



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



HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Thanksgiving for Sunday School
Blessing of quilting ministry

A new commandment: love one another
Sunday, May 19, 2019
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Jan Bender

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!
- Al** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“This Joyful Eastertide”

(hymn) 391

verse 1 - unison; 2 – harmony; 3 - 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.
- Al** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
O Lord God,
you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Al** Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.



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

*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.*

*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.*

EASTER WORD

CHILDREN'S WORD

Thanksgiving for Sunday School as the Program Year Concludes

Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 11:1-18

God saves the Gentiles

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.

AD **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

New heaven, new earth

Revelation 21:1-6

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;

⁴he 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."



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.

Te Deum

Johann Adolf Hasse (1699-1783) was born near Hamburg into a family of north-German church musicians. He went to Italy in the early 1720's to study composition and became one of the last students of Alessandro Scarlatti. He first made a name for himself as a composer of operas and intermezzi.

Today we hear his *Te Deum*. Written in 1751, it is among his church compositions which became widely known, and which enjoyed great popularity over a period of many decades. In three movements, the work is scored for solo voices, choir and large orchestra.

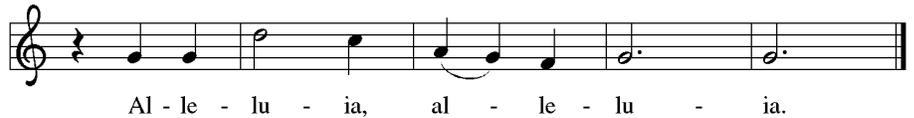
Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:25

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



Choir Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL

Love one another

John 13:31-35

The carillon rings out the Easter gospel.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD 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.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

AD Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

TE DEUM *(sung in Latin)*

Johann Adolf Hasse

I. Te Deum laudamus

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man:

thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:

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



*God feeds us with the
presence of Jesus Christ.*

thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants:
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

II. **Salvum fac**

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.

III. **Et rege eos**

Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

each petition concludes:

...hear us, O God

AD **your mercy is great.**

MEAL

PEACE

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

AD **And also with you.**

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

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.

"Legende"

Louis Vierne, arr. Charles Callahan

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.**

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

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.

Communion

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn

"Now We Join in Celebration"

(hymn) 462

stanza 1 - all; 2 - choir; 3 - all

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

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

EASTER SENDING

BLESSING OF QUILTING MINISTRY

SENDING DIALOG

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

☩ 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

(hymn) 452

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

stanzas 1, 3 & 4 in harmony, 5

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the 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

“My Spirit Be Joyful”

J. S. Bach

*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.*

*As the service concludes, you are invited
to fold a quilt near you and stack the quilts
in the pews near the entrances, that they
may be sent out as symbols of our call to
love one another.*

*As our guest conductor this morning
we welcome Dr. Kristina Boerger,
John N. Schwartz Professor of Choral
Leadership and Conducting at
Augsburg University. Many thanks to
Dr. Boerger for stepping in
for Cantor Mark Sedio
as he recovers from surgery.*

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preaching</i>
Julie Anderson	<i>assisting minister</i>
Barb Hoernemann, Lily Gunsch	<i>readers</i>
Rick Johnston	<i>crucifer</i>
Deacon Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor/organist</i>
Dr. Kristina Boerger	<i>guest conductor</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir</i>
Froya Olson	<i>soprano</i>
Robin Helgen	<i>alto</i>
Mike Fairbairn	<i>tenor</i>
Julie Brusen	<i>oboe I</i>
Bryanne Presley	<i>oboe II</i>
Melissa Morey	<i>horn I</i>
Jeffrey Ohlmann	<i>horn II</i>
Takako Seimiya Senn	<i>trumpet I</i>
Joe Hazlett	<i>trumpet II</i>
Jon Lewis	<i>tympani</i>
Kerri Fabyanske, Sofia Kaut,	
Candace McCardie	<i>violin I</i>
Emily Pantel, Sharon Munkwitz,	
Ann Sorensen	<i>violin II</i>
Heather Phillips, Zach Armstrong	<i>viola I</i>
LeeAnn Thommes	<i>cello</i>
Stuart Ronkainen	<i>bass</i>

Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *communion ministers*
 Pastor Melissa Pohlman *sound operators*
 Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson *lead usher for May*
 Sue & Tom Jorgensen *docent*
 Pat Forse *hosts & greeters*
 Barb Zalusky, Mary Oelke

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by 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.

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



WORSHIP LIFE

Psalm 23 dialog from Good Shepherd Sunday



The Lord is my shepherd, I need nothing more.

The Lord is my shepherd...

...I need nothing more than the risen Christ.

You give me rest in green meadows,

...I rest in you like the marvel of the creation in springtime.

setting me near calm waters, where you revive my spirit.

...you revive me in the waters of baptism, where I travel from death to life.

You guide me along sure paths, you are true to your name.

Though I should walk in death's dark valley, I fear no evil with you by my side,

...in that journey I will fear nothing, for you are before me and beside me.

your shepherd's staff to comfort me.

...your cross is my comfort.

You spread a table before me as my foes look on.

...I have a place at your table at the Lord's Supper and at the heavenly banquet.

You soothe my head with oil; my cup is more than full.

Goodness and love will tend me every day of my life.

...I am healed, my life is abundant and full, living in your presence

I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

...and in the promise of the resurrection.

(bold: ICEL translation)

(commentary: F. Christopherson)



Large print service folders,

assisted listening devices, and access seating are available to aid your participation in worship.

Please inquire with an usher.



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.

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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