



HOLY COMMUNION

at the break of day

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019 † 8:30 am

A hen gathers her brood

Exploring the promise of God for all

Under protective wings, Christ our hen gathers us

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

Selections from Six Studies in English Folksong

Ralph Vaughan Williams

At the sound of the bell please turn to face the worship leaders at the font.

GATHERING AROUND THE FONT

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presider begins.

- P** We begin the day anew in baptism in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- A** Amen.

GATHERING PSALM

Psalm 27 (ICEL)

In the day of trouble, the LORD shall keep me safe. (27:7)

- P** The Lord is my saving light; whom should I fear?
- A** God is my fortress; what should I dread?
- P** One thing I ask the Lord, one thing I seek:
- A** to live in the house of God every day of my life, caught up in God's beauty, at prayer in God's temple.
- P** The Lord will hide me there, hide my life from attack:
- A** a sheltering tent above me, a firm rock below.
- P** I am now beyond reach of those who besiege me.
- A** In God's temple I will offer a joyful sacrifice, I will play and sing to God.
- P** O God, listen to me; be gracious, answer me.
- A** Deep within me a voice says, "Look for the face of God!"
- P** So I look for your face, I beg you not to hide.
- A** Do not shut me out in anger, help me instead.

- P** Do not abandon or desert me, my savior, my God.
- A** Give praise to the Father Almighty; to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord; to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts; both now and forever. Amen.
- P** Let us pray. *(ELW psalm prayer)*
Lord God, our light and our salvation, grant that your servants who seek your face in times of trouble may see your goodness in the land of the living, and that we may be set safely on the rock of our faith, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- A** Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 606

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

We Listen to God's Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

FIRST READING

see Scripture insert

The covenant with Abraham and his descendants Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

The word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

PSALM

"By the Babylonian Rivers" *Latvian folksong, arr. Mark Sedio*
The text by Ewald Bash is a paraphrase of Psalm 137

SECOND READING

see Scripture insert

Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a savior Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

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LENTEN VERSE

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

Turn to the Lord, your God who is gra-cious and mer-ci - ful;
slow to an - ger and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

see Scripture insert

Jesus desires to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood Luke 13:31-35 Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

before the reading:

after the reading:

- P** The holy gospel according to The gospel of the Lord.
- A** Glory to you, O Lord. **A** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

(hymn)

"O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns" *stanza 1 - all; 2 - quartet; 3 - all*

1 O Je - sus Christ, may grate - ful hymns be ris - ing
2 Grant us new cour - age, sac - ri - fi - cial, hum - ble,
3 Show us your Spir - it, brood - ing o'er each cit - y
in ev - 'ry cit - y for your love and care;
strong in your strength to ven - ture and to dare,
as you once wept a - bove Je - ru - sa - lem,
in - spire our wor - ship, grant the glad sur - pris - ing
to lift the fall - en, guide the feet that stum - ble,
seek - ing to gath - er all in love and pit - y,
that your blest Spir - it rous - es ev - 'ry - where.
seek out the lone - ly, and God's mer - cy share.
and heal - ing those who touch your gar - ment's hem.

APOSTLES' CREED *(I give my heart)*

"I give my heart to...:

is an early understanding of the Latin version of the Apostles' Creed.

- A** Let us proclaim the faith that we share:
- A** I GIVE MY HEART TO God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- I GIVE MY HEART TO 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 GIVE MY HEART TO 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

...Lord, in your mercy,
🔊 **hear our prayer.**

Prayer of the Day *concludes these prayers.*

🔊 Let us pray.
God of the covenant,
in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.
Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy,
that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son,
in whose name we pray.
🔊 **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

🔊 Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,
let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence is kept for reflection

🔊 God at the margins,
🔊 **We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.
We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.
We give our hearts to others forgetting that it is you who save us.
Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows. Amen.**

🔊 Like a hen who gathers her chicks,
God embraces you in tender care.
Like manna in the desert,
God feeds you with surprising mercy.
Like a loving parent,
God runs to meet you again this day,
forgiving your sin for the sake of ✝ Christ,
leading you from death into life.
🔊 **Amen.**

We Feast Around the Table of the Lord

PEACE

🔊 In Jesus Christ God has made peace with us.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
🔊 **And also with you.**

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

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel.

Prelude from the First Cello Suite *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Offertory Prayer

🔊 Let us pray together.
🔊 **God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with the words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

🔊 **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.**

Communion

*All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God.
Communion at this service is served kneeling or standing at the communion rail,
as you desire. Please follow the directions of the ushers.
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.*

"Lamb of God" *Petri Laaksonen*
Meditation on an Old Scottish Melody *Rebecca Clarke*

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

Prayer after Communion

🔊 Let us pray.
Tender and merciful one,
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,
turning our emptiness into joy.
Filled with your abundant grace,
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,
mending broken hearts, working for justice,

and striving for peace among all people;
through Christ our Lord.
🔊 **Amen.**

We Are Sent to Be God's Hands in the World

BLESSING

🔊 Let us bless the Lord.
🔊 **Thanks be to God.**

🔊 God, who fills the creation with abundance,
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,
✝ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.
🔊 **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 811

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

DISMISSAL

🔊 Go in peace. Christ is with you.
🔊 **Thanks be to God.**

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

"Fantasia"

Hilding Rosenberg

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Wednesdays in Lent

12:15 pm Service of Word and Prayer around the Font
with member faith story
12:45 pm Lenten soup luncheon
1:00 pm God's Word in our Midst Lectionary Bible Study
with the weekend preacher
6:00 pm Creed class
7:00 pm ELW Evening Prayer (Vespers)



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WELCOME



You are welcome. No exceptions.

Central Lutheran Church experiences God's expansive love and strives to share it abundantly. We affirm all people without regard to age, race, biological sex, housing status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigration, refugee or migration status, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, and physical or mental health or ability. All are a part of God's family, created in God's image. • We strive to practice radical hospitality with all people. Everyone is invited to immerse themselves in the life of this community of faith as we explore the promise of God for all. • Central Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

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.

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

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. 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. If you are not in a designated access seating area and desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. 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 our network of Friends of Central. Pick up a brochure or visit our website for more information or to join.

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I give my heart to...

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *presiding*

The Rev. Ken Wheeler, *preaching*

Brian McKinley, *assisting minister*

Rod Richter, *reader*

Sara Gunsch, *crucifer*

Deacon Mark Sedio, *organist/pianist*

Thomas Bandar, *violinist*

Froya Olson, Robin Helgen,

Mike Fairbairn, David Gindra, *quartet*

Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*

Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,

Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*

Pastor Melissa Pohlman, Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *communion ministers*

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *liturgy director*

Bob Tufford, *lead usher for March*

Betty Reveling, Harald Faber, Jerry & Muriel Olsen, *greeters & hosts*

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FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The covenant with Abram and his descendants

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

Paul writes to the church in Philippi:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the

body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

🔊 Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

Jesus desires to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

📖 The holy gospel according to Luke.

🔊 Glory to you O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

³⁴"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

📖 The gospel of the Lord.

🔊 Praise to you O Christ.

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