



HOLY BAPTISM HOLYCOMMUNION

at the break of day

Fifth Sunday in Easter

May 19, 2019 † 8:30 am

Love one another

Exploring the promise of God for all

Christ is our path of love

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light – through the lens of love.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Jan Bender

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

Psalm 148

The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven. (148:13)

P Praise the Lord! Across the heavens, from the heights,
A all you angels, heavenly beings, sing praise, sing praise!

P Sun and moon, glittering stars, sing praise, sing praise.
Highest heavens, rain clouds, sing praise, sing praise.

A Praise God’s name, whose word called you forth
and fixed you in place forever by eternal decree.

P Let there be praise: from depths of the earth,
from creatures of the deep.

A Fire and hail. Snow and mist, storms, winds,
mountains, hills, fruit trees and cedars,
wild beasts and tame, snakes and birds,

P princes, judges, rulers, subjects,
men, women, old and young, praise,

A praise the holy name, this name beyond all names.

P God’s splendor above the earth, above the heavens,
A gives strength to the nation, glory to the faithful,
a people close to the Lord.

P Israel, let there be praise!

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 God Most High, *(ELW psalm prayer)*
by your Word you created a wondrous universe, and through your
Spirit you breathed into it the breath of life. Accept creation’s hymn of
praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound
in the heart of every creature on earth, to the glory of the Father, and
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 391

“This Joyful Eastertide”

verse 1 - unison; 2 – harmony; 3 - unison

We Listen to God’s Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

see Scripture insert

God saves the Gentiles

Acts 11:1-18

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of the Jerusalem church that God’s intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed
in Jesus’ own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

see Scripture insert

New heaven, new earth

Revelation 21:1-6

*John’s vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells
with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be
wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

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GOSPEL

see Scripture insert

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



Love one another

John 13:31-35

*After washing the disciples’ feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his
betrayal, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of
Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus’ community.*

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) 449

“We Know that Christ Is Raised”

stanzas 1 - 3

Holy Baptism

*In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to
the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen
humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made
members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of
saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.*

INVITATION TO THE FONT

Olivia Florence Wright

*daughter of Andrew & Colleen Wright
Hannah Plattner, Allyn Plattner, sponsors*

Finally, the presider addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to help these new Christians,
and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

A We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you, members of the assembly, together with the baptismal party,
to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

A I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

A I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all the ways of sin that draw you from God?

A I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

A I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

A 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

A 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*The presiding minister fills the font with water in remembrance of God’s saving
activity around the waters of creation.*

BAPTISM

“You Belong to Christ”

(ELW 211)

after the baptism, the assembly welcomes the candidate, singing:





The minister lays both hands on the head of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:

- P** Let us pray....
- A** Amen.

ANOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Oil is poured on the head of the baptized as the minister prays:

- A** Amen.

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A garment (blanket) and lighted candle are given to the baptized (or to the sponsor of a young child) by representatives of the congregation, saying:

- A** As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ:
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

- A** We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.
The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God,

- A** your mercy is great.

Thanksgiving for Sunday School as the Program Year Concludes

Prayer of the Day *concludes these prayers.*

- P** O Lord God,
you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing.
Receive these our prayers,
and pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love,
that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace.
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.*

“This Joyful Eastertide” *arr. Anne Krentz Organ*

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)

- 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.

Communion

“Now We Join in Celebration” *arr. Anne Krentz Organ*

*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

- A** 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.
- A** Amen.

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

BLESSING OF QUILTING MINISTRY

BLESSING

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- A** Thanks be to God.

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

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

- A** Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 452

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” *stanzas 1, 3 & 4 in harmony, 5*

DISMISSAL

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- A** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Share the good news.
- A** Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

“Con moto” from *La Rejouissance* *G. F. Handel*

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SERVING TODAY

- Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
- Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *preaching*
- Julie Anderson, *assisting minister*
- Brian McKinley, *reader*
- Brad Boogren, *crucifer*
- Deacon Mark Sedio, *cantor*
- Jane Lien, *associate cantor/organist*
- Pastor Melissa Pohlman,
- Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *communion ministers*
- Mark Kieffer, Mark Wilson, *sound operators*
- Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,
Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*
- Larry Angeles, *lead usher for May*
- Betty Reveling, Barb Zalusky, Audrey Grote, *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

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Marie Wiegert in celebration of
the 50th anniversary of the Class of 69’s graduation from the Swedish
Hospital School of Nursing. The ceremony was held at Central Lutheran
Church. 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.

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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May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter: Cycle C

*Jesus gives a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you*

FIRST READING

God saves the Gentiles

Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Luke writes:

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

¹¹ "At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

New heaven, new earth

Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

John writes:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."
⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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GOSPEL

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After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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