



HOLY COMMUNION

at the break of day

Sixth Sunday in Easter
May 26, 2019 † 8:30 am
Jesus heals on the sabbath

Exploring the promise of God for all

Christ is our help and salvation

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The gospel proclaims the power of the risen Christ. We are like the invalid: hearing the voice of Christ we are able to rise up and walk, for we have been enlivened by the Spirit of the resurrection.

On Thursday we will celebrate Jesus' ascension to the right hand of God. Jesus promises never to abandon us: he will send the Holy Spirit to be our teacher, advocate, counselor, and comforter. His gift is peace. As members of Christ's body, we are given the ministry of working for peace in a world marked by violence.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

"Fantasia in G Major" Johann Sebastian Bach

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 67 ICEL

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (67:4)

- P** Favor and bless us, Lord.
A Let your face shine on us,
revealing your way to all peoples,
salvation the world over.
- P** The world will shout for joy, for you rule the planet with justice.
A In fairness you govern the nations
and guide the peoples of earth.
- P** Let the nations sing your praise, every nation on earth.
A The land delivers its harvest,
God, our God, has blessed us.
- P** O God, continue your blessing,
may the whole world worship you.
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 of wisdom, *(ELW psalm prayer)*
through your power the earth has brought forth its noblest fruit,
the tree of the cross. Unite all people in its embrace,
and feed us with its fruit, everlasting life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
A Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" *(hymn) 389*
stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5

We Listen to God's Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

see Scripture insert

Lydia and her household are baptized Acts 16:9-15
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SECOND READING

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The Lamb is the light of the city of God Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5
John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

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GOSPEL

see Scripture insert

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



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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

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

HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River" *(hymn) 423*
verses 2 & 3 in harmony

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ...Hear us, O God,
A your mercy is great.
- Prayer of the Day concludes these prayers.**
- P** Bountiful God,
you gather your people into your realm,
and you promise us food from your tree of life.
Hear our prayers and nourish us with your word,
that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another
and the world you have made; 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.

Dance Prelude on "This Joyful Eastertide" David Houmard

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

*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.*

“Chorale for Ascension Day” Samuel Barber
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,
that you may abound in hope.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
☞ Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

(hymn) 665

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

“Toccata”

Daniel Gawthrop

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman, *presiding*
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *preaching*
Brad Boogren, *assisting minister*
Debra Thelen, *reader*
Carrie Nyland-Surla, *butterfly banner*
Timothy Short, *organist/pianist*
Jerry Olerud, *healing prayers*
Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *communion minister*
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *liturgy director*
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*
Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,
Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*
Larry Angeles, *lead usher for May*
Eunice & Franklin Dietrich, Mary Oelke,
Audrey Grote, Bob Smith, Arlene Lind, *greeters & hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Mariel and Jeffrey Wolter. If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.

Prayer and anointing for healing are offered this weekend. Meet a prayer minister at the prayer corner in the back of the sanctuary following the postlude.

Please join us in the sanctuary following worship for fellowship.

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



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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Saturday, May 25, 2019

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Sixth Sunday of Easter: Cycle C

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FIRST READING *Lydia and her household are baptized* Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

Luke writes:

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

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John’s vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God’s past actions. Yet in this new city, God’s presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

John writes:

In the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship

him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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GOSPEL *Jesus heals on the sabbath* John 5:1-9

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The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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