

*Jesus gives a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you*

HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday evenings in Easter
5 Easter † May 18, 2019 † 5:00 pm

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

The disciples urged Jesus strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

GATHERING MUSIC

*The bell calls the assembly to worship.
Please stand, as you are able, and face the leaders with the evening prayer candle in the center of the assembly.*

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

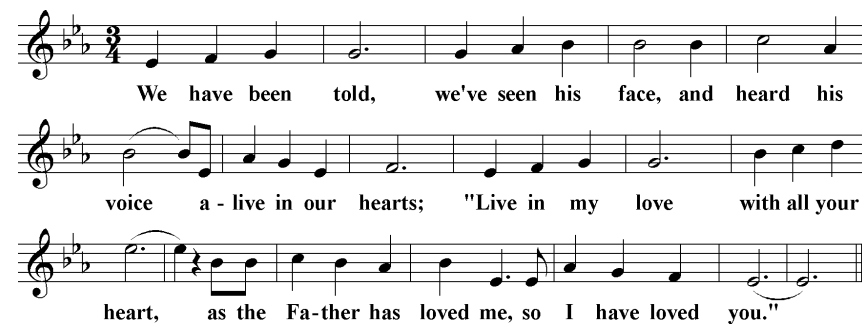
Death has no more dominion over him
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Dying he destroyed our death.
Rising he restored our life.

HYMN TO THE RISEN CHRIST

“We Have Been Told”

verses are sung by the soloist, all join on the refrain:



GATHERING PRAYER

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;
in Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

*Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.*

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

God saves the Gentiles Acts 11:1-18
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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The assembly welcomes the gospel, singing:



Love one another John 13:31-35
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.

before the reading:

The holy gospel according to
Glory to you, O Lord.

after the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me!”

(hymn) 595

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Thanksgiving for Sunday School as the Program Year Concludes

...hear us O God,
your mercy is great.

MEAL

When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together.
**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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord’s Prayer (1975)

**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 near the altar. Pick up a cup for wine or filled with grape juice as you approach. 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.

silence for reflection concludes the communion

EASTER BLESSING

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.

They told what had happened on the road

and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

BLESSING OF QUILTING MINISTRY

SENDING DIALOG

We have heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.

We have been nurtured at the holy table
and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

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

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

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,
so that you may abound in hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

(hymn) 656
stanzas 1, 2 & 4

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

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Please join us for fellowship in the fireside room following worship.

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



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *presiding*

Julie Anderson, *assisting minister*

Vicki Munson, *reader*

Paul Friesen-Carper, *music leader*

Mark Kieffer, *sound operator*

Richard Stegall, *sacristan*

Alan Filzen, Varney Kiazolu,

Gregory Rogers, *ushers, greeters, hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are 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.



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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

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