Host	TBA	TBA
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Altar Guild	Pam Gleave	Debbie Saunders