

HOLY COMMUNION AT EVENING

Second Saturday in Lent

A hen gathers her brood

Saturday • March 16, 2019 • 5:00 pm

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."

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

*At the sound of the bell, please stand if you are able.
Please turn to face the evening prayer candle as it moves throughout the service.*

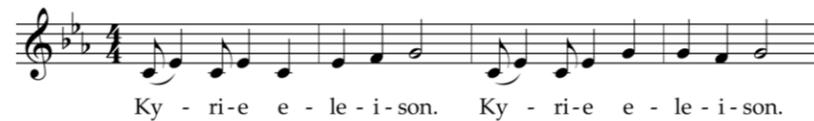
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † One God,
our life and our salvation.

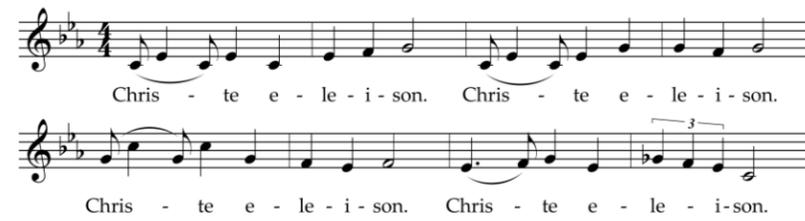
Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,
let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kyrie (*Lord have mercy*)

Creator of life, God beyond us, Holy Beginning;



Lamb of God, God beside us, Emmanuel;



Dove of peace, Comforter, Advocate;



silence is kept for reflection

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.

GATHERING PRAYER

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,
Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

READING

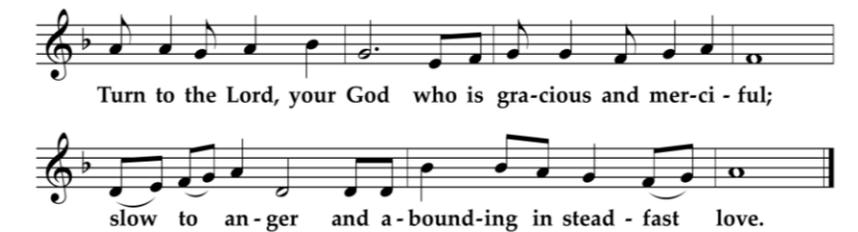
The covenant with Abraham and his descendants Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making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

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.
The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

silence follows for reflection

GOSPEL

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



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:

The holy gospel according to
Glory to you, O Lord.

after the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence follows for reflection

HYMN

"Thy Holy Wings"

(hymn) 613

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Lord, in your mercy;
hear our prayer.

MEAL

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.*

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.

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 standing at stations near the altar. Pick up a cup for wine or filled with grape juice as you approach. 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.*

silence follows for reflection

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

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.

SENDING HYMN

"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

(hymn) 561

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *presiding*
Seminarian Amanda Hutchinson, *preaching*
Brian McKinley, *assisting minister*
Sara Gunsch, *reader*
Paul Friesen-Carper, *guitarist*
Mark Kieffer, *sound operator*
Rosalinda Morales, Oliver Smith,
Brittany McGee, Alan Filzen, *greeters, hosts & ushers*
Richard Stegall, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,
Bill Masche, Dave West, *sacristans*

Please join us for fellowship in the fireside room following worship.

This service is being streamed live on the internet: www.centralmpls.org



I give my heart to...
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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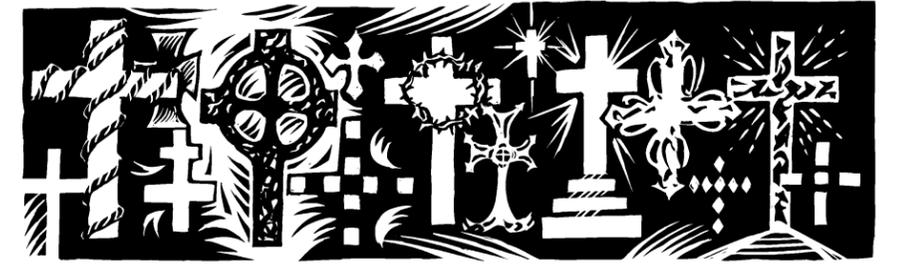
God's work. Our hands.



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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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