



# HOLY COMMUNION

*Prayer and anointing for healing*

*Jesus casts out demons*

Sunday, June 23, 2019

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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***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."*

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

*"Adagio"*

*Roger Nyquist*

*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.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P** We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water —  
for the oceans, for the rivers,  
for Mississippi and Missouri, for Minnehaha and Bde Maka Ska, and...  
for Superior and Saint Croix that you provide for our community.
- AD** **We bless you, O God, for the waters of the earth.**
- P** We honor you, merciful God, for showering us with water —  
for the rain that nourishes the plants and trees.
- AD** **We honor you, O God, for the waters you send.**
- P** We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism —  
For the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus,  
for the water that bathes the church universal.
- AD** **We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.**
- P** We worship you, O God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Well of forgiveness, you revive us,  
Cup of cold water, you refresh us.  
Pool of rebirth, you renew us.
- AD** **To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever. Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"God, Whose Almighty Word"*

*(hymn) 673*

*stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony*



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

*The prophet announces God's impatience.  
The people's self-absorption is idolatry,  
and images from pagan worship fill this  
reading. Like a vintner who crushes the  
grape to release the wine, God will use  
Israel's exile to establish a new  
community of the faithful.*

*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.*

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**AD** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.  
O Lord God,  
we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.  
In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us,  
and defend us from everything that is evil,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**AD** **Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S WORD

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

### READING

*The prophet sent to a rebellious people*

Isaiah 65:1-9

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.  
<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;  
<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup>who 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.  
<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup>their 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.  
<sup>8</sup>Thus 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.  
<sup>9</sup>I 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.

**AD** **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

*Clothed with Christ in baptism*

Galatians 3:23-29

*Paul writes to the church at Rome:*

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As

many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.  
<sup>28</sup>There 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. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, word of life.

**AD** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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



*Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.*

**GOSPEL**

*Jesus casts out demons*

Luke 8:26-39

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As 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. <sup>28</sup>When 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" — <sup>29</sup>for 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.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now 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. <sup>33</sup>Then 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.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then 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. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then 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. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>Return 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.

**AD** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

*silence for reflection follows the sermon*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

(hymn) 843  
stanza 2 in harmony

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we proclaim our faith.

**AD** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



*God feeds us with the  
presence of Jesus Christ.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes:*

...hear us, O God;

**AD** your mercy is great.

## MEAL

### PEACE

**P** The peace of 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.*

Improvisation

#### Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray together.

**AD** 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.

*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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

*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.

### Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

#### Communion

"Lamb of God"

(ELW front) p. 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

*All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God.*

*Communion at this service is served standing. 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 after communion at the chancel kneelers is always welcomed.*

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.

**Hymn**

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

(hymn) 617

stanzas 1, 3 & 5

*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.
- AD** Amen.

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

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

*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.*

## SENDING

**BLESSING**

- P** God almighty, God most powerful,  
bless you, keep you, and grant you peace;  
in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.
- AD** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

(hymn) 537

**DISMISSAL**

- Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.*
- A** Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.
- AD** **Thanks be to God.**  
*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

**POSTLUDE**

Improvisation

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preaching</i>
Kathy Kvammen-McKinley	<i>assisting minister</i>
Ben Longman, Megan Bowman	<i>readers</i>
Kent Knutson	<i>crucifer</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Reid Peterson	<i>guest organist</i>
Bobbie Spradley, Eve Overby	<i>healing prayers</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>liturgy director</i>
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson	<i>sound operators</i>
Varney Kiazolu	<i>lead usher for June</i>
Pat Forse	<i>docent</i>
Sara Gunsch, Jim Snustad	<i>host &amp; greeter</i>

**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.

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**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.

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