



May 11, 2025, 10:00 am
4th Sunday of Easter



GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Academia Latina Temple Talk

Call to Worship

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

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.

Special Music

Sunday School Children

Gathering Hymn

"Alleluia! Christ is Arisen"

ELW 375 vs 1, 3

(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)

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)

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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

“Antiphonal Praise”

Choir

WORD

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

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.”³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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. John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW 502

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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: "God of grace," respond "hear 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

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 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW 860

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Text: African American spiritual

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

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

Flowers given by Beth Kendall, in honor of mothers everywhere.

We Hold in Prayer this Week

God's Healing Presence: Steve & Nancy Olsen; Mary Beck; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm; Barbara Lichneckert's friend Amber; Debbie Ritchie's friend Larry & cousin David; Beth's sister-in-law, Megan; Julie & Joe Kurtz-Keller; Surridge's friends Wilma Smathers, Barby & Larry, Barbara Pedro, & brother-in-law Mike Olds; Dave Watt's brother, Ken; Ed & Evie Bishop; Trish Lyon; Peggy & Dave's friend Kevin.

Prayers for our world, nation, and communities: The families and communities experiencing natural disasters and major storms. The families and communities that are grieving the loss of loved ones by gun violence. The people of Ukraine and the Middle East. All refugees and all those who are facing violence.

Announcements

Special Thanks to our guest conductor Erik Eliason.

Mission of the Month: Academia Latina is the largest Latino nonprofit in Snohomish County. Its Director, Rosamaría Graziani, a member here at Central, teaches in our building. Academia Latina is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to help immigrants have access to better job opportunities through education. Academia Latina also provides fresh produce as part of our health and wellness program.

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

Sunday Morning Fellowship follows worship in the Friendship Room. You may sign up to host a week. (set up, prepare coffee, provide refreshments, and clean up.)

Worship Leaders	This Sunday, May 11	Next Sunday, May 18
Ushers	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen	Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen
Lector	Jonathan Todd	TBA
Assisting Minister	Suzy Lavis	Dave Finstad
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Communion Bread	Kristi Lee	Kristi Lee
Fellowship Host	Semore Family	Yaretzi R.
Altar Guild	Debbie Ritchie	Debbie Ritchie

This Week at Central

(Montessori School meets Monday - Friday , 7:00 am - 4:30 pm)

Sunday, May 11

8:45 am Choir Practice
 9:15 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Society of Friends Worship
 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Monday, May 12

9:30 am Quilters

Tuesday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 14

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

Thursday, May 15

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

Saturday, May 17

10:00 am ECO Board Meeting
 12:00 pm Montessori Open Houses

Sunday, May 18

8:45 am Choir Practice
 9:15 am Sunday School
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 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
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