



COME HOLY SPIRIT



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.

Electronic Giving Opportunities: Online at www.centralmpls.org click on **Give Today**; or text 73256, enter code word *centralmpls* (lower case), and a numerical amount. Press send and fill in the details. All contributions from members and guests will appear in a contribution statement. WIFI is available as *Central Lutheran* (password *guestclc*). If you give electronically, use the green pew card to drop in the offering plate instead of an envelope. The ministries and mission of Central Lutheran are supported by givers like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-870-4416.

HOLY COMMUNION

Day of Pentecost
Reception of New Members

Spirit of truth
Sunday, June 9, 2019
10:30 am Choral Eucharist



Exploring the promise of God for all

Christ is the pillar of fire who guides us home

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

arr. Kristina Langlois

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

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

(hymn) 400
stanzas 1-3

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.

God our creator,

the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth.

By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love,

empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

AI Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

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





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

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

EASTER WORD

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"Steal Away"

arr. Robert Nelson

Steal away. Steal away. Steal away to Jesus.

Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, my Lord, he calls me. He calls me by the thunder.

The trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away. Steal away. Steal away to Jesus.

Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit

Luke writes:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

AD **Thanks be to God.**

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.



Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

Paul writes to the church at Rome:

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

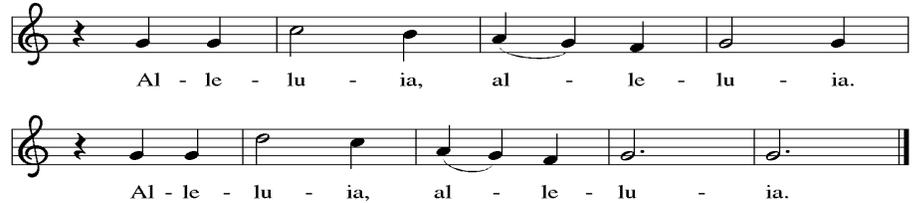
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

traditional

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



L Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL

Spirit of truth

John 14:8-17, 25-27

The carillon rings out the Easter gospel.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Philip said to [Jesus] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

(hymn) 804

stanzas 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,
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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Reception of New Members

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

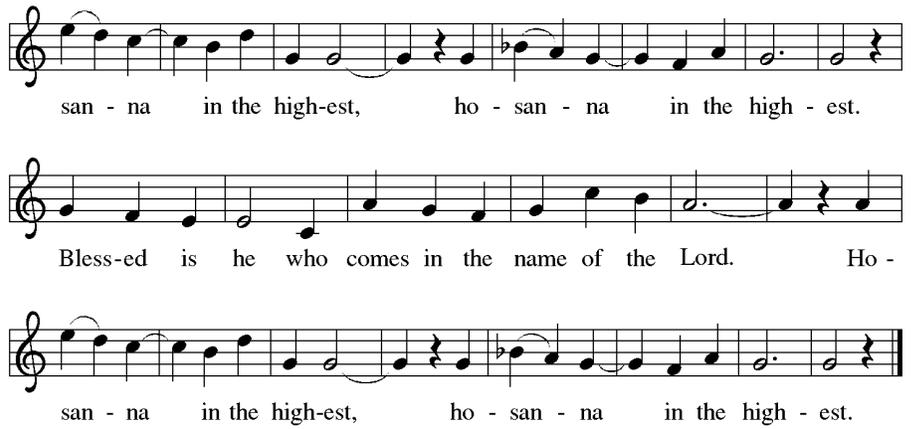
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

each petition concludes:

...hear us, O God

AD your mercy is great.

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



san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving:

P ...And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

All **Come, Holy Spirit!**

P ...And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

All **Come, Holy Spirit!**

P ...And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

All **Come, Holy Spirit!**

The Great Thanksgiving concludes:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All **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

Communion

"Set Me as a Seal"

Richard Nance

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm For love is strong as death.

Set me as a seal upon your heart for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love, Neither can floods drown it, floods cannot drown it.

(Song of Solomon)

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us,
 bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.

Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here,

that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and in pain,

seek the healing of the nations,

and bring to earth the presence of your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All **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

SENDING

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

BLESSING

☞ The wind of the Spirit blows where it wills.
May the breath of the Spirit stir us into abundant life.

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

☞ **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”

(hymn) 627
stanzas 1, 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

“Suite Gothique”

Léon Boëllmann

Introduction-Choral & Menuet

*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.*

*See the Spirit for information about
today's bell tower tours.*

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>preaching</i>
Tom Edelen	<i>assisting minister</i>
Sara Masters, Floyd Ward	<i>readers</i>
Rick Johnston	<i>crucifer</i>
Deacon Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor/organist</i>
Spirito!	<i>choir</i>
Molly Lindberg	<i>director</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>communion minister</i>
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson	<i>sound operators</i>
Varney Kiazolu	<i>lead usher for June</i>
Pat Forse	<i>docent</i>
Barb Zalusky,	
New Member Ministry Team,	<i>hosts & greeters</i>

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



Chancel flowers this weekend are given by a husband in loving memory of his wife. If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.

Welcome Spirito! singers!

Spirito! is a choral ensemble made up of young women (5th through 12th grade) from 30 communities around Chicago. In addition to performing, Spirito! members receive weekly classroom music instruction and cultivate citizenship by participating in service projects and community events. The group is under the direction of conductor Molly Lindberg.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have endless opportunities to affirm our baptism throughout our faith journey. Confirmation day is a big one. Our wedding day, the birth of a child, when illness comes or healing comes, weekly as we walk by the font for some of us, when we move, or experience a life transition. When we join a new congregation is also a time when we are invited to affirm our baptism.

We welcome the following persons who are joining our congregation today:

- Benjamin Berg
- Cathie Carlson
- Carla Renz
- Bob Renz
- Candice Sharma
- Tim Sheehan
- Carol Wilson

Also welcome to Carter Caruso who was baptized at the Saturday evening service yesterday.



Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, and access seating are available to aid your participation in worship. Please inquire with an usher.



50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS
TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL. 



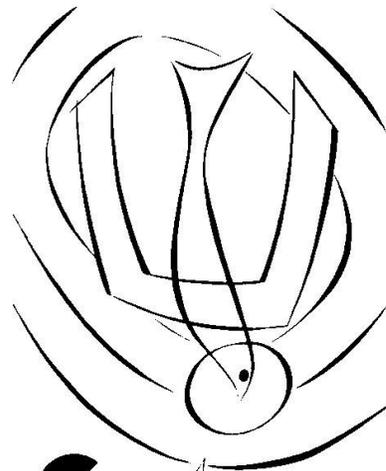
WORSHIP LIFE

...47 ...48 ...49 ...50!

We have celebrated with joy the fifty days of Easter! We did our best to keep the party going for fifty days in our 100th year. Our Easter shout was maintained, "Alleluia! Christ is risen. – Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!" We kept the alleluia ringing on our lips, and in our hymns. We baptized, we confirmed. We celebrated our anniversary. We welcomed guests and events. We prayed for healing and sent out quilts with Easter joy. We kept the Easter environment as long as we could. The paschal candle burned brightly in our midst – a sign of the risen Lord we'll keep around for baptisms and funerals. We received the Lord's Supper standing, in a posture of praise. Gold and white textiles and spring flowers added to the celebration. The carillon rang out a few minutes longer each Sunday this season. Over time the lilies, and the trumpets got dropped along the way. "Big Red," our festival processional cross got a little heavy, but the Alleluias continued.

It's hard to keep a party going for fifty days. Almost impossible. But we gave it a great run. And now Day Fifty – the "pente" in Pentecost – has arrived. One more day of Easter excess – parties are by definition excessive – and then we're out of here. Blown out of here by the power of the Holy Spirit let loose by the resurrection. The time has come for the elaborate party to come to an end. The time has come to be blown out of our "Upper Room." Strengthened by our "family," by our "family story," by our Easter meal, by our Easter celebrations, our work now moves from "in here" to "out there."

With the coming of summer in the Church's year, God sends us forth – out of our Easter festival and into the world – with the ministry of Christ. Worship plans after Pentecost become simpler; "ordinary time" some people call it. The Sundays are no longer labeled with festival titles – they're just Sundays – the Lord's Day – the weekly gathering of Jesus with his people on the day of his resurrection. And the work is goes on as we join with Christ in his saving activity beyond our church doors. Thank God for Easter. But thank God too for ordinary days of ministry. So take one more deep breath of the party. Breathe in the fire and the power of the Holy Spirit for ministry, and then, for God's sake – Get out of here!



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