



April 19, 2026, 10:00 am
3rd Sunday of Easter
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GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Choir

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters through which you make people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen and give new life to the servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and breakdown barriers.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open hearts and set people on a new path.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that all of our days are shaped by these life-giving waters. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

ELW 382 v 1, 4

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

(Refrain:) Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

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Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. (*Refrain*)

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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.

Hymn of Praise

ELW pp. 140-141

(*Refrain:*) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. (*Refrain*)

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (*Refrain*)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (*Refrain*)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (*Refrain*)

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

Choir

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

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶
“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him
both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ Now when they heard
this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles,
“Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every
one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you
will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children,
and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And
he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves
from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were
baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Children's Word

Sermon

Rev. John Michael Barich

Hymn of the Day

"Christ has Arisen, Alleluia"

ELW 364 v 1, 4-5

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

(Refrain:) Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *(Refrain)*

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *(Refrain)*

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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," respond "receive our prayer."

Sharing of God's Peace

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

Offering & Offering Prayer**Great Thanksgiving**

ELW p. 144

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, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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***"Day of Arising"*

ELW 374

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him,
as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gathers,
when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn *"Alleluia! Christ is Arisen"* ELW 375

(Refrain:) Alleluia! Christ is arisen. Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.

Run, faithful women, to the grave-side. Marvel, the stone is rolled away!
Hear from the angel, "He is risen." Christ goes before you all the way. *(Refrain)*

Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping; Christ stands before your very eyes.
Quickly return to the disciples; bear the good news: "He is alive." *(Refrain)*

Gather, disciples, in the evening: suddenly Christ your Lord appears.
"Look, it is I, your wounded Savior. Peace be with you, and do not fear." *(Refrain)*

Thomas, where were you on that evening? "I'll not believe unless I see."

Christ comes again, and ev'ry Lord's day:

"Touch me and see; have faith in me." *(Refrain)*

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Please stay for the Transition Team forum immediately following worship.

(Setup for Sunday Supper, takes place following worship in the Fellowship Hall.)

We Hold in Prayer this Week

Those Grieving: Family and friends of Steve Olsen; Family and friends of Curtis Birkliid; Family and friends of Mayumi's brother, friends of Surridges.

God's Healing Presence: Kathy Trosvig; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm & sister-in-law, Megan; Debbie's friends Larry and Alana; Surridges' friends Barby & Larry, Hedy, Alex and Collins; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Martin Olson; Joan's father; Dave's friend, Julie Bolser, and niece, Leile Defolo; John, Guillermo, Monica, Cecilia, Sofia and Rosamaria; Val, Jill Johnson's mom.

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

Thank you to Pastor John Michael Barich from Seattle for serving here at Central today as preacher and presider. Pastor Hoffman will be on the east coast for the celebration of life of his son's mother-in-law in northern New Jersey. Pastor Barich has served congregations in Chicago and Seattle, and is currently doing interim ministry at Vashon Lutheran Church on Vashon Island, and Church of the Apostles in the Fremont neighborhood of Seattle. We are grateful for his willingness to serve us as supply pastor today.

Mission of the Month ELCA World Hunger works with and through congregations and other partners to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, ELCA World Hunger supports sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Sewers Needed We have numerous quilts each month that need the binding sewn down. The quilts are tied and the binding pinned down. If you are a sewer and would like to help, please let us know! Contact Debbie Ritchie for more information.

This Week at Central

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

Sunday, April 19

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Friends Worship
- 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
- 11:00 am Transition Team Forum
- 11:30 am Academia Latina
- 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
- 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
- 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Tuesday, April 21

- 6:00 pm Academia Latina
- 7:00 pm Transition Team

Wednesday, April 22

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Thursday, April 23

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
- 6:00 pm Academia Latina
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Sunday, April 26

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
- 10:00 am Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- 11:00 am Transition Team Forum
- 11:30 am Academia Latina
- 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
- 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
- 5:00 pm Sunday Supper (Central)
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Worship Leaders	This Sunday, April 19	Next Sunday, April 26
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Usher	Dave Finstad	Dave Finstad
Lectors	Jonathan Todd	Rosamaria Casablanca
Assisting Minister	TBD	TBD
Communion Bread	Haines Family	Haines Family
Fellowship Host	Rosamaria Casablanca	TBD
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Altar Guild	Debbie Ritchie	Debbie Ritchie
Interpreter	Rosamaria Casablanca	Rosamaria Casablanca

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