

**Welcome to Central Lutheran Church
Bellingham, WA**



If the Spirit of him who
raised Jesus from the dead
dwells in you,
he who raised Christ from
the dead will give life to
your mortal bodies
also through his Spirit
that dwells in you.

Romans 8.11

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 4
Holy Communion - Lent**



**“Celebrating together
in *grace*, we nourish
faith, proclaim *hope*,
and share *love*.”**

PLEASE NOTE

Assisted Hearing Units

Assisted hearing units are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with one for our services today.

Nursery

The nursery is available during worship. Silent pagers are also available.

Children

Coloring bags are available on the right side of the big window in the Narthex. Please return the bag after the service. Kids may take their artwork home.

Kids' Central Preschool

KCP is an all-year-open-enrollment preschool. For more information, click on the Preschool link at www.centrallutheran.net

Prayer Chain

If you know someone in need of prayer, please contact the church office at 360.734.7180.

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Prelude

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*Call to Worship

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*Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*Gathering Song

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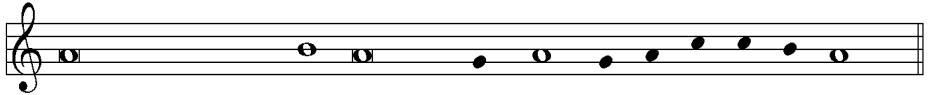
*Greeting

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

*Kyrie



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

*Hymn of Praise



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

*Prayer of the Day

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Anthem

First Reading

Worship Insert

Psalm

Worship Insert

Second Reading

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*Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*Gospel

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel.... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Holy Gospel

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The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Worship Insert

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 Christian 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

*Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

*Peace

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

The ministers and congregation may simultaneously greet one another... **Peace be with you.**

Offering

Please fill out an attendance/communion card and place it in the offering plate.

*Canticle of Thanksgiving



☐ Let the vine- yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless- ing. Gath- er a har- vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.


Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. 
☞ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . (Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season concluding), we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of the Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Lord's Prayer

**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**

Communion

*As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen***

Communion Hymns

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*After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen***

Post Communion Canticle



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you have pre- pared in the



sight of ev- 'ry peo- ple: A light to re- veal you to the



na- tions and the glo- ry of your peo- ple Is- ra- el.



Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it,



as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A- men

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*Purpose

**Celebrating together in *grace*, we nourish *faith*,
proclaim *hope*, and share *love*.**

*Dismissal

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Welcome to Kids' Central Preschool!

"Where your child and God's love are Central."

We are extremely blessed and excited to be the first step in your child's educational journey. We are dedicated to working with you so that this is a positive, happy, and educational experience for your child.

Kid's Central Preschool is a Christian preschool with emphasis on quality education, faith and diversity. It is our commitment to show your child the love of Jesus; the grace and mercy He provides us.

We believe that all children are blessings from God and we cherish each child's individuality. At Kid's Central, we celebrate our differences and value teaching others about those differences. It is our hope that through this education your child will learn the beauty of diversity and the valuable lesson of accepting and loving others for who they are.

Kid's Central Preschool is open to every child in the community, because we believe that enriching our children at an early age through education, diversity, and most importantly the love of God, sets a foundation of better citizens for our future.

Sternberg Hall: Residing Together in Faith

Central Lutheran Church has repurposed our Education Building to host a faith based intentional student community residence hall. This will be an intentional community of college students who wish to live together with other students who share faith and faith values. Primarily focused in the Lutheran tradition of the Christian Faith, these students may attend any of the three colleges in Bellingham. The building itself has been remodeled to comply with the standard required facilities for a residence hall. While a kitchenette with microwaves and table top appliances is planned for occasional individual meal preparation, food service will not be provided here as it is available on school campus.

The primary focus of this activity is Central Lutheran Campus Ministry. CLCM's goal is to provide a congregational based campus ministry that incorporates college students into the ongoing ministry of the congregation while attending college.

For many of these students, attending college means being away from their home town congregations. Although not required, students are welcome and invited to participate in the very traditional activities of the congregation, such as Sunday Worship, bible studies, and fellowship and service activities provide a means for students to be connected to familiar faith practices.

CLCM offers more. Students are encouraged to develop mature identities that reflect their education goals, define faith identities, and to develop leadership and mission skills. College is a time for developing life strategies for the big questions of identity, faith, and response to the world's needs and benefits. CLCM encourages students to explore the intellectual and spiritual aspects of values and ethics through discussion and life experiences. Worship and study of the scriptures becomes the gate way to service projects and involvement with structures of modern society. This creates an organized response and action in response to the issues faced in everyday life.

Within CLCM is a safe place for students seeking a new, or even first, relationship with, and, understanding of God and God's activities in the world. While most of these activities are held within the main building itself, CLCM will reach out beyond the building for many of these experiences and activities. By the nature of being a college student organization, much of the organizing and planning is student directed, or at least heavily influenced by student involvement.

While many of these activities are currently part of the larger ministry of CLC, the residence hall will create an additional component of an intentional residential community, where students may engage as a group in these efforts. The residential community, will offer a supportive and safe atmosphere that is faith based and faith friendly. Nurtured within the community will be relationship and a communal strength between students that will allow for new experiences and opportunity that individually would be difficult.

About Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe the Sacrament of the Altar belongs alone to the Lord Jesus Christ, and at His command, invite and encourage all God's baptized who believe that Jesus is truly present and grants forgiveness of sin through the sacrament to join with us in receiving God's gift of salvation in Holy Communion.

We are using a single setting method of coming to the table. At the direction of the ushers, each side of the church will begin two lines to the altar rail from the front of the church. Moving up the center isle and filling in the altar rail section on the same side of the church that you were sitting. Each section of the altar rail is filled from back to front.

You will be handed a wafer with the words, "The body of Christ given for you." Take and eat the wafer. Next you will be presented with the glass tray with the words, "The blood of Christ shed for you." Take a glass and drink placing the empty glass on the altar rail. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who prefer and young children. Young children who commune should cup their hands above the rail. Children who do not commune but wish to receive a blessing may come to the table and keep their hands below the rail. After receiving the elements and when ready, return to congregation using the side steps.

Those that wish to have communion served to them in the pews will have communion brought to them.

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