

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of Our Lord



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Central Lutheran Church: Called to Share God's Love.

We're glad you are here! Help us welcome you by signing a Welcome to Worship pad.

Please give the name of each person attending worship, including children.

Visitors, may we have your complete address?

Children 5 years and under are welcome in our worship services or in the nursery in room 4.

GATHERING.
PRELUDE

"Be Not Afraid"

arr. Mark Hayes Debbie Pankow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You may face the baptismal font as the service begins. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called to Share God's Love

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION

Living out God's Grace and Love through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CORE VALUES

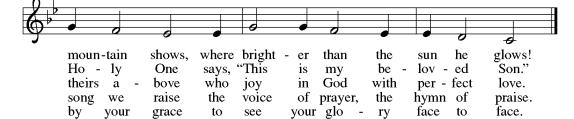
We are a congregation that

- is open to all,
- values a community of all ages,
- is grounded in scripture and sacrament.
- nurtures individual gifts,
- believes that everyone has something to offer,
- values involvement in the greater community,
- supports all in the challenges and celebrations of their lives, as God meets us where we are



"Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"

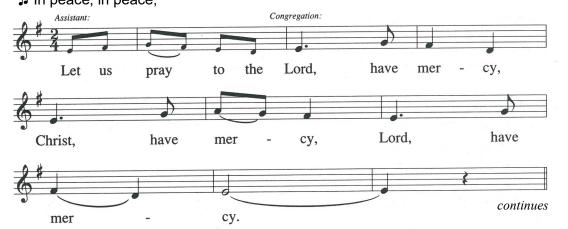




GREETING

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.**



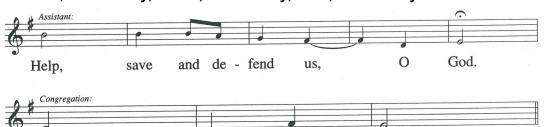


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- □ Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
- ☐ For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word let us pray to the Lord.

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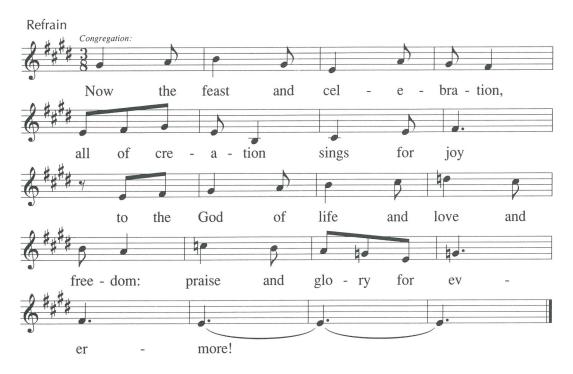
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HYMN OF PRAISE "Now the Feast"

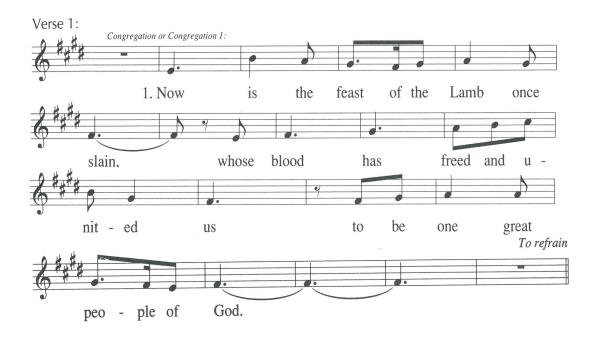
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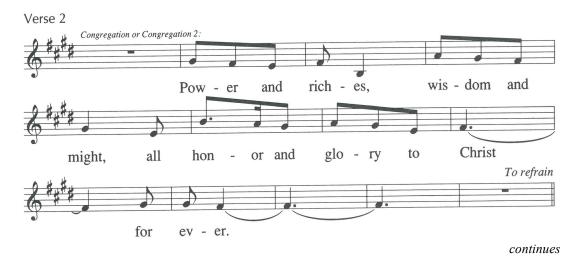
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READINGS FOR SUNDAY MARCH 9

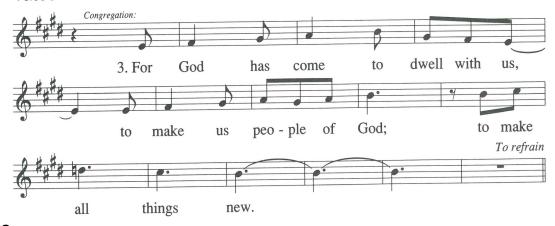
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13





The offering plate is located on a table at the center back of the Sanctuary. We welcome your donations to support Central's ministries and beyond via cash, check, card via the Square app on the tablet at the table, or at our website at centluth.org. Thank you.

Verse 3



SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in

spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

commandment all that the LORD had

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99



¹The LORD is king; let the ^I people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let I the earth shake.

²The LORD, ¹ great in Zion, | is high a- ¹ bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome; || God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity; | you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- ¹ fore God's footstool; || God is the ¹ Holy One.

 6 Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your $^{|}$ name, O LORD, $\|$

they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- I lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree I that you gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed; |

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ¹ holy hill; || for the LORD our God is the ¹ Holy One.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is

freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4.1 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Beautiful Savior" directed by Tai Wai Li

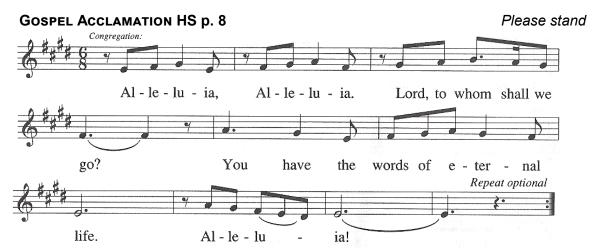
arr. Anna Laura Page acc. Lisa Bulkow, flute

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer. He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright all the sparkling stars on high. Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.



GOSPEL Luke 9:28-43a

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men. Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said.

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. 40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43a And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Heather Helgeson

SERMON

Rev. Mark Galbraith

Atar flowers today are given by Sue Ellen Tatter.



INSTALLATION OF 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We Ask Your Prayers for:

Alaska Native Lutheran; Anchorage Grace Korean; Christ Lutheran Church, Fairbanks; Jan Adasiak, Rev. Sean Avery, Gary Bergman, Wendy Bergman, Jan Beverlin, Al Boecker, Joe & Lisa Boecker, Lori Boecker, Yvonne Boecker, Harlan & Ella Braun, Erik Bryant, Maria Bulkow, Charlene Chanonto, Betsy Cooper, Kathy Earhart, Nancy Evans, Dixie Foley, Shannon Foley, Rev. Mark Galbraith, Danny Harris, Dianne Hillemeyer, Mark Johnson, Nick Klescewski, Pete Kropidlowski, Dee Lambert, Ed & Donna Luiten, Arne & Norma Mjolsnes, Kurt and Anne Pasch, Marlene Rapp, John Rogers, Kristina Slater, Lynn Soiseth, Remi Thrasher, Lee & Jackie van Horn, Andrea Vancil, Bob Voris, Bobbi Whitmire, Mark Wohlgemuth, Mary Wolter, Kallen Young, Kariana, Michael

Each petition ends: God of grace, hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

MEAL -

PEACE

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

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER Please stand.

Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Lord gives us a meal and gives us a prayer. We pray together:

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.

† Invitation to the Meal †

This is not Central's table, not a Lutheran table; this is God's table, and you are all welcome.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table, whether you are a member or a guest. Today we commune in a walking style. If for any reason you would prefer to receive a blessing in lieu of receiving communion, please hold your hand over your heart. You are invited to take time for prayer at the altar rail after taking communion. Gluten-free wafers are available on the tray at the first pew.

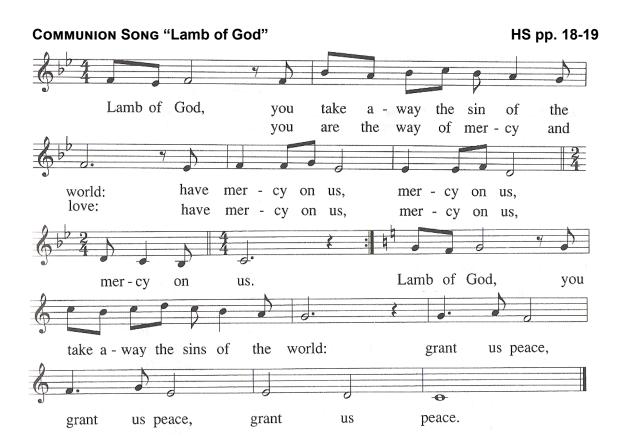
Votive candles are available to light in memory of loved ones in the stand on the left side of the altar. Please use the Oil Candle Lighter. It is the small metal box with two removable metal wands. Each wand has a wick on one end that is kept moist with oil from inside the box. Light the wick end of the wand from an already lit votive candle. After lighting a new votive candle, blow out the flame on the wand and place it back into the container, which will re-wet the wick with new oil. Please do not let the wick burn for a long time, as it will use up the oil in the wand and the wick will actually start to burn (which we do not want). Please do not pick up the votive candles to light them. Let each worshipper re-light and extinguish the wand at their turn; do not pass the burning wand to another person.

Thank you to our worship leaders today:

Worship leader: Rev. Mark Galbraith

Choir Director: Tai Wai Li
Musician: Debbie Pankow
Assisting Minister: Keith Padden

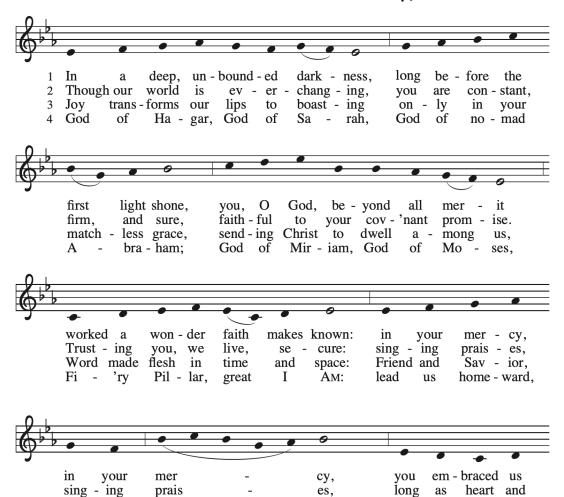
Lector:, *A/V Wrangler*, *and Projectionist*: volunteers



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COMMUNION HYMN ACS # 1093

"In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"





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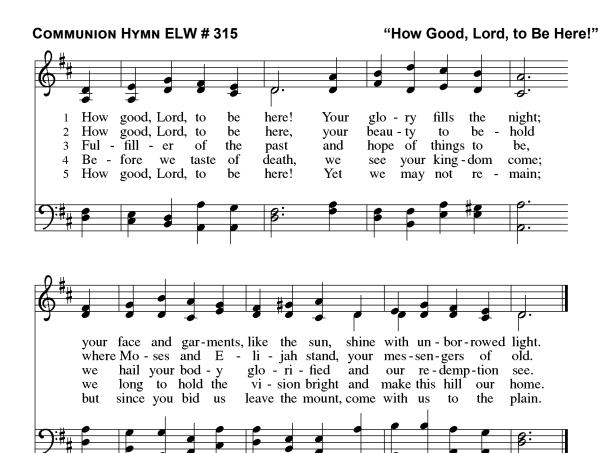
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Please stand.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace. **Amen.**

SENDING_

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.



BLESSING

Please face the baptismal font

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Postlude in G Major"

by George Frideric Handel Debbie Pankow

AN INVITATION FROM GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN TO THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL:



Worship:

We worship each Sunday at 9:30 am. Worship Wednesday evenings at 7 pm on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and through Lent on March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 & 9.

Study:

Confirmation class resumes after Easter.

The **Early AM Study** meets via zoom at 7 am Tuesdays to study When In Romans by Beverly Roberts Gaventa.

The **Divine Drama** adult ed class meets Wednesdays, Noon to 1:30 pm, both in person and via zoom.us.

Adult ed class "After Augustine – Before Luther: The Mid-life Crisis of Christianity" with Craig Carlson meets Sunday following worship

Book Group is reading <u>A Wolf Called</u> <u>Romeo</u> by Nick Jans. Discuss with friends on Monday, March 17, at 4:30 pm.

Ladies, our monthly *Gather* Bible study meets at 2 pm on 2nd Mondays, next on March 10. Bring a *Gather* magazine or share ours.

Finances:

2025 year to date Income: \$39,468.75

Expense: \$43,595.17 Net Income: \$-4,126.42

2024 year to date Income: \$44,977.78 Expense: \$44,096.36 Net Income: \$881.42

Fellowship:

TODAY **Mediterranean-foods potluck** at 5 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Join our multi-generational group of **pickleball** players. We play most Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall, often 4:45 -6:15 pm. Text Christi at 646.710.0805 for details. All skill levels welcome.

Serve:

Year-round, we collect shelf-stable **foods for LSSA Food Pantry**. Our March focus will be cereal.

Fourth Thursdays of the month, we provide the evening meal to the residents of Clare House women's and children's shelter. THANK YOU to Sue Ellen Tatter, Becky Schaeffer, Annette Iverson, Sue Tonkins, Jean Boecker, Paula Zawodny, Sandy McKinney, and Carol Coady for soups and breads on February 27.

News:

In Our Backyard will host a **movie night** with a screening of <u>Until We're All Home</u> on Tuesday, March 18th at 7 pm, in our Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and stay for discussion following.

5th - 12th grade youth, plan now to join the Synod Youth Summer Trip to Fairbanks, June 23 - 27. PLEASE REGISTER TODAY.

Ladies— "Gather" Virtual Retreat 11 am—2 pm Saturday, March 29, here at Central and via zoom.us.

Call Committee update: The call committee is meeting weekly on Tuesday evenings. Carol Norquist and Sklyer Harris are serving as committee spokespersons for those with questions on the process.

Sunday 3/2

- 8:15 am Worship Committee (Cordova Room)
- 9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org
- 10:45 am Adult Ed class "After Augustine Before Luther" (Sanctuary)
- 11 am KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel, Community Room)
- 2 pm ANLC WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm Mediterranean food Potluck & Footsteps of Paul slideshow (Fellowship Hall)

Monday 3/3

Russian tutoring meets most days in rooms 3 - 4

6:30 - 9 pm Anchorage Concert Chorus (Sanctuary, Fell. Hall)

Tuesday 3/4

7 am Early AM Study of When In Romans via zoom.us

- 1 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open (HH Closet)
- 4 7 pm Alaska Children's Choir (Room 8)
- 5 pm Call Committee meeting (Cordova Room)
- 6 9 pm Coin Club (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 3/5 Ash Wednesday

8:30 - 10 am Coffee Klatsch @ Kaladi Bros. on Brayton

Noon - 1:30 pm The Divine Drama study (Cordova Room) and via zoom.us

2 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)

5 - 7 pm In Our Backyard dinner (Fellowship Hall)

5:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7 pm **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** (Sanctuary)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday 3/6

10 am - 1 pm Log Cabin Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

6 - 8 pm Anchorage Garden Club (Community Room)

Friday 3/7

2 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)

1 - 5 pm ANLC Memorial Service and Potluck (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)

Saturday 3/8

9:30 - 10:30 am WW Meeting (Community Room)

10 am - Noon In Our Backyard brunch (Room 2)

10 am - 1 pm Log Cabin Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

11:30 am - 1:30 pm NAMI (Community Room)

Change your clocks tonight—spring ahead!

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Worship online via centluth.org

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