



HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus says, Follow me
Sunday, June 30, 2019
10:30 am Sung Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

Jesus is the wide, open road that leads us into the next day

We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sonata in d minor, Op. 5, No. 7

Arcangelo Corelli

Preludio – Sarabanda - Corrente

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All Amen.

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

silence for reflection

P God of mercy,

All We confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,

and against the earth entrusted to our care.

We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.

We store up treasures for ourselves

and turn away from our neighbors in need.

Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P When we were laid low God made us alive together with Christ,
forgiving us † and taking our brokenness to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free:

Rejoice in this good news!

All Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

stanzas 1 - 3 are sung; 1 & 2 in harmony, 3 in unison

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.
Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts,
you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom.
Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son,
that, leaving behind all that hinders us,
we may steadfastly follow your paths,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AD Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.



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

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There the LORD reveals to Elijah the work that is to be done and the promise of the LORD's presence where God's people are faithful in their work.

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the ability to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of the Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the qualities Paul lists in this reading.

WORD

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

READING

Elijah says, Follow me

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

The LORD said to [Elijah], “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.” ¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Love is the whole of the law

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Paul writes to the church in Galatia:

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly sings and welcomes the gospel, singing:



Luke's gospel describes a long journey to Jerusalem during which Jesus teaches his followers about the costs of discipleship. Today's reading describes the outset of this journey.

GOSPEL

Jesus says, Follow me

Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence for reflection follows the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

(hymn) 818

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony



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

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** Let us proclaim the faith that we share.
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.

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.*

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

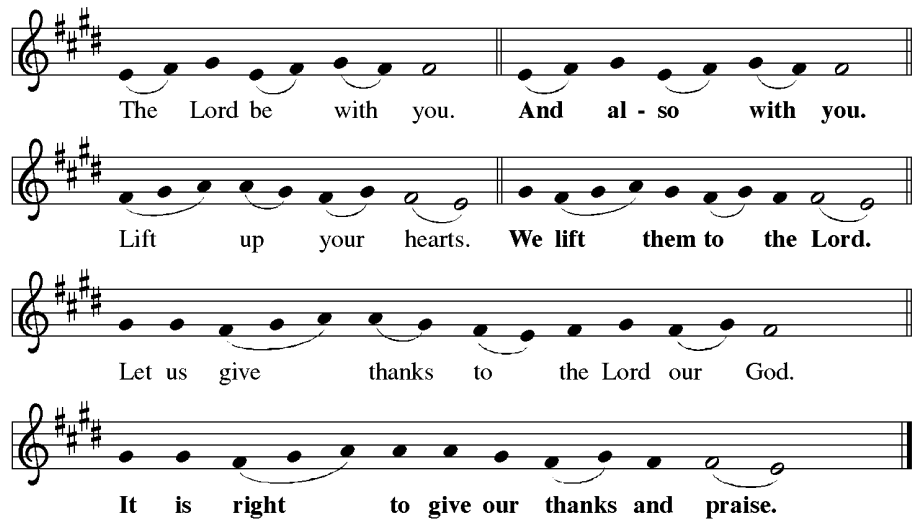
arr. Kurt Kaiser

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.

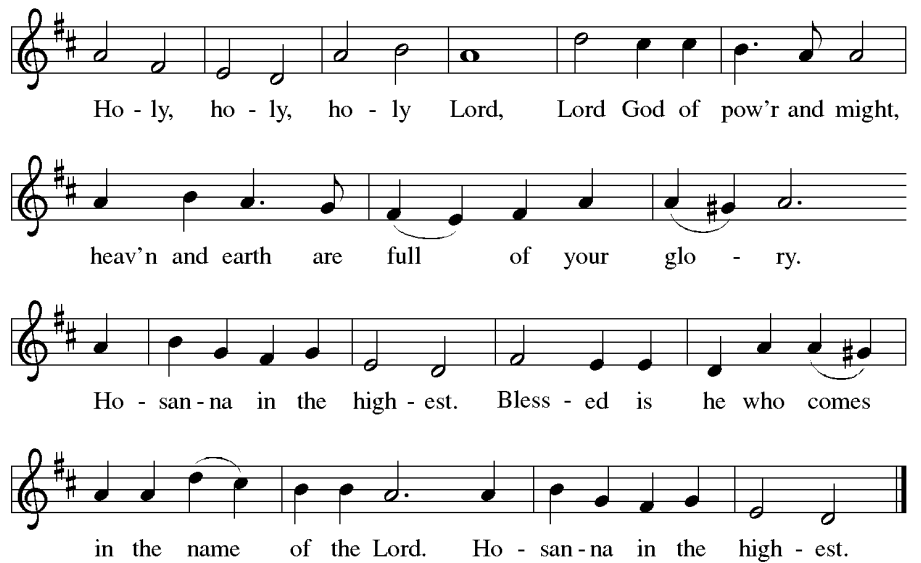
The assisting minister pours out the wine.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ ...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.

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.

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.**

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



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.

"Largo"

Francesco Veracini

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.

All Amen.

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

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.

All Amen.

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) 867

"In Thee Is Gladness"

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

"In Thee Is Gladness"

J. S. Bach

Food trucks begin next week. Please plan to join us for lunch and carillon concerts and support our Summer on the Plaza programs.

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.



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>preaching</i>
Sara Masters	<i>assisting minister</i>
Ann Oyen, Jack Leaney	<i>readers</i>
Diane Olson	<i>crucifer</i>
Deacon Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor/organist</i>
Andrea Sieber	<i>violin</i>
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson	<i>sound operators</i>
Varney Kiazolu	<i>lead usher for June</i>
Pat Forse	<i>docent</i>
Karla & Chez Moline	<i>hosts & greeters</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>liturgy director</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.

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



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Large print service folders,

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





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.



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