



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



HOLY COMMUNION

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
Prayer and anointing for healing*

*Jesus heals on the sabbath
Sunday, May 26, 2019
10:30 am Choral Eucharist*

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Fantasia in G Major"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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!
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

*(hymn) 389
stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5*

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.
Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm,
and you promise us food from your tree of life.
Nourish us with your word,

that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AU Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.



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

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.

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.

EASTER WORD

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 16:9-15

Lydia and her household are baptized

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.

Word of God, word of life.

AU Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

The Lamb is the light of the city of God

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

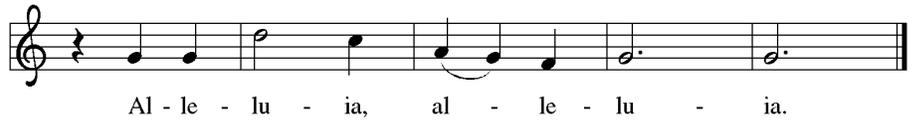
on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



Jesus performs a healing miracle on the Sabbath. In doing so he both reveals divine creative power and teaches a richer, deeper meaning for the Sabbath as a healing and creative time.

GOSPEL

Jesus heals on the sabbath

John 5:1-9

The carillon rings out the Easter gospel.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD 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.

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

“Shall We Gather at the River”

(hymn) 423

verses 2 & 3 in harmony

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us proclaim our Easter faith.

AD We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,

*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.*

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

Dance Prelude on "This Joyful Eastertide"

David Houmard

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.

AI And also with you.

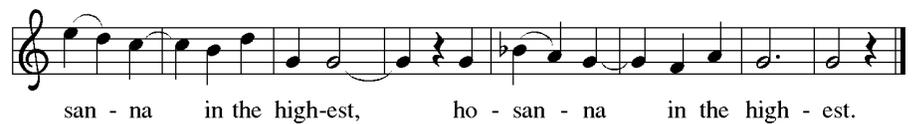
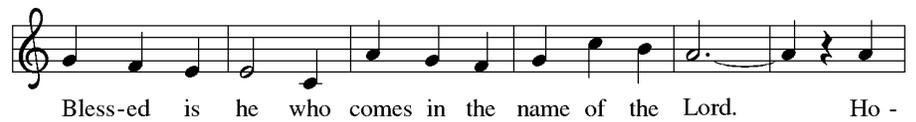
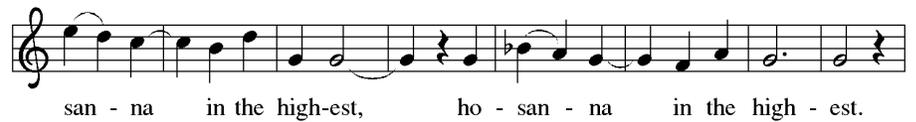
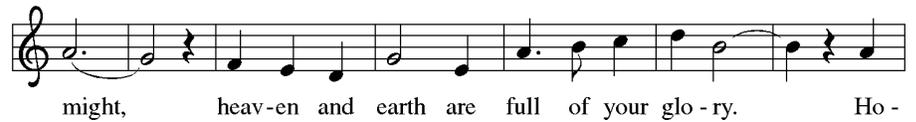
P Lift up your hearts.

AI We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AI 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)

AI 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.

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"



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.

“Chorale for Ascension Day”

Samuel Barber

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

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

EASTER SENDING

SENDING DIALOG

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

- AI** **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 665

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- AI** **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”

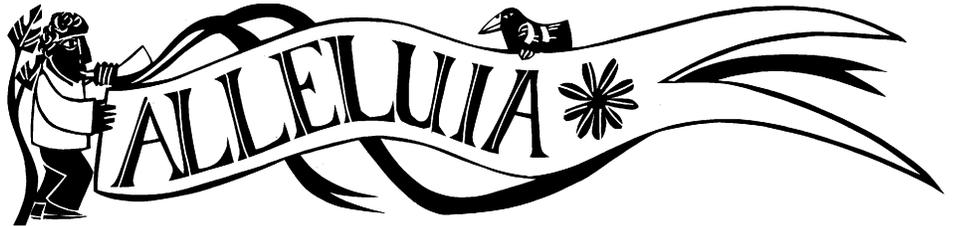
Daniel Gawthrop

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.

Following worship coffee is served in the great room.

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

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preaching</i>
Brad Boogren	<i>assisting minister</i>
Sara Masters	<i>reader</i>
Joan Hilden	<i>crucifer</i>
families of Central	<i>butterfly banner, torch bearers, banner bearers</i>
Deacon Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Timothy Short	<i>organist</i>
Bobbie Spradley, Lorene Gilliksen	<i>healing prayers</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>communion minister</i>
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Sue & Tom Jorgensen	<i>lead ushers for May</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>liturgy director</i>
Pat Forse	<i>docent</i>
Audrey Grote, Mary Oelke, Arlene Lind	<i>hosts & greeters</i>

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.

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



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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