

## **Central Lutheran Church**

**Maundy Thursday  
April 17, 2025**

**The Rev. Veronika Czutor, Pastor  
Dr. Joseph Henry Music Director  
Rachel Brown, Administrative Assistant**

*This evening 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. Tonight 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.*

# 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.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.  
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

**GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L Word of God, Word of Life

**C Thanks be to God**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY HYMN

**ELW 359**

### Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

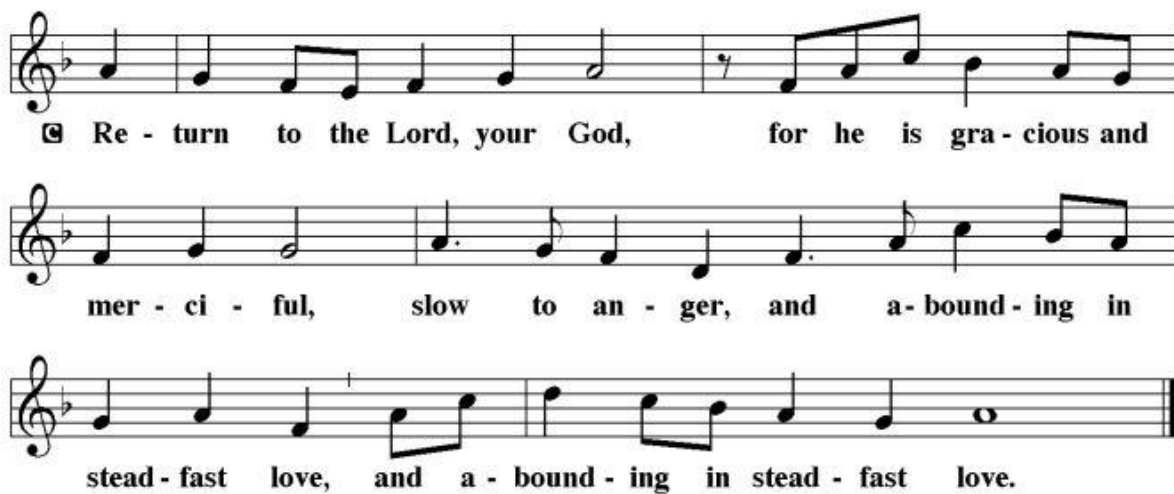
## SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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 John, the thirteenth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

## READING OF THE GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to

him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you O Christ**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Veronika**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 471**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

## **FOOTWASHING**

**P** On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

*The ministers and people may wash each other's feet.*

## **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** Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

*Please sit or kneel for prayer. The response to each spoken petition is:*

P Lord, 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.

P (*The prayers conclude*)... 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: Lamb of God**

*Sung by the choir*

*Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;  
Our sins by Thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Gracious Provider,

**C 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. 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.**

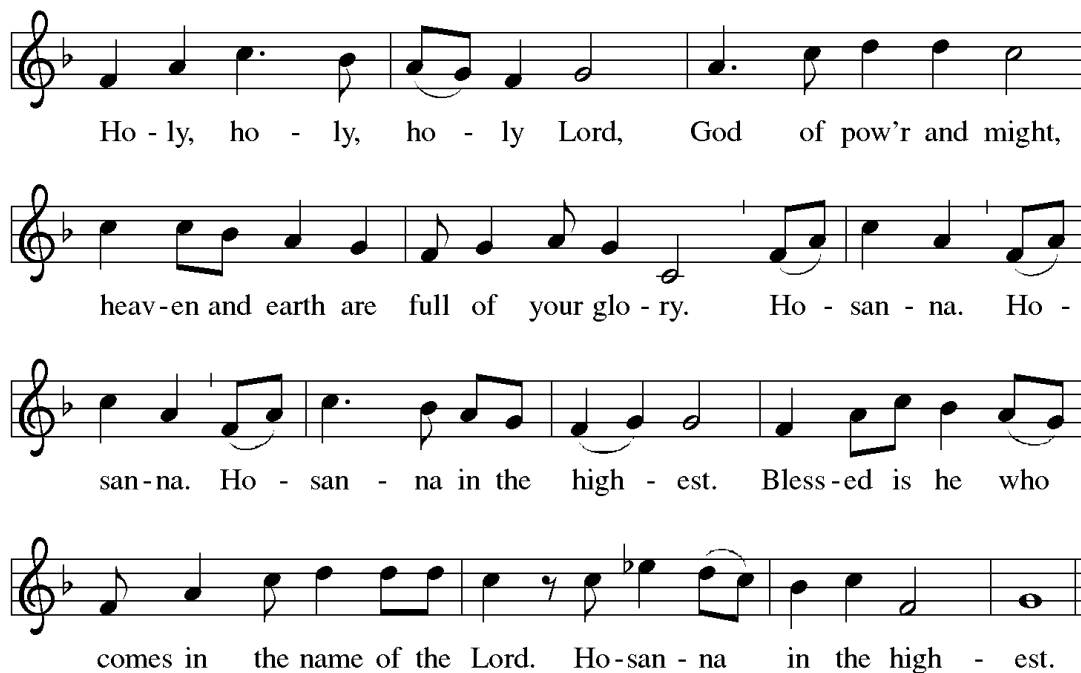
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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... 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**

*Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer found on the first pew. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand. The host will be dipped in the chalice and placed in your hand. If you prefer to receive only the host, please tell the ministers. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms in front of your chest. At this time there is no consecrated grape juice.*

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

**Amen.**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING: *Agnus Dei***

*Sung by the choir*

*Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

### **MUSICAL MEDITATION:** *Panis Angelicus*

*Sung by Akosua Adwini-Poku*

*May the Bread of Angels Become bread for humanity;  
The Bread of Heaven puts All foreshadowings to an end;  
Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor,  
the servile, and the humble.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus,

**C in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*As the altar is stripped, the psalm is read. The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. This service has no benediction or closing voluntary; it concludes with the stripping of the altar which reminds us that "Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors."*

*The assembly departs in silence.*

## PSALM 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? <sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. <sup>3</sup>Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. <sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. <sup>5</sup>To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. <sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.” <sup>9</sup>Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast. <sup>10</sup>From birth I was cast on you; from my mother’s womb you have been my God. <sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. <sup>12</sup>Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. <sup>13</sup>Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me. <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. <sup>15</sup>My mouth<sup>[d]</sup> is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. <sup>16</sup>Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce<sup>[e]</sup> my hands and my feet. <sup>17</sup>All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. <sup>18</sup>They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. <sup>19</sup>But you, LORD, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me. <sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. <sup>21</sup>Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen. <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. <sup>25</sup>From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you<sup>[f]</sup> I will fulfill my vows. <sup>26</sup>The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him— may your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, <sup>28</sup>for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup>All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive. <sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. <sup>31</sup>They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

*The congregation is asked to leave the sanctuary in silence.*

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**Gathering Hymn:** *Now we Join in Celebration*

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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**Maundy Thursday Hymn:** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Text: Latin hymn, 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

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**Hymn of the Day:** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

**Foot Washing:** *Ubi Caritas*

Jacques Berthier (1916-2020)

**Musical Offering:** *Agnus Dei*

Music: Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

**Musical Meditation:** *Panis Angelicus*

Music: Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Sung by: Akosua Adwini-Poku

## **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\*

\*The church office will be closed Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21.

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

**Serving in Worship today:** Usher: Anne Monson & Mary Glenn; Lector: Janis Farrow; Assistant Minister: Jeff Lowry

**Holy Saturday Cross & Sanctuary Decorating:** We will be decorating the cross for Easter Sunday **on Saturday, April 19 at 2:00 pm.** We'll move the cross to the Sanctuary and decorate the altar with lilies. All are welcome!

**Easter Sunday worship will begin at 10:30 am in our sanctuary.**

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**Our Prayer List:** Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via phone (214-327-2222) or via email ([central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com](mailto:central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com)).

**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

**Church Members**

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 Don Smith  
 Mario Montejo  
 Nancy Nulisch  
 Carol Paschetag  
 Paul Chambers

Kris McDowell  
 Yuvonne Muirhead  
 Mary Swenson  
 Judy Christiansen  
 Suzanne Schwenn