

*I know
my
sheep,
and
mine
know
me.*



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WELCOME TO CENTRAL

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.

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HOLY COMMUNION HOLY BAPTISM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep

Sunday, May 12, 2019

10:30 am Choral Eucharist



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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Cathedral Suite" Allemande – Aria - Rigaudon Gordon Young

The carillon calls the assembly to worship. At the sound of the bell the assembly stands to face the worship leaders at the back of the church.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
AI Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
AI Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
AI Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" (hymn) 385
stanzas 1 & 2 in harmony
3 & 4 in unison*

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- AI** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
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, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- AI** Amen.

*The Holy Spirit
gathers us in unity on the
first day of the week.*





God speaks to us in
scripture reading,
preaching, and song.

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Amazing Day”

Thank you, God, for this amazing day. Thank you, God for work and play; for friends and family and animals too, on this amazing day. Look around us here, see God’s Holy Spirit everywhere. There’s happiness, gentleness, love, peace, joy, overflowing for all to see.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

Song by the Sunday School

Rebecca Thompson

EASTER WORD

Children will be invited forward later in the service to observe the baptism.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 9:36-43

Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead

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. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since 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.”

³⁹So 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. ⁴⁰Peter 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. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

“Loving Shepherd of the Sheep” (*sung by the Choristers*) French melody, ca. 1200

*Loving Shepherd of your sheep, all your lambs in safety keep;
nothing can your power withstand, none can pluck us from your hand.*

L The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

AD ²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

L ³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

AD ⁴Though 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.

L ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

AD ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Loving Savior, ever near, teach your lambs your voice to hear,
suffer not my steps to stray from your straight and narrow way. Sing we alleluia!*

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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹And 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,

¹²singing,

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

Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵For 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.

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

¹⁷for 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.

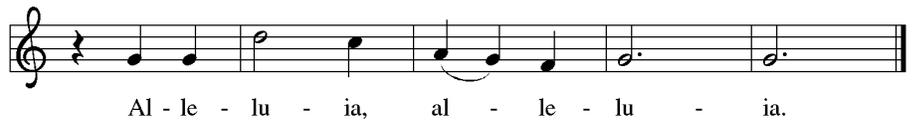
Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:14

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



L *Jesus says, I am the good shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me.

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL *Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep*

John 10:22-30

The carillon rings out the Easter gospel.

P The holy gospel according to John.

AD **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So 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.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will



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.

snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

AD Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

silence for reflection follows the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

(hymn) 789

stanzas 1, 2 (harmony) & 4



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.

HOLY BAPTISM

*Children are invited to come forward to observe the baptism;
parents are welcome to come with their children.*

INVITATION TO THE FONT

Julian Alexander Kelly

son of Heather & Tim Kelly

Whitney Hansen, Joe Hansen, sponsors

Finally, the presider addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to help this new Christian, and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

AD 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?

AD I renounce them.

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

AD I renounce them.

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

AD I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

AD 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?

AD 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:

You — be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

P Let us pray....

AI Amen.

ANOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

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

AI 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.

AI 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.

*Prayer requests may be recorded
in the book of prayer concerns
in the great room prayer niche*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

each petition concludes:

...hear us, O God

AI your mercy is great.

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

AI And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Communion at this service is served standing at the communion rail, as you desire. Please follow the directions of the ushers to a communion station.

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.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

The offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Sandra Eithun

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

AD 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.

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

AD And also with you.

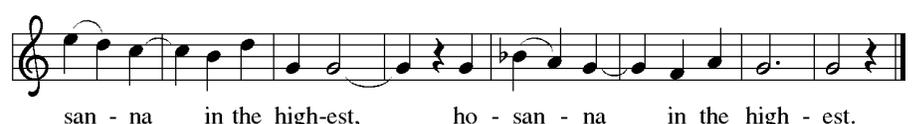
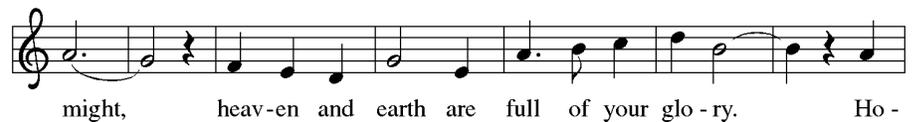
P Lift up your hearts.

AD We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AD It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

AD 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.

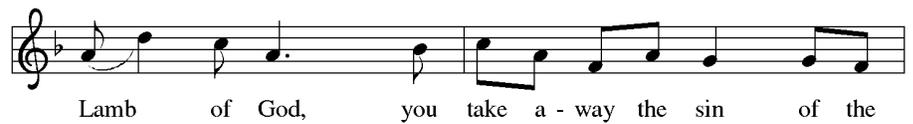
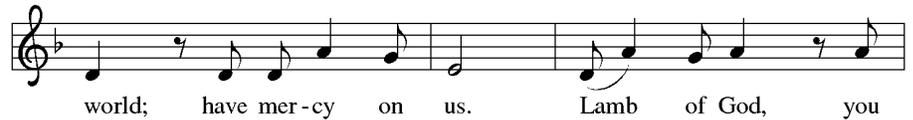
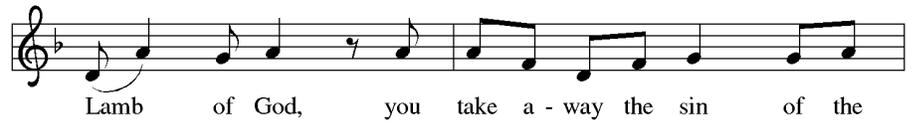
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

“Lamb of God”



“Now the Green Blade Rises”

arr. Kevin McChesney

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.
- Al** Amen.

EASTER SENDING

SENDING DIALOG

- A** We have heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Al We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.
A We have been nurtured at the holy table
and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

*God blesses us
and sends us in mission to
the world.*

AD We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation
in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.

A Go out from this Easter assembly
to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

AD Let us bear God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.

BLESSING

P 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.

AD Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 544

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

AD Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

AD Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

J. S. Bach

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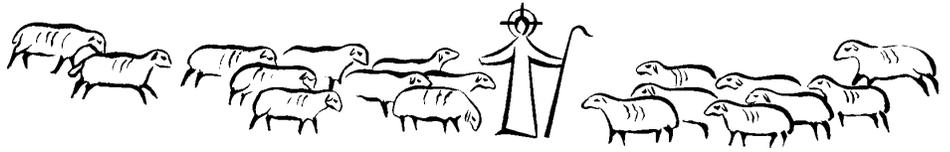
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>preaching</i>
Megan Bowman	<i>assisting minister</i>
Steven Langmo, Mariel & Jeffrey Wolter	<i>readers</i>
Joan Hilden	<i>crucifer</i>
families of Central	<i>butterfly banner</i>
Deacon Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor/organist</i>
Central Bell Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Sunday School Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Choristers	<i>ensemble</i>
Meghan Eliason	<i>accompanist</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen,	
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>communion ministers</i>
Sara Gunsch	<i>baptism host</i>
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson	<i>sound operators</i>
Tom & Sue Jorgensen	<i>lead ushers for May</i>
Pat Forse	<i>docent</i>
Arlene Lind, Liz Crouch	<i>hosts & greeters</i>

*Following worship coffee or lunch is
served in the great room.*

*Brief sanctuary tours will be offered after
this service. Meet a docent at the pulpit.*

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 15th 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.

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



WORSHIP LIFE

Good Shepherd Sunday

“Good Shepherd Sunday” comes each year on the fourth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday gets this nickname because the favorite image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd takes pride of place. Each year the appointed Psalm for this day is Psalm 23 – “The Lord is my shepherd...”



In our three-year cycle of Sunday Bible readings the gospel of John unfolds this image in the readings: Year A includes the gospel story (John 10:1-10) where Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep. (The Middle Eastern shepherd slept in the gateway of the sheepfold to protect the sheep.) The next year (Year B) we read the next portion of John’s gospel (John 10:11-18) where Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd” who lays down his life for the sheep. This year (Year C) the story continues (John 10:22-33) as Jesus promises life to his sheep saying, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me.”

The second reading also keeps the shepherd theme: *Follow the shepherd, even in suffering* (1 Peter 2:19-25), *Jesus Christ laid down his life for us* (1 John 3:15-24) and *A multitude sings before the Lamb* (Revelation 7:9-17) Well, the image flips from Jesus as shepherd to Jesus as lamb, but it’s close!

(You may have noticed that during the whole Easter season the first reading comes not from the Old Testament as usual, but from the book of Acts, as it unfolds the story of the early Christian community in the months immediately following Jesus’ resurrection.)

Favorite and familiar shepherd hymns dominate our congregational song: The King of Love My Shepherd Is; Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us; Have No Fear, Little Flock; Shepherd Me, O God; to name a few.

At Central we often try to make this day a Holy Baptism festival making use of the comforting and welcoming image of Jesus, tender shepherd, at the font. Jesus cares for his sheep and tenderly lays down his life for them. All belong to his sheepfold. Today is a good day to welcome them in.



Large print service folders,

assisted listening devices, and access seating are available to aid your participation in worship. Please inquire with an usher.



MAY-JUNE WORSHIP CALENDAR

The power of the resurrection ripples through the world

The open tomb of Jesus is the door to a new way of being in the world. The empty tomb of Jesus is a bridge to a new future. Easter is not one day, but fifty. For fifty days, a week of weeks – 7 times 7 – our Alleluias proclaim the resurrection. “You are witnesses...” “Go and tell...” The Easter message is driven into the world, telling all who will listen: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia. As the Fifty Days continue through May, Easter Alleluias continue:

- as we celebrate 100 years of God’s faithfulness and ministry to the city from this corner of the Kingdom,
- as we join the newly baptized living into Jesus’ promised new future,
- as we receive new members into this Easter community and ask God to bless the future of our graduates
- as we welcome guests, observe Memorial Day and launch summer programming with our first week of VBS



<p>May 18 - 19 Easter 5 <i>Jesus gives a new commandment: Love one another</i></p> <p>Saturday Holy Communion 5:00 p.m. Paul Friesen-Carper, musician</p> <p>Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Central Choir at 10:30 Large choral work: Hasse’s “TeDeum” Baptism at 10:30</p> <p>Quilt ministry blessing at all services Thanksgiving as Sunday School year concludes</p> <p>Gospel reading: John 13:31-35</p> <p>Luther Seminary Commencement</p>	<p>May 25 - 26 Easter 6 <i>Jesus heals on the Sabbath</i></p> <p>Saturday Holy Communion 5:00 p.m. Tim Short, musician</p> <p>Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Tim Short, organ/piano</p> <p>Prayer & anointing for healing at all services</p> <p>Missionary greeting/visit Memorial Day prayers in the columbarium after the 5:00 pm service</p> <p>Gospel reading: John 14:23-20 -or- John 5:1-9</p> <p>Thursday this week – Ascension Day Anniversary Beating the Bounds event</p>	<p>June 1 - 2 Easter 7 observing Ascension <i>“You are witnesses to these things.”</i></p> <p>Saturday Holy Communion 5:00 p.m. Jane Lien, musician</p> <p>Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Robin Helgen, alto</p> <p>Blessing of graduates</p> <p>Gospel reading: Luke 24:44-53</p>	<p>June 8 - 9 Day of Pentecost <i>The Spirit of truth</i></p> <p>Saturday Holy Communion 5:00 p.m. Tim Short, musician</p> <p>Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Jane Lien, organ/piano Chicago Girl’s Choir</p> <p>Reception of New Members</p> <p>Gospel reading: John 14:8-17 [25-27]</p>	<p>June 15 - 16 Holy Trinity <i>The Spirit will guide you into the truth</i></p> <p>Saturday Holy Communion 5:00 p.m. Paul Friesen-Carper, musician</p> <p>Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Jane Lien, organ/piano</p> <p>Baptism Festival VBS Weekend Father’s Day Weekend</p> <p>Gospel reading: John 16:12-15</p>
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