



*The Holy Spirit  
gathers us in unity on the  
first day of the week.*



*God speaks to us in  
scripture reading,  
preaching, and song.*



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Christ revealed as a great fisherman*

*Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people*  
Sunday, February 10, 2019  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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### ***We have been caught in the net of Christ's word***

*The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord. "Who will go for us?" queries the voice of the Lord. A man of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is the fact that we are also called.*

## GATHERING

*Today the introduction to the first hymn serves as the prelude. At the conclusion of the introduction the assembly (and choir) stand to face the worship leaders at the back of the church.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*(hymn) 507*

"O God of Light"

*stanza 1 – all; 2 – lower voices; 3 – higher voices; 4 – all*

### 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.

**All** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory,  
and before you angels and saints stand in awe.

Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world,  
and by your grace make us heralds of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S WORD

*Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.*

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Like other prophets, Isaiah is initially hesitant because of his awareness of his sin and his shortcomings, but when the Lord calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

*Martin Luther set the Isaiah 6 text to music and included it as the "Sanctus" in his German Mass (1526)*

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

## READING

*Send me*

Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Praise to Christ the Word.

**AI** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSE

(hymn) 868

"Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old"

*Choir sings the first section. All join at "Holy, holy, holy..."*

## SECOND READING

*I am the least of the apostles*

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

*Paul writes to the church at Corinth:*

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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**AI** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:19

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:*



**Choir** *Jesus says, Follow me,  
and I will make you fish for people*

*The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.*



*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**AD** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

<sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**AD** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*silence for reflection follows the sermon*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

*(hymn) 798*

*stanza 1 – all; 2 – higher voices;  
3 – lower voices; 4 – choir; 5 – all*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** Let us proclaim the faith that we share:

**AD** **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.**

Prayer requests may be recorded in the  
book of prayer concerns  
in the great room prayer niche.



God feeds us with the  
presence of Jesus Christ.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes:

...Hear us O God,

**AD** Your mercy is great.

## MEAL

### PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**AD** And also with you.

*The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.*

### GATHERING OF GIFTS

*The offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.*

"Glory to God in the Highest"

Randall Thompson

#### Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray together.

**AD** Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,

shining with the light of your justice and mercy;

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The assisting minister pours out the wine.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**AD** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**AD** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**AD** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



His glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!"

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

**Lord's Prayer (1975)**

**A1** 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.

All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Communion at this service is served standing. Please follow the directions of the ushers to a communion station.

Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request. The benefits of the sacrament are fully present in either the bread or the wine, should health reasons prevent you from receiving one of them.

Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Prayer at the chancel kneelers during communion is always welcomed.

**Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion**

**Communion**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

arr. Karen Thompson

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

Central American traditional

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

**Prayer after Communion**

**A** Let us pray.  
 God of abundance,  
 you have fed us with the presence of Christ.  
 Use us as beacons of light and bearers of Christ's love  
 for the sake of the whole world.  
 In Jesus' name we pray.

**A1** Amen.

**SENDING**

God blesses us  
 and sends us in mission to  
 the world.

**BLESSING**

**P** May the love of Jesus Christ, the light of the world,  
 fill your hearts and illumine your path.,

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 bless you now and forever

**A1** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(hymn) 413

stanzas 1 & 2 are sung in harmony

Following worship coffee or lunch is served in the great room during the annual meeting.

Brief sanctuary tours will be offered after this service. Meet a docent at the pulpit.

## DISMISSAL

*Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.*

- A** Go in peace. Christ is your light.
- AD** **Thanks be to God.**

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

## POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in A"

David N. Johnson

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preaching</i>
Megan Bowman	<i>assisting minister</i>
Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir</i>
Central Bell Choir	<i>instrumental ensemble</i>
Seminarian Amanda Hutchinson,	
Seminarian Danielle Dunasky	<i>readers</i>
Shirley Dahl	<i>crucifer</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>communion minister</i>
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson	<i>sound operators</i>
Sue & Tom Jorgensen	<i>lead ushers for February</i>
Barb Zalusky, Joan Van Wirt	<i>hosts &amp; greeters</i>

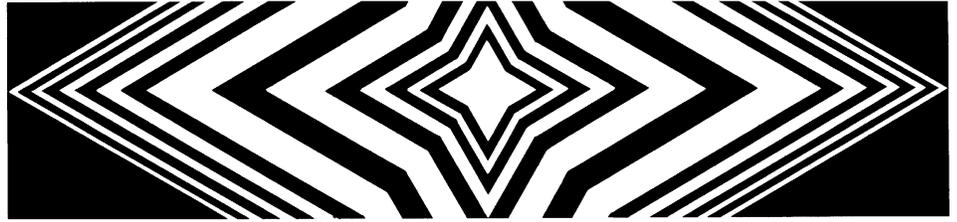
**Chancel flowers this weekend** are given by the Floral Guild. If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.

*This service is being streamed live on the internet at [www.centralmpls.org](http://www.centralmpls.org).*



Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, and access seating are available to aid your participation in worship. Please inquire with an usher.





## WELCOME TO CENTRAL

**Everyone is welcome.** As a community of the people of God, the members of Central Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite guests to complete the “Welcome to Central” card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email [info@centralmpls.org](mailto:info@centralmpls.org).

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances. A nursery may be found near the welcome desk. Nursery staff are provided Sunday mornings.

**Welcome to the Lord’s Table.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at Holy Communion. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**Welcome to the Holy Baptism.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. A pastor will contact you.

**Friends of Central...Stay connected.** Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Central Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you’re one of them, we invite you to join a network of Friends of Central. Pick up a brochure or visit our website for more information or to join.

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