



Central Lutheran Church

**Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025**

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Central Lutheran Church, ELCA

1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

Please turn off your cell phone.

This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook.

Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.

We will begin this service in the memorial garden and then process into the sanctuary. Palm leaves will be distributed before the service begin.

MEMORIAL GARDEN GATHERING

P The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is read.

P The gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

P We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ...

(the prayer concludes) Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ.

C Amen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.

C And also with you.

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P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

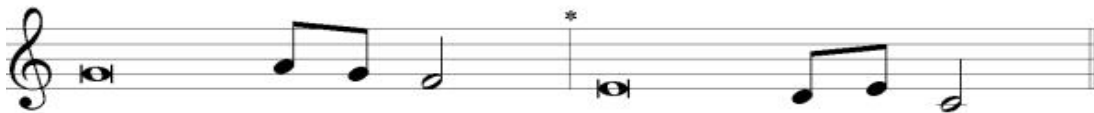
⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 31:9-16

Sung responsively.



⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are
consumed.**

- ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- ¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**
- ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
- ¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.
I have said, "You | are my God.**
- ¹⁵ My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who | persecute me.
- ¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love."**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

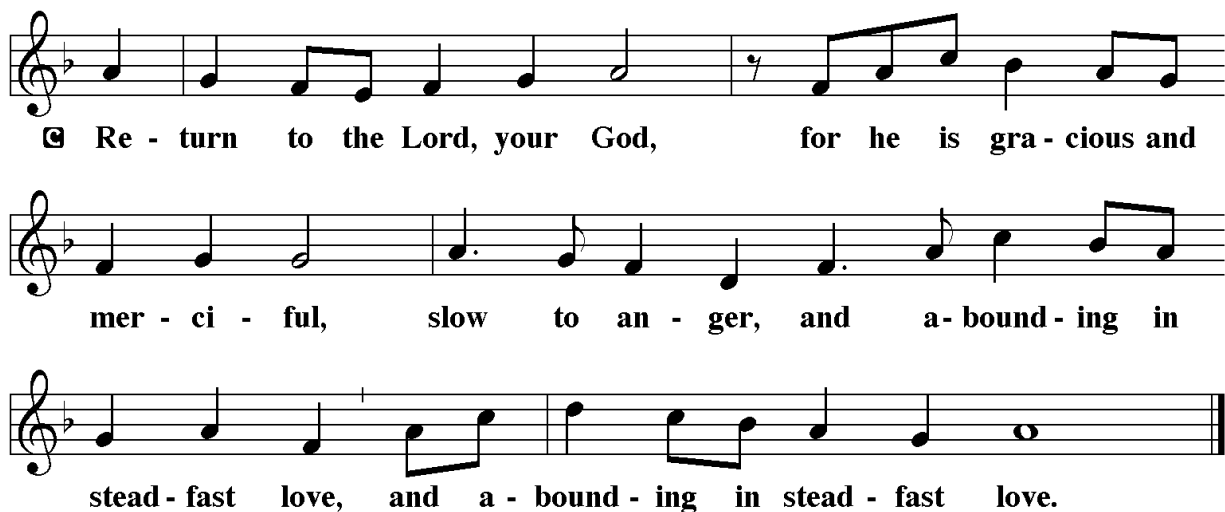
⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-third chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Luke 23:1-49

(The Gospel reading can be found in the Bible in the pew in front of you.)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Veronika

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

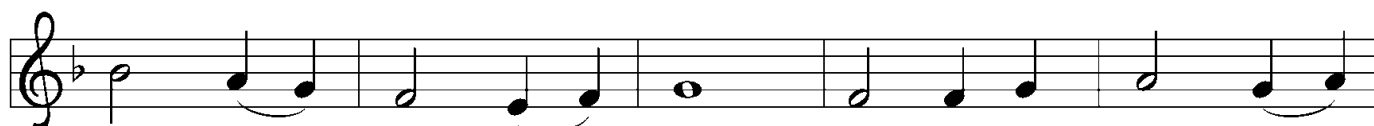
HYMN OF THE DAY

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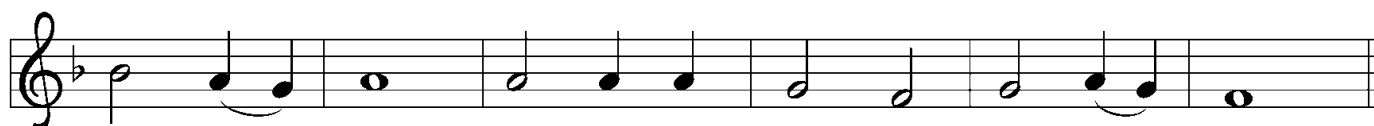
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

NICENE CREED

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 catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS

P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Please sit or kneel for prayer.

The response to each spoken petition is:

P God, in your mercy, **C Receive our prayer.**

People with prayer needs: **Lydia** Landfair, **Norma** Ruth Myrick, **Brenda** Burden, **Charlene** Zimmermann, **Wayne** Nelson, **Susie**, and **Paul** Chambers.

The prayers conclude:

P ... Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving through Vanco, PayPal, or Givelify (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!*

Sung by the choir

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road With palms and scattered garments
strow'd.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne Expects His own anointed Son.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die,
Bow Your meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O Christ, Your pow'r and
reign.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**

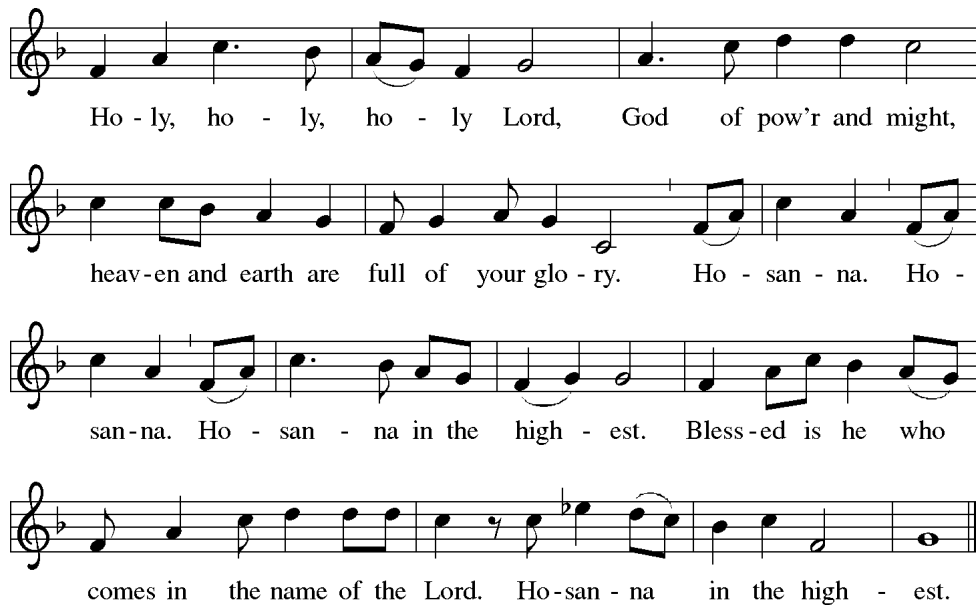
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age....

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **C Amen.**

THE 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.
C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

As you come forward for Holy Communion, please sanitize your hands. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail, where you may choose to kneel or stand. The bread will be placed in your hand, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request—please inform the ministers if needed. The Communion cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you prefer to receive only the bread, let the ministers know. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

**The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSICAL MEDITATION: *Adagio*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Generous Host,

C you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **C Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

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- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb, where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *The Palms: Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem*

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Prelude: *Andante from Sonata no. 4*
Music: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Gathering Hymn: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
Text: Theodulph of Orleans (c. 760-821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: VALET ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

Hymn of the Day: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: HAMBRUG, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Musical Offering: *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!*
Music: W. Glen Darst (1896-1986)

Musical Meditation: *Adagio*
Music: *Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1543)*

Sending Hymn: *Go to Dark, Gethsemane*
Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Postlude: *The Palms: Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem*
Music: Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm

You may make an appointment with Pastor Veronika by calling the church office.

Serving in Worship today: Usher: Mary Glenn & Mark Buie; Lector: Ed Wolfgang; Assistant Minister: Jeff Lowry

A Message About Lent: The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we journey through this season together with the whole church. Lent is a time for deepening our connections with the communities that surround us. Reading the Scriptures invites you all to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God.

Spring Festival: Come celebrate Spring with Central Lutheran! Our Spring Festival will be on **April 13 at noon** in front of the buildings. This all-ages event will include two egg hunts (divided by age), a bounce house, craft tables, and lots of games. Everyone from the neighborhood and community are welcome!

Questions During Lent & Easter: We are tackling our goals head-on with design thinking. We have a question each week that bring us closer to understanding ourselves and achieving our goals. Our next question will appear during the second week of Easter- April 27th. We will come together as a congregation to take another step in this process on **May 18th after church in our Sunday School time.** Lunch will be served! Come prepared to have fun, learn and move around as we organize our thoughts and ideas!

Lenten Collections: Thank you to everyone who donated hygiene items for our Lenten collection. Because of your generosity we collected 280 items for White Rock Center of Hope.

Lilies for Easter: You may honor friends and family by purchasing lilies, which will decorate the altar on Easter. The cost is \$15 each, and you may take the plant home after services on April 20. Fill out the form (see insert) and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church. Make checks payable to Central Lutheran

Church, or donate online using Givelify, Vanco, or PayPal. Be sure to write "Easter lilies" in the comment line. If you did not receive a form, ask the ushers for one.

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday Worship	April 13, 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday Worship	April 17, 6:00 pm
Good Friday Worship	April 18, 6:00 pm
Easter Sunday Worship	April 20, 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 pm

On Maundy Thursday our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. We remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days. We are combining services with Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Good Friday, April 18 at 6:00 pm

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil. We are combining services with Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Holy Saturday Cross & Sanctuary Decorating: One of the best traditions at Central Lutheran is decorating the cross for everyone to enjoy on Easter Sunday morning. We'll need a few people to help us **starting at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 19th**. We'll move the cross to the Sanctuary and decorate the altar with lilies. All are welcome! Let us know if we can count on you!



Open this QR code (or go to linktr.ee/centrallutheranchurch) to connect with us, join our mailing list, or make your offering online.

Our Prayer List: Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via email (office@centrallutheran.org) or via phone (214-327-2222).

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

For healing

Archie and Rebecca Huizenga
Linda Gourley
Robin Friedrich
Norma Ruth Myrick
Elizabeth Brownsted
Elizabeth Cardenas
Brenda Burden
Susie
Wayne Nelson
Charlene Zimmermann

Relationship

Friends of Janis Farrow
Sister of Julie Atkins
Friend of Mary Glenn
Mother of Alesia Pearson
Friend of Janis Farrow
Daughter of Irene Hallmon
Friend of Jean Staffeld
Friend of Laura Haynie
Friend of Sarah Blaser
Aunt of Jan Moody

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