

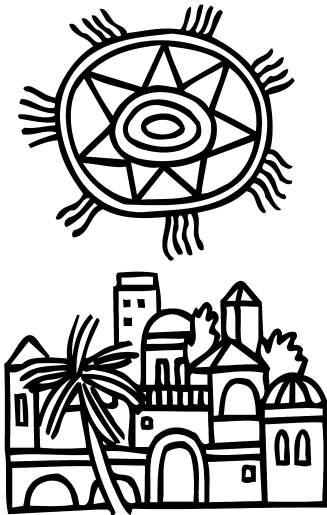
Welcome!



CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday, January 5, 2024

Second Sunday of Christmas



Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word +existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

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

“The Coventry Carol / The First Noel”

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, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us, we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

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.

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OPENING HYMN ELW # 288

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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 & HYMN OF PRAISE ELW # 267

“Joy to the World”



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set

forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Count Your Blessings”

by Edwin Excell
directed by Tai Wai Li

*When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged,
thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings; name them one by one,
and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

*Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings; every doubt will fly,
and you will be singing as the days go by.*

*So amid the conflict, whether great or small, do not be discouraged;
God is over all. Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
help and comfort give you to your journey's end.*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings,
see what God hath done.*



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-17

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

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

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had

stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

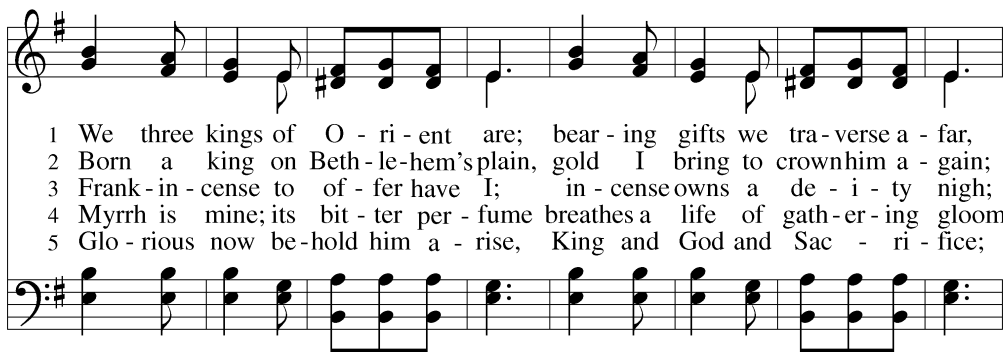
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Mark Galbraith

SERMON

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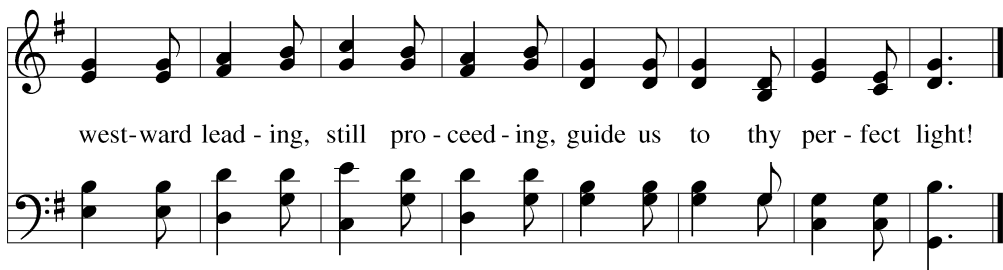
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain


Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

INSTALLATION OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

We Ask Your Prayers for:

Alaska Native Lutheran; Anchorage Grace Korean; Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church;
Jan Adasiak, Pastor 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, Dixie Foley, Shannon Foley,
Dianne Hillemeier, Mark Johnson, Pete Kropidowski, Dee Lambert, Ed & Donna Luiten, Ed
Mjolsnes, 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 Wohlgenuth, Mary Wolter, Kallen Young, Kariana
Please pray for the families of those who've died: Bill Kostecki (brother in law of Eva Wissmann),
Larry Menkens (father of Stacey Menkens), Calvin Whitmire (Paul Harris's stepdad)

Each petition ends: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL _____

PEACE

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

OFFERING

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Please stand.

OFFERTORY ELW # 297

"Jesus, What a Wonderful Child"



Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won - der - ful child.



Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly, meek, and



mild; new life, new hope the child will bring.



Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry, glo - ry,



glo - ry," let the heav - ens ring!

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand.

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, **from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. 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, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ELW SETTING SIX

ELW p. 173

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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 ushers will direct you to a side of the altar rail. You may commune by eating the bread and selecting an individual cup of either red wine or white grape juice. If for any reason you would prefer to receive a blessing in lieu of communion, please hold your hand over your heart. Please remain at the altar rail until Pastor or the Assisting Minister dismisses your side of the altar rail.

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.

LAMB OF GOD ELW SETTING SIX

ELW p. 174

♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 287**“Let All Together Praise Our God”**

1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the
 2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an
 3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor
 4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a



high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and
 in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a
 of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who
 lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.
 man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.
 clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.
 glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

5 A wonderful exchange you make:
 you take our flesh and blood,
 and in return give us to share
 the shining realm of God,
 the shining realm of God.

6 Unlock the door again today
 that leads to paradise;
 the angel bars the way no more.
 To God let praises rise,
 to God let praises rise!

READINGS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 12

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 284

“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time when all the birds had fled, that
2 With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found; a
3 The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair as
4 O chil - dren of the for - est free, the an - gel - song is true; the



*God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead; be -
rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round; but
was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there. The
ho - ly child of earth and heav'n is born to - day for you. Come,



fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan - d'ring hunt - ers heard the hymn:
as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the an - gel song rang loud and high:
chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt.
kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus your king is born! Je - sus is born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!

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

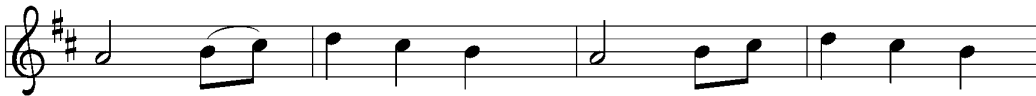
Let us pray. Merciful God, **we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

**arr. Larry Shackley
Debbie Pankow**

SYNOD YOUTH SUMMER TRIP

Where: Fairbanks, AK

When: June 23-27, 2025

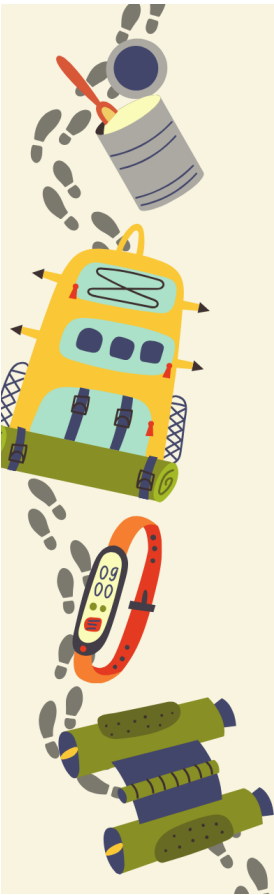
Who: Current 5th - 12th graders

What: Adventure & Service

- River float in rafts
- Service projects
- Hiking

How much: \$100 deposit

- Pay to your local church
 - Scholarships available
- **DEADLINE: March 1, 2025**



Thank you to our worship leaders today:

Worship leader:

Rev. Mark Galbraith

Choir Director:

Tai Wai Li

Musician:

Debbie Pankow

Assisting Minister:

Keith Padden

A/V Wrangler:

Carol Norquist

Projectionist:

volunteer

Worship:

We worship each Sunday at 9:30 am. Our preachers and presiders this month are: Rev. Mark Galbraith on January 5, Bishop Tim Oslovich on January 12, and Rev. Bill Maury-Holmes (ANLC's interim pastor) on January 19 and 26.

Study:

Confirmation class and kids' and adult faith formation classes resume Sunday evenings, January 12 - February 16. We'll meet 4 - 5:30 pm at *Lutheran Church of Hope* for this six-week series. The focus will be on the sixth through tenth Commandments.

The **Divine Drama** adult ed class resumes with the same class offered each week first on Tuesday evening, 6:30 to 8 pm, and again on Wednesday, Noon to 1:30 pm, both in person and via zoom.us. Note, the week of January 6 we will hold both classes on Tuesday, due to Pastor Mark's surgery — and then Vicar Zach Manzella will facilitate classes the following two weeks on the usual schedule.

The **Early AM Study** resumes with weekly meetings via zoom at 7 am Tuesdays to study The David Story by Robert Alter.

A **new adult ed class** with Craig Carlson will begin Sunday, January 26, and follows worship. Craig's class will be After Augustine – Before Luther: The Mid-life Crisis of Christianity

Ladies, our monthly **Gather Bible study** meets at 2 pm on 2nd Mondays, next on January 13. Bring a Gather magazine or share ours.

Book Group is reading Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan. In this novel, we follow Joy Davidman on a decade long journey of transformation from a wife and mother in upstate New York to the beloved wife of C. S. Lewis. Discuss with friends on Monday, January 20, at 4:30 pm.

Fellowship:

LSSA's **Golden Connections**, led by Deacon Linda Bender, offers opportunities for food, fellowship and fun. On Wednesday, January 15, Chef Alan Lorimer will be holding a cooking class from 11:30 am - 1 pm here at Central. Chef Alan always has lots of great ideas and recipes to share plus we get to share the food he makes. Reservations for the events can be made online at www.lassalaska.org/gc or call 907-272-0643. Deacon Linda will also be happy to add you to the list. Come and join us, we would love to see you.

Central Seniors and friends - **coffee klatsche** every Wednesday at 8:30 am at Kaladi Brothers Coffee on Brayton Drive.

Sarah Southside Circle meets first Tuesdays for fellowship, next on Tuesday, January 7, for coffee at 10:30 am at Bells on Specking Road. All are welcome!

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—invite a friend—need not be a Central member!

Call Process:

Please plan to attend worship on January 5 and stay following the service for Pastor Mark's "From the Interim Pastor's Desk" presentation in which he shares the results from our small group listening sessions this fall. January 12, Bishop Tim will lead a Q & A on the call process with us.

Annual Congregational Meeting:

Annual Reports are requested now from leaders and committees, with a final deadline of January 8. We will plan to have completed annual reports available to all via paper copy or PDF download on January 12.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, January 19, following worship.

News:

Our **Helping Hands Clothing Closet** continues to welcome visitors about eight days monthly who are in need of socks, gloves, blankets, backpacks, outdoor gear, and clothing -- the fastest to go are smaller adult sizes. Donations may be new or used but usable, and are welcome during closet hours, office hours, or worship services.

Serve:

Can YOU **provide a meal** for Pastor Mark during his recovery period? Dates are TBA as we see how quickly he can safely return home, but we'd love to have a list at the office of folks we can call when ready for a one- or two- serving meal that is primarily lean meat and vegetables / fruits.

Year-round, we collect shelf-stable **foods for LSSA Food Pantry**. Our January focus will be soups and chilies—both canned and dried soup mixes.

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 the Hillemeier family for sponsoring the December 26 meal. In January, let's collect a variety of casseroles for January 23. Contact the Church office to provide one or the sides.

LSSA Food Pantry:

The **Food Pantry** continues to see a large number of families who are seeking food assistance. We find our shelves especially low on the following items. Tuna, Spam, canned soups and chili, canned fruit, oat-meal, cereals, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni n cheese and packages of ramen are some of the more popular items that we are low on or have none on the shelves.

Please remember the Food Pantry the next time you are shopping and simply bring the items with you to church or drop them off at the LSSA Food Pantry.

Thank you:

THANK YOU to all those who have brought in clothing, staffed the Clothes Closet, refilled the Little Free Library, decorated the Sanctuary, made our services so well-run, worshiped and sang and lit candles, greeted friends old and new, run A/V, and so much more over Christmas. THANK YOU to our newsletter crew on January 2, Jean Boecker, Sandy McKinney and Sue Tonkins.

Sunday 1/5

9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Mark Galbraith** (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org followed by Pastor Mark's "From the Interim Pastor's Desk" presentation (Sanctuary)
11 am KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel, Community Room)
2 pm ANLC WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

Monday 1/6 Anchorage School District classes resume

Russian tutoring meets most days in rooms 3-4

1:30 pm Staff meeting (Church office)

Worship online
via centluth.org

Tuesday 1/7

7 am Early AM Study of The David Story via zoom.us
9:30 am Altar Guild (Sanctuary, Sacristy)
10:30 am Sarah Southside Circle @ Bells on Specking Rd.
* 11:30 am - 1 pm The Divine Drama study (Community Room) and via zoom.us *
1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open (HH Closet)
4 - 7 pm Alaska Children's Choir (Room 8)
6 - 9 pm Coin Club (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 - 8 pm The Divine Drama study (Community Room) and via zoom.us

Wednesday 1/8

Today is Pastor Mark's back surgery—prayers welcome!

8:30 - 10 am Coffee Klatsch @ Kaladi Bros. on Brayton
No Divine Drama —meets this week only on January 7
2 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)
5:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Bible studies & meetings
Zoom.us meeting ID
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Thursday 1/9

9:30 am - 1 pm Wildflower Garden Club (Community Room)

Friday 1/10

2 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel)

Saturday 1/11

9:30 - 10:30 am WW Meeting (Community Room)
10 am - 1 pm Log Cabin Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
11:30 am - 1:30 pm NAMI (Community Room)

Sunday 1/12

9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE with Bishop Tim Oslovich** (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org followed by **Q&A with Bishop Tim on Call Process** (Sanctuary)
11 am KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel, Community Room)
2 pm ANLC WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
4 - 5:30 pm Confirmation & Faith Formation classes @ Lutheran Church of Hope