



HOLY COMMUNION

at the break of day

Sunday, June 23, 2019 † 8:30 am

Jesus casts out demons

Exploring the promise of God for all

We shall be gathered on the mountain of Christ with friend and foe alike. This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

"Adagio" Roger Nyquist

At the sound of the bell please turn to face the worship leaders at the font.

GATHERING AROUND THE FONT

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presider begins.

- ☞ We begin the day anew in baptism in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☞ **Amen.**

GATHERING PSALM

Psalm 22:19–28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you (22:22)

- ☞ Lord, do not stay far off, you, my strength, be quick to help.
- ☞ **Save me from the sword, the dog's teeth, the lion's jaws, the bull's horns.**
- ☞ You hear me. I will proclaim your name to my people,
- ☞ **I will praise you in the assembly.**
- ☞ Give praise, all who fear God: revere and honor the Lord, children of Israel, people of Jacob.
- ☞ **The Lord never scorns the afflicted, never looks away, but hears their cry.**
- ☞ I will sing of you in the great assembly, make good my promise before your faithful.
- ☞ **The poor shall eat all they want. Seekers of God shall give praise. "May your hearts live for ever!"**

- ☞ All people shall remember and turn, all races will bow to the Lord, who holds dominion over nations.
- ☞ **Give praise to the Father Almighty; to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord; to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts; both now and forever. Amen.**

- ☞ Eternal God, *(ELW psalm prayer)*
Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you. Bring life where there is death: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of oppression, that all people may rejoice in your saving deeds through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 673

"God, Whose Almighty Word" *stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony*

We Listen to God's Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

FIRST READING

see Scripture insert

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GOSPEL

see Scripture insert

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing: (Celtic Alleluia #174)



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before the reading:

after the reading:

- ☞ The holy gospel according to ... The gospel of the Lord.
- ☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.** ☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

(hymn) 843

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" *stanza 2 in harmony*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...hear us, O God;

☞ **your mercy is great.**

Prayer of the Day concludes these prayers.

- ☞ O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy hear our prayers, set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil; through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

☞ **Amen.**

We Feast Around the Table of the Lord

PEACE

- ☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☞ **And also with you.**

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

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. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel.

Improvisation

Offertory Prayer

- ☞ Let us pray together.
- ☞ **God of all creation, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
A And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
A We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

- A** 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. Please follow the
directions of the ushers.
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.
silence for reflection concludes the Communion*

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray.
Gracious provider,
you nourish us with holy food and drink,
and you open us up to the needs of others.
Refresh us with your Spirit,
that our words and deeds may proclaim
your creative and life-giving Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
A Amen.

We Are Sent to Be God's Hands in the World

BLESSING

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
A Thanks be to God.
God almighty, God most powerful,
bless you, keep you, and grant you peace;
in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.
A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

(hymn) 537

DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.
A Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *presiding*
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *preaching*
Kathy Kvammen-McKinley, *assisting minister*
Chris Stensaas, *reader*
Shanti Austvold, *crucifer*
Reid Peterson, *guest organist*
Jerry Olerud, *healing prayers*
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *liturgy director*
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*
Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,
Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*
Bob Tufford, *lead usher for June*
Eunice & Franklin Dietrich, Jim Snustad, *greeters & hosts*

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

*Prayer and anointing for healing are offered this weekend following all services.
Meet a prayer minister at the prayer corner in the back of the sanctuary following
the postlude.*

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

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by the Floral Guild. If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.

We welcome Reid Peterson who is serving as guest organist this morning. For 13 years, Reid, a graduate of Augsburg (College) University, was director of music at All Saints Lutheran Church in Minnetonka prior to flying as a pilot for Northwest/Delta Airlines. Since his recent retirement he has become active again as a regular substitute at various area churches.



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 worshipping 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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Sunday between June 19 and 25 (if after Holy Trinity)

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FIRST READING *The prophet sent to a rebellious people* Isaiah 65:1–9

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I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine’s flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, “Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Clothed with Christ in baptism* Galatians 3:23–29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

Paul writes to the church in Galatia:

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me” — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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