



May 5, 2024, 10:00 am  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter



## GATHERING

*The Spirit Calls Us Together*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Choir

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the God of new life, the wellspring of grace,  
our source of hope, joy and love.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are renewed and reborn.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**In your all encompassing love,  
you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the risen Christ.  
In baptismal waters we experience new life day after day.**

We give thanks to you for oceans, lakes, rivers and streams;  
waters that wash us, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
And especially for the life-giving water of baptism.

**Wash away all that separates us from you and each other.  
Embolden our witness to your ability to bring life from death.  
Strengthen our resolve to seek justice for all.  
We ask this through the risen Christ. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn      *"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"*      ELW 835 vs 1-3, 6

All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,  
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
praise God in colors bright and rare:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. Composite; Text © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

## 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

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

Choir

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

**First Reading**

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel**

John 15:9-17

(Jesus said:) As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Pastor Jim Killough

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
 of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
 I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
 it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

*(Refrain:)* I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
 to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
 I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
 the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *(Refrain)*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
 seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
 And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
 I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *(Refrain)*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

### 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.**

**Offering & Offering Prayer****Great Thanksgiving**

ELW pg. 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 pg. 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***"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

ELW 583

*(Refrain:)* Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *(Refrain)*

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *(Refrain)*

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *(Refrain)*

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *(Refrain)*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

## Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

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

### Blessing

**Sending Hymn**                      "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"                      ELW 631 vs 1-2, 4

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;

let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;

let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!

Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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

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Flowers given by Bob & Kristi Lee.

### We Hold in Prayer this Week

Those Grieving: Family & friends of Elijah Lichneckert's grandmother, Holly Phillips

God's Healing Presence: Debbie Trosvig; Mary Beck; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Ben & Carol's friend Mark; Beth's friend Kamm; Mary Beck & Janis Ahern friend Ardy; Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; Debbie's friend Shawndra; Carol Jodock; Debbie's SIL Susan; Surridges' friends Donald, Nancy, Carol & Arnold; brother-in-laws of Surridges, Mike & Dwight; Elizabeth Ritchie.

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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

Bible Study: “Unconventional Wisdom and the Way of Christian Living.” This five week class will explore the Old Testament books of Job and Ecclesiastics and the unconventional wisdom of Jesus and Paul. Classes will be held Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:30 and Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30, beginning May 14 and 15. Please sign-up on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

A New Church Directory is being put together. Draft copies are located on the tables at the back of the church. Please check to see if your information is correct.

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.

The Sunday Supper Team is looking for donations of small lunch size chip bags, bottled water, soft granola bars, packaged cookies or cookies we can divide into smaller sandwich bags. Due to nutrition guidelines we cannot get those items from the community pantry. Thank you for supporting this community project.

Sunday School takes place Sundays at 9:15 am, in the room next to the Nursery. All 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 5	Next Sunday, May 12
Ushers	Steve Olsen, Dave Watts, Dave Finstad	Steve Olsen, Dave Watts, Dave Finstad
Greeters	TBA	Steve & Nancy Olsen
Lector	Kathy Trosvig	Jonathan Todd
Assisting Minister	Peter Lee	Kathy Trosvig
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Communion Bread	Kristi Lee	Kristi Lee
Fellowship Host	Kris Olsen	Steve & Nancy Olsen
Altar Guild	Debbie Ritchie	Debbie Ritchie

## This Week at Central

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

### Sunday, May 5

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 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
- 6:30 pm Marshallese Fellowship

### Tuesday, May 7

- 5:00 pm Academia Latina

### Wednesday, May 8

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
- 5:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

### Thursday, May 9

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
- 5:00 pm Academia Latina
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Women's Group

### Friday, May 10

- 6:00 pm Marshallese Children's Group

### Saturday, May 11

- 10:00 am ECO Board Meeting

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