



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



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Second Sunday in Lent*

*A hen gathers her brood*  
Sunday, March 17, 2019  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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### ***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."*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Selections from the First Cello Suite

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*The carillon calls the assembly to worship. At the sound of the bell the assembly stands to face the worship leaders at the back of the church.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presider begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who gathers us in our wilderness,  
redeems us, and renews us.

**All** Amen.

**P** 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*

**P** God at the margins,

**All** 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 saves 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.**

**P** 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.

**A** Amen.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 606

“Our Father, We Have Wandered”

stanzas 1 & 2 in harmony; 3 in unison

### GREETING

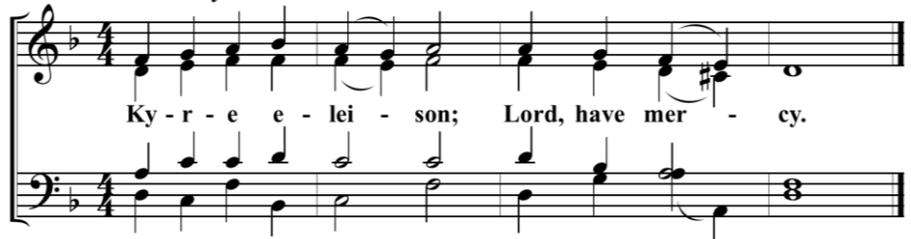
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A** And also with you.

### KYRIE (Lord, have mercy)

After each petition respond:

All in harmony:



**L** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord:



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** 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,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**A** 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.



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

*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.*

*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.*

*Egil Hovland (1924-2013) wrote in a variety of musical styles and is often cited as one of the most productive Norwegian composers of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although he composed in nearly every genre, he is most remembered for his church music. The English version of his opera "Captive and Free" was premiered by the Augsburg Masterworks Chorale here at Central.*

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

## READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

### *A covenant with Abram and his descendants*

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." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But 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." <sup>5</sup>He 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." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He 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." <sup>10</sup>He 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. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On 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.

**AD** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

### *Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior*

*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. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He 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.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, 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.

**AD** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL MOTET

"Jerusalem"

*Egil Hovland*

## GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

### *Jesus desires to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**AD** **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." <sup>32</sup>He 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. <sup>33</sup>Yet 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.'

<sup>34</sup>"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! <sup>35</sup>See, 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.

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

### SERMON

*silence for reflection follows the sermon*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*stanza 1 – all; 2 – choir; 3 – all*

"O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising"



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*)

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

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

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.*

Pastor and poet Ewald Bash (1924-1994)  
wrote several hymns that appear in  
various denominational hymnals. He was  
taken with the haunting character of this  
Latvian folk melody and for it created this  
beautiful paraphrase of Psalm 137 which  
he called a "Hymn for Those in  
Captivity." Active in various aspects of  
the Civil Rights movement he founded  
KMOJ the first black radio station in  
Minnesota.



**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

Each petition concludes:  
...Lord, in your mercy,

**AD** **hear our prayer.**

## MEAL

### PEACE

**P** In Jesus Christ God has made peace with us.  
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.*

"By the Babylonian Rivers"

*Latvian, arr. Mark Sedio*

*The text of the hymn is based on Psalm 137*

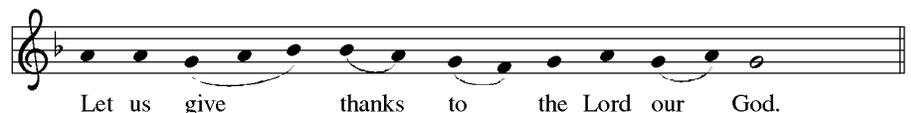
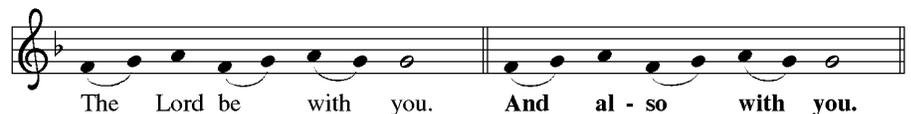
### Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray together.

**AD** **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.**

*The assisting minister pours out the wine.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. Ho-san-na in the high-est!

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

**Lord's Prayer (1975)**

**A** 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 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.

Prayer at the chancel kneelers during communion is always welcomed.

Rebecca Clarke (1886-1979) has been described as one of the most distinguished English composers of the inter-war years.

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

**Communion**

"Lamb of God"

(ELW #196)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
 a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A-men.

Meditation on an Old Scottish Melody

Rebecca Clarke

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

**Prayer after Communion**

**A** Let us pray.  
 Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,

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

*Composer and conductor Hilding Rosenberg (1892-1985) was one of the most influential figures in Swedish 20<sup>th</sup> century classical music. His compositional output includes eight symphonies, numerous orchestral works, string quartets, sonatas, music for organ and piano. Parts of his violin concerto were used in the soundtrack to Ingmar Bergman's film "Intermezzo." The Fantasia for organ dates from 1941.*

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

*Thomas Bandar serves as the Executive Director of Lutheran Music Program, home of Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival (LSM). LSM is the nation's premiere faith-based music academy for high school students, with LSM 2019 taking place June 23-July 21 at Valparaiso University. Consider joining the LSM community for a recital and evening prayer service at 4 pm on Sunday, March 24 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.*

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.

**A** Amen.

## SENDING

### BLESSING

**P** 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.

**A** Amen.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

*(hymn) 811  
sung in harmony*

### DISMISSAL

*Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.*

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**A** Thanks be to God.

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

### POSTLUDE

"Fantasia"

*Hilding Rosenberg*

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presiding</i>
The Reverend Ken Wheeler	<i>preaching</i>
Brian McKinley	<i>assisting minister</i>
Deacon Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir</i>
Thomas Bandar	<i>violinist</i>
Megan Bowman, Sara Masters	<i>readers</i>
Rick Johnston	<i>crucifer</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman,	
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>communion ministers</i>
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson	<i>sound operators</i>
Varney Kiazolu	<i>lead usher for March</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>liturgy director</i>
Judith Hedman	<i>docent</i>
Romelle Surratt, Jerry & Muriel Olsen	<i>hosts &amp; greeters</i>



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

## **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](mailto: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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