



HOLY COMMUNION

at the break of day

Sunday

July 28, 2019 † 8:30 am

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

Exploring the promise of God for all

At the table, we receive Christ our daily bread

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

“Romance” Op. 36

Camille Saint-Saëns

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 138

*Your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands. (138:8)*

- ☞ I thank you, LORD, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I praise you.
- ☞ **I bow down toward your holy temple. I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and your faithfulness. You have exalted your name over all.**
- ☞ On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul.
- ☞ **All earth’s kings shall thank you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, “How great is the glory of the LORD!”**
- ☞ The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly, and the haughty he knows from afar.
- ☞ **You give me life though I walk amid affliction; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.**

- ☞ With your right hand you save me; the LORD will accomplish this for me. O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.
- ☞ **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.**
- ☞ Compassionate God, *(ELW psalm prayer)*
You look with favor upon the lowly. Keep us safe in the midst of trouble, make known your love in our words and deeds, and bring us to new life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 456

“Baptized in Water”

We Listen to God’s Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

FIRST READING

see Scripture insert

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Genesis 18:20–32

According to Genesis 18:17–19 (and 12:3), Abraham is to play an important role in the divine plan: that “all the nations of the earth be blessed in him” (18:18). His role is to teach the justice of God, which condemns only the guilty and spares the innocent.

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- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

see Scripture insert

Buried with Christ in baptism

Colossians 2:6–15

The letter to the Colossians warns about “the empty lure” of ideas that compromise the faith into which people are baptized. Through baptism, the church is rooted in Christ.

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GOSPEL

see Scripture insert

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

(Celtic Alleluia #174)



Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

Luke 11:1–13

In Luke’s gospel Jesus prays often and urges his disciples to do the same. Here, he teaches them to pray and encourages them to trust in God at all times.

before the reading:

after the reading:

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

SERMON

HYMN

“Day by Day”

(hymn) 790

stanzas 1 & 2 in harmony, 3 in unison

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God,

- ☞ **your mercy is great.**

Prayer of the Day *concludes these prayers.*

- ☞ Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Hear our prayers. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son; 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.

“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

arr. Charles Callahan

For the text associated with this arrangement see ELW 402.

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

- ☞ The Lord be with you.

- ☞ **And also 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.**

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.**

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.*

"Holy God, Holy and Glorious" *arr. Nancy Raabe*

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

Prayer after Communion

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.
Amen.

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

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.
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.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 769

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" *stanzas 1, 2 (harmony) & 4 are sung*

DISMISSAL

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

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G

J. S. Bach

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *preaching*
Diane Olson, *assisting minister*
Jim Hart, *reader*

Shanti Austvold, *crucifer*
Jane Lien, *organist/pianist*
Melissa Morey, *french horn*

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Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,
Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*
Rod Richter, *lead usher for July*

Eunice & Franklin Dietrich, Phyllis & Bob Whitney, *greeters & hosts*
Pastor Melissa Pohlman,
Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *communion ministers*

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

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

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Claudia and Fred Brumm in celebration of the baptism of their granddaughter Gwendolyn Gail Brocker. If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.



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, July 28, 2019
Lectionary/Ordinary 17 C
Sunday between July 24 and 30
Jesus teaches prayer

FIRST READING *Abraham bargains with God* Genesis 18:20–32

According to Genesis 18:17-19 (and 12:3), Abraham is to play an important role in the divine plan: that “all the nations of the earth be blessed in him” (18:18). His role is to teach the justice of God, which condemns only the guilty and spares the innocent.

The LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²² So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?” ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Word of God, word of life.

🔊 Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Buried with Christ in baptism* Colossians 2:6–15

The letter to the Colossians warns about “the empty lure” of ideas that compromise the faith into which people are baptized. Through baptism, the church is rooted in Christ.

Paul writes to the church at Colossai:

As you ... have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him

through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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GOSPEL *Jesus teaches the disciples to pray* Luke 11:1–13

In Luke’s gospel Jesus prays often and urges his disciples to do the same. Here, he teaches them to pray and encourages them to trust in God at all times.

📖 The holy gospel according to Luke.

🔊 Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

📖 The gospel of the Lord.

🔊 Praise to you, O Christ.

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