



# HOLY COMMUNION

*at the break of day*

Fourth Sunday in Easter

May 12, 2019 † 8:30 am

*Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep*

Exploring the promise of God for all

## Christ is our shepherd

*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

### GATHERING MUSIC

“Cathedral Suite” Allemande – Aria – Rigaudon Gordon Young

*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** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**A** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### GATHERING PSALM

Psalms 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. (23:1)*

- P** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
**A** <sup>2</sup>The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
**P** <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.  
**A** <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
**P** <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
**A** you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
**P** <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.  
**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** Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, (ELW psalm prayer)  
you give us new birth in the waters of baptism, you anoint us with oil,

and you nourish us at your table with heavenly food. In your goodness and mercy, dispel the shadows of evil and death, and lead us along safe paths, that we may rest securely in you and dwell in the house of the Lord now and forever, for your name’s sake.

**A** Amen.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

(hymn) 385

stanzas 1 & 2 in harmony;  
3 & 4 in unison

## We Listen to God’s Word

### GREETING

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

### READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

see Scripture insert

Peter raises Talitha/Dorcas from the dead

Acts 9:36-43

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

Word of God, word of life.

**A** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

see Scripture insert

A multitude sings before the Lamb

Revelation 7:9-17

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.*

Word of God, word of life.

**A** Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL

see Scripture insert

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



Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep John 10:22-30  
*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

*before the reading:*

*after the reading:*

- P** The holy gospel according to ...  
**A** Glory to you, O Lord.

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

### SERMON

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**A** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### HYMN

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

(hymn) 789

stanzas 1, 2 (harmony) & 4

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God,

**A** your mercy is great.

**Prayer of the Day** *concludes these prayers.*

- P** Hear our prayers, O God of peace. You brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight; in Jesus’ name we pray.

**A** Amen.

## We Feast Around the Table of the Lord

### PEACE

- P** The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.  
**A** And also with you.

*The assembly is invited to share God’s peace with one another. At the peace, children are invited to meet a pastor at the kid’s table for the children’s word; parents are welcome to come with their children.*

### 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.*

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Sandra Eithun

### Offertory Prayer

- A** Let us pray together.  
**A** Risen Christ, receive these gifts, with our hopes, dreams, and prayers. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread, that our eyes may be opened to see your presence among us, and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection. Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**A** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**A** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**A** 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

"Now the Green Blade Rises" *arr. Kevin McChesney*

*All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God.  
Communion at this service is served standing at stations. 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.  
silence for reflection concludes the communion*

## Prayer after Communion

**Let us pray.**  
God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
you have united us with Christ,  
making us one with all your people.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus 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.**

May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope.

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

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 544

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

## DISMISSAL

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

## POSTLUDE

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

*J. S. Bach*

From Sundays and Seasons.com. © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.  
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #26515.



## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *presiding*  
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *preaching*  
Megan Bowman, *assisting minister*  
Seminarian Danielle Dunasky, *reader*  
Michael Dee, *crucifer*  
families of Central, *butterfly banner*

Deacon Mark Sedio, *cantor*  
Jane Lien, *associate cantor/organist*  
Central Bell Choir, *instrumental ensemble*

Pastor Melissa Pohlman,  
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *communion ministers*  
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*  
Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,  
Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*  
Larry Angeles, *lead usher for May*  
Rosemary Olerud, Allison Eger, Arlene Lind, *greeters & hosts*

*Please join us in the great room following worship for fellowship.*

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

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Floyd Ward and Roger Sorbel in loving memory of their mothers Gladys and Bonnie and in celebration of their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Additional flowers are given by Laurel and Paul Stewart, married this weekend, in loving memory of their grandparents. If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.



## 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](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.

**Electronic Giving Opportunities:** Online at [www.centralmpls.org](http://www.centralmpls.org) click on **Give Today**; or text 73256, enter code word *centralmpls* (lower case), and a numerical amount. Press send and fill in the details. All contributions from members and guests will appear in a contribution statement. WIFI is available as *Central Lutheran* (password *guestclc*). If you give electronically, use the green pew card to drop in the offering plate instead of an envelope. The ministries and mission of Central Lutheran are supported by givers like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-870-4416.



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



**Central Lutheran  
MINNEAPOLIS**

Exploring the promise of God for all  
333 South 12th St, Minneapolis, MN 55404  
612 870 4416 | [centralmpls.org](http://centralmpls.org)

May 12, 2019  
Fourth Sunday of Easter: Cycle C  
Holy Baptism Festival

*Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep*

**FIRST READING**

Acts 9:36-43

*Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead*

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

*Luke writes:*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.”

<sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

<sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

<sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

<sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life.

**🔊 Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** *A multitude sings before the Lamb* Revelation 7:9-17

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.*

*John writes:*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great

ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Word of God, word of life.

**🔊 Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

*Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep*

John 10:22-30

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

**🔊** The holy gospel according to John.

**🔊** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**🔊** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #26515.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.