



May 10, 2026, 10:00 am
6th 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

"O Living Breath of God"

ELW 407

English/Inglés—Stanza/Estrofa 1

O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;

(Refrain:) Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

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Spanish/Español—Stanza/Estrofa 2

Soplo de Dios viviente por quien el Hijo se hizo hombre,
Soplo de Dios viviente que renovaste la creación

(*Estribillo:*) Ven hoy a nuestras almas, infúndenos tu dones;
Soplo de Dios viviente, oh Santo'Espíritu del Señor.

English & Spanish Sung Together—Stanza 3 Inglés y español cantados juntos— Estrofa 3

O Living Breath of God,
bearing us to life
through baptismal waters,
O Living Breath of God
sighing with creation for freedom's birth.
Come, now, and fill our spirits;
pour out your gifts abundant.
O Living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,
breathe in us as we pray.

Soplo de Dios viviente
por quien nacemos
en el bautismo,
Soplo de Dios viviente
que consagraste la creación.
Ven hoy a nuestras almas,
infúndenos tu dones;
Soplo de Dios viviente,
oh Santo'Espíritu del Señor.

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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

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

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 142

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

Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Children's Word

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" ELW 594 vs. 1, 3, 4

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
 and, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
 proclaim the wonders God has done, proclaim the vict'ry God has won,
 how precious was our ransom!

O God, you saw my deep distress before the world's foundation,
 and, with your mercy measureless, you planned for my salvation.
 You turned to me a father's heart; you did not choose the easy part,
 but gave your dearest treasure.

You said to your beloved Son: "'Tis time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation;
 from sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they
 may live with you forever."

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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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus

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

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

ELW 781

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Oh, Sing to the Lord (Cantad al Señor)"

ELW 822 vs. 1, 2, 5

ENGLISH

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. (x3)
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. (x3)
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! (x3)
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

SPANISH

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (x3)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. (x3)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! (x3)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

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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

Meeting

A congregational meeting to elect the call committee immediately follows worship.

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

We Hold in Prayer this Week

Those Grieving: Family and friends of Steve Olsen; Family and friends of Curtis Birkliid.

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

The congregation extends its sympathy and prayers to the Olsen family at the death of husband, father, and relative Steve on Wednesday, 8 April 2026. Steve's memorial service will be held here at Central on Saturday, 16 May at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Pentecost celebration on Sunday, 24 May on the Courthouse Steps at 10 a.m. The downtown congregations of Central, First Baptist, the UCC and First Presbyterian will join together to celebrate +THE FEAST of PENTECOST. The combined service is a new experiment of our four congregations. No other services will be held at Central in its own building that day. A joint choir for this service is being formed with rehearsals 17 May at 12 noon at the Presbyterian Church. Anyone who is interested in singing is welcome to attend. There are concrete steps on which one can be seated for this service, some folding chairs will be provided, and you are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs if you wish. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at First Presbyterian.

The Church Council has called a congregational meeting today following worship to elect the Call Committee. This is the slate of nominees that Church Council is submitting to the congregation, and all have consented to serve: Rosamaria Casablanca, Peter Lee, Jorge Hernandez, Barb Lichneckert, Carol Krause, and Nancy Olsen.

Additional nominations are permitted from the floor the day of the meeting. If you intend to nominate someone, please secure that person's willingness to serve prior to the meeting. Only six persons will be elected, in keeping with the stipulations of our constitution.

Mission of the Month Academia Latina is the largest Latino nonprofit in Snohomish County. We are an all-volunteer organization that serves over 500 local families. Academia Latina helps them to better their lives through education. We teach immigrants English, GED, math, and accounting for small businesses. "If they had explained math to me like Professor Rosamaria does, I would have never dropped out of school." We solve the problem of homelessness before it starts by providing timely rent assistance, emergency loans, and neighborly support. Our strategy includes genuine caring, sharing, repairing, discount hunting, and hand-me-downs, to multiply every dollar donated. Thanks for your solidarity.

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.

Sunday School meets at 9:15 a.m. 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, May 10

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
- 11:00 am Congregational Meeting
- 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

Monday, May 11

- 9:30 am Quilters

Tuesday, May 12

- 6:00 pm Academia Latina
- 6:30 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14

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

Saturday, May 16

- 2:00 pm Steve Olsen Memorial Service

Sunday, May 17

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Friends Worship
- 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
- 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

Worship Leaders	This Sunday, May 10	Next Sunday, May 17
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Usher	Dave Finstad	Dave Finstad
Lectors	Janis Ahern	Jonathan Todd
Assisting Minister	Peter Lee	TBD
Communion Bread	Pam Gleave	Pam Gleave
Fellowship Host	Suzy Lavis & Family	Sadie Semore & Family
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Altar Guild	Debbie Ritchie	Debbie Ritchie
Interpreter	Rosamaria Casablanca	Rosamaria Casablanca

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