



HOLY COMMUNION

at the break of day

Seventh Sunday in Easter
observing
The Ascension of Our Lord
June 2, 2019 † 8:30 am

Christ present in all times and places

Exploring the promise of God for all

On Christ's heavenly throne, we sit as kings and queens

In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

The risen Lord enters the invisible presence of God in order to be present in all times and in all places to the church and to the world. Where shall we find the risen and ascended Lord today? In his word and his bread, in his people and his washing with water and the Spirit, and in all who cry out for mercy.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

"Two Sonatas for Organ"

Domenico Scarlatti

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 47 (ICEL)

God has gone up with a shout

P All peoples, clap your hands, shout your joy to God.
For God Most High is awesome, great ruler of all the earth.

A The One who conquers peoples and sets them at our feet
chooses for beloved Jacob a land to be our pride.

P God ascends the mountain to cheers and trumpet blasts.
A Sing out your praise to God, sing out your praise.

P For God rules the earth; sing praise with all your skill,
A God rules over nations, high on the sacred throne.

P Foreign rulers join the people of Abraham's God;
all the powers on earth belong to God on high.

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 righteousness, *(ELW psalm prayer)*
you stand in power over all authorities, and you rule over all
governments. Let the peoples of the earth rejoice and the leaders of
nations follow the way of the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

A Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

(hymn) 393

stanzas 1, 4 & 5

We Listen to God's Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

see Scripture insert

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Acts:1-11

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will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the
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SECOND READING

see Scripture insert

Seeing the risen and ascended Christ

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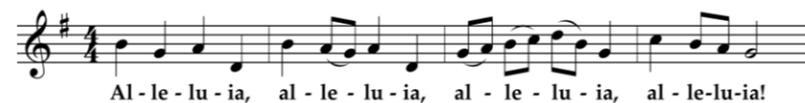
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GOSPEL

see Scripture insert

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



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Luke 24:44-53

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing,
and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

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

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

(hymn) 392

stanzas 1, 3 & 4

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God,

A your mercy is great.

Prayer of the Day *concludes these prayers.*

P Almighty God,
your only Son was taken into the heavens
and in your presence intercedes for us.
Receive us and our prayers for all the world,
and in the end bring everything into your glory.
It's 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.*

"Ach, bleibe doch , mein liebstes Leben"

from Cantata 11 (Ascension Oratorio)

J. S. Bach

Ach, bleibe doch, mein liebstes Leben,

Ah, stay yet, my dearest life,

Ach, fliehe nicht so bald von mir!

ah, do not flee so soon from me

Dein Abschied und dein frühes Scheiden

Your departure and your early leaving

Bringt mir das allergrößte Leiden

bring me the greatest suffering.

Ach ja, so bleibe doch noch hier;

Ah then, still stay here;

Sonst werd ich ganz von Schmerz umgeben.

otherwise I shall be quite overwhelmed with sorrow.

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.

"The Lightener of the Stars"

Robert Buckley Farlee

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

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

"O Christ, Our Hope"

(hymn) 604

stanzas 1 - 3, & 5

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

A Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in C"

Johann Gottfried Walther

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *presiding*

Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *preaching*

Kathryn Holum, *assisting minister*

Steven Langmo, *reader*

Brad Boogren, *crucifer*

Deacon Mark Sedio, *cantor*

Jane Lien, *associate cantor/organist*

Robin Helgen, *soloist*

Mary Sorlie, *violin*

Pastor Melissa Pohlman, *communion minister*

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Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*

Bob Tufford, *lead usher for June*

Rosemary Olerud, Brittany Bardell-Palacio,

Jim Snustad, *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 the Floral Guild. 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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Saturday, June 1, 2019

Sunday, June 2, 2019

The Ascension of Our Lord: Cycle A B C

Christ present in all times and places

FIRST READING

Jesus sends the apostles

Acts 1:1–11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

Luke writes:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we would be given the wisdom to comprehend this and display it through love toward others.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under

his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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GOSPEL

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Luke 24:44–53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,

“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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