



*Jesus heals on the sabbath*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Saturday evenings in Easter*

*6 Easter † May 25, 2019 † 5:00 pm*

### *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

*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

"A Prelude to Evening"

*David Lanz*

*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:*

We have been told, we've seen his face, and heard his voice a - live in our hearts; "Live in my love with all your heart, as the Fa-ther has loved me, so I have loved you."

### GATHERING PRAYER

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; 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

*Lydia and her household are baptized*

Acts 16:9-15

*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.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

*The assembly welcomes the gospel, singing:*

Be not a - afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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John 5:1-9

*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.*

*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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

*(hymn) 423*

*verses 1, 3 & 4*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...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.*

"Chorale"

*Samuel Barber*

### 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.

*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.*

"Adagio" from *Clarinet Concerto* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
*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.*

### 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

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*(hymn) 815  
verses 1 & 3*

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"Meditation for Evening Prayer"

David Houmard

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*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.*

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

*This service is being streamed live via the internet: [www.centralmpls.org](http://www.centralmpls.org)*



## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *presiding*  
Brad Boogren, *assisting minister*  
Megan Bowman, *reader*  
Timothy Short, *organist/pianist*  
Janet Hagberg, *healing prayers*  
Mark Kieffer, *sound operator*  
Richard Stegall, *sacristan*  
Rosalinda Morales, Varney Kiazolu,  
Brittany Bardell-Palacio, *ushers, greeters & hosts*

**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.



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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](mailto: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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