

The Sentinel: Lent & Easter 2025



Central Lutheran Church

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

Sunday Worship:

10:30 am

Holy Communion
every Sunday

In person or on
Facebook

What is Central Lutheran Church?

We are a Lutheran congregation in East Dallas, part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). At Central Lutheran, we embrace all of God's children, regardless of race, citizenship, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, ability, sexuality, or gender identity. To discover more about our beliefs and values, please visit the back cover.



Lent starts on March 5; Easter starts on April 20.

Ash Wednesday:

March 5 at 6:00 pm

Join us as we begin the season of Lent together. We will worship in the Sanctuary together.

Wed Lenten Services:

March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9

Soup & Sandwich Supper: 6:00 pm
Worship Service: 7:00 pm
We will gather in the Parish Hall.

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Words From Our Leaders



Change is all around us—globally, in the nation, and in our own neighborhood. Yet in the midst of uncertainty, we are called to show up for one another with love, grace, and mercy.

This Lent, we continue our tradition of Midweek services with Emanuel Lutheran, and as they navigate a pastoral transition, we welcome them to join us for Holy Week on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. In this sacred season, may we walk together in faith, remembering that even in life's changes, God's love remains constant. Blessings on this journey.

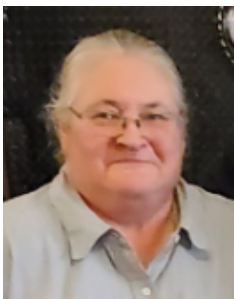
- **Pastor Veronika Czutor**

It's a joy to be here at Central Lutheran Church, and I want to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I've received. I thoroughly enjoyed the "Meet the New Music Director" event on February 16. I had the opportunity to give a brief Sunday School lesson titled *Reformation Era Hymns in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*.

One of the highlights of my talk was singing *A Mighty Fortress* together. We sang it in two ways: first, in the original rhythmic version that Luther composed, and then in Hungarian. For me, *A Mighty Fortress* is one of the great hymns of Christendom, and there is truly nothing more Lutheran than this powerful hymn!



- **Dr. Joe Henry**



I am participating in the Parish Lay Ministry Academy. It is a program offered by the NT-NL Synod to help train and prepare lay members to help minister in their congregations. There are four sessions over two years. I have completed two sessions. This spring I will be studying "Worship"; "New Testament"; and "Stewardship".

It has been a challenging endeavor, but I have learned a lot. One of the most challenging things for me has been to learn more about Prayer practices. My goal has been to become better at leading education ministry.

-**Carrie Enocksen**

Winter at Central:

A Look Back at Last Season



1. **Approved** the council's proposed budget for 2025 (with a few additions) at our annual congregational meeting on January 26th. We also enjoyed a chili cookoff and dessert competition.

2. **Learned** from Jane, a volunteer from the Alzheimer's Association, about how to keep our brains healthy as we age on December 15th.

3. **Collected** gifts for our Angel Tree. Each "angel" ornament was a holiday wish from a refugee or immigrant child through Emanuel Community Center. We delivered over 40 gifts to Emanuel on December 8th. Thank you to everyone who helped make these holiday wishes come true!

4. **Celebrated** the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve and throughout the Christmas season.

5. **Honored** Dr. Harold Knight with the Music Director Emeritus title as he retired and celebrated his 80th birthday.



6. **Welcomed** our new music director, Dr. Joe Henry. We learned more about Joe and his background in music at Sunday School on February 16th.

7. **Served** 296 families in our neighborhood by distributing food at White Rock Center of Hope. (Our next service day is March 15 at 9 am at Hope.)

Want to Help?

“And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:19



Join Our Mailing List

Scan this QR code (or visit linktr.ee/CentralLutheranChurch) to connect with us, sign up for our weekly mailing list or make your offering online.



Meet material Needs

During Lent, we will be collecting hygiene items for White Rock Center of Hope. To see the full list of items check out our bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary or on our website (centrallutheran.org).

Give Electronically

We appreciate your generous monetary offerings which support Central Lutheran and our missions here in East Dallas. If you don't wish to write a check or donate in cash, we accept offerings online through Givelify, Vanco, or PayPal. Just search for Central Lutheran Church Dallas.

Donate Your Time

There are many ways to help at Central Lutheran. A key one is by using your time and talents to help our community. Some ways you can help are:

- **Pray for people** on our prayer list.
- **Build connection** during Sunday School and Bible Study.
- **Help our neighbors** by volunteering at the Food Distribution Day at White Rock Center of Hope on March 15.



We value your generosity – Thank you for making a difference!

Recurring Monthly Events

Event	What	When	Where
Bible Study	Adult Bible study	Tuesdays at 10:30 am	Conference Room (#115)
Hooked on Love	Crochet and knitting ministry for all skill levels	First Saturday of Odd-Numbered Months; 1-4 pm	Knit Dallas (6434 Mockingbird Ln)
Lydia Circle	Bible study and service projects for women	Second Monday, at 7 pm	Conference Room (#115)
Dining Around	Food and fellowship	One Saturday a month at 5:30 pm*	Various local restaurants*
Sunday School	Guest speakers discuss topics relevant to the congregation; Lunch is provided	Third Sunday at Noon	Parish Hall
Caring & Sharing	Sending greeting cards for birthdays and encouragement	Last Sunday at Noon	Parish Hall

*Sign up for our weekly email newsletter for more details

Lenten Events

Event	What	When	Where
Ash Wednesday Worship	Worship with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion	March 5, 6 pm	Sanctuary
Mid-week Lenten Vespers & Supper	Soup and sandwich supper at 6 pm Then Lenten vesper worship at 7 pm	Supper 6 pm Vespers 7 pm	Parish Hall
Spring Festival	During this family-friendly event we will celebrate the start of Spring and the Easter Season. There will be an egg hunt, games, and a bounce house.	April 13, Noon	Front Lawn
Maundy Thursday	Commemorate the last supper	April 17, 6 pm	Sanctuary
Good Friday	Commemorate Jesus's crucifixion	April 18, 6 pm	Sanctuary

Welcome Our New Music Director



Joe's Introduction to Our Congregation

Dr. Joe Henry (he/him) has spent his life as a teacher, a performer and as a church music director. He has taught at various universities across the United States. He currently teaches piano in North Texas. He has served Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran and Methodist communities as a choir director, music director, organist and vocal soloist for over forty years. He has a doctorate of musical arts in piano performance and organ performance. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, and served as a piano player and as a chaplain assistant in eight different army units over a period of twenty one years. He is also a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Romania 1998-2000).

Dr. Henry Encourages You to Join the Choir!

Martin Luther believed that everyone, not just the choir, should actively participate in the liturgy through the singing of hymns and acclamations. While Luther's reforms included encouraging the congregation to sing, the role of the choir was never diminished. The choir remains integral to the liturgy, not only supporting the congregation's singing but also providing poetic and musical commentary through anthems and other special music. For me, this is an essential part of worship.

I want to invite everyone to join our choir, whether you have previous choral experience or are a first-time singer. All that's required is the ability to match pitch. Rehearsal schedules can be flexible, and your schedule can be accommodated. No matter your experience level, I'd love for you to be part of the group and share in the joy of making music together.

-Dr. Joe Henry

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School this year will be from June 23-27.
Registration is open now. For more information visit our website:
CentralLutheran.org

The next Sentinel arrives with the season of Pentecost on May 19th

How can we pray for you?

As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and lift each other in prayer. Whatever you're facing – whether it's a cause for joy, a challenge weighing you down, or a particular intention you're holding close to your heart – we want to join you in prayer.

Please communicate your prayer requests to the church office via
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We lift them up in prayer:



Relatives and Friends For healing

Archie & Rebecca H. , Linda G., Norma M. , Robin F. ,
Elizabeth B. , Elizabeth C., Brenda B., Charlene Z.

Members

Don S., Mario M., Kris M., Yuvonne M., Lydia L, Mary S.,
Nancy N., Carol P., Suzanne S., Judy C., Paul C.

Let us pray...

God of mercy and renewal,

In this season of deep reflection, we turn our hearts to You.

*In Lent, humble us to walk the path of repentance,
to surrender what weighs us down, and to seek Your grace anew.*

*At the cross, we remember the depth of Your love,
the sacrifice that redeems, and the call to die to ourselves.*

*At Easter, we rejoice in resurrection power,
in the triumph of life over death, and the promise that all things are made new.*

*May this season transform us, that we may rise with Christ,
living as people of hope, love, and unshaken faith.*

In the name of the Risen One.

Amen.

Who We Are & What We Believe

Our church is part of the ELCA.



ELCA stands for Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States with 3.3 million members across all 50 states. We are part of the Northern Texas Northern Louisiana Synod (NT-NL). A synod is a community of congregations in an area that are led by a Bishop and team who serve as regional support, and guide pastoral and other staff candidates.

Our church shares the beliefs of the ELCA.

By being a part of the ELCA we are saying we agree with their doctrine. All of that doctrine can be found on their website (elca.org). Here is a small piece of those beliefs:

“Jesus lived among us and demonstrated the good news in all he was and did. The good news is the promise that God loves us and saves us by grace alone. This promise was realized when Jesus was crucified. He died on the cross but was raised again in the body and in a new wholeness. As a result, through the gift of grace received by faith, all people can be made whole in Christ and set free to love and serve all people, particularly the vulnerable, just as God loves us.

Christ has freed us from sin and death, even from ourselves, so that we can live as ministers of reconciliation in loving and generous service of our neighbors (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). In Jesus Christ, all of life – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

(from elca.org/ about)



Our church welcomes all.



As the ELCA says, “We are called to be a church that embraces each person and confronts racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, age, gender, familial, sexual orientation, physical, personal and class barriers that often manifest themselves in unjust treatment, inequalities, exclusion and violence.”

Still have questions? Check out our website: centrallutheran.org