



HOLY COMMUNION

*Prayer and anointing for healing
Vacation bible school*

*The parable of the merciful Samaritan
Sunday, July 14, 2019
10:30 am Sung Eucharist*

Exploring the promise of God for all

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

Christ is that wounded person who calls out to us for help

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you" —namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Suite Modale"

Ernest Bloch

Moderato – L'istesso tempo – Allegro giocoso

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

“As We Gather at Your Table”

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.

Al **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.

Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Al **Amen.**

The presider continues with words of welcome.



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

Moses calls the people to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks obedience. God’s word is brought near to the people so that they may remain true to the covenant.

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community. It concludes with a prayer for continued growth in understanding.

WORD

CHILDREN’S WORD

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

READING

God delights in your fruitfulness Deuteronomy 30:9–14

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, word of life.

Al **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

The gospel is bearing fruit Colossians 1:1–14

Paul begins his letter to the Colossians:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly sings and welcomes the gospel, singing:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



In this well-known parable, Jesus shifts the focus of concern from speculation concerning who is one's neighbor to the treatment of one's neighbor with mercy.

GOSPEL

The parable of the merciful Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence for reflection follows the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

(hymn) 712

stanzas 1, 2 (harmony) & 3

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.



*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.

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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.

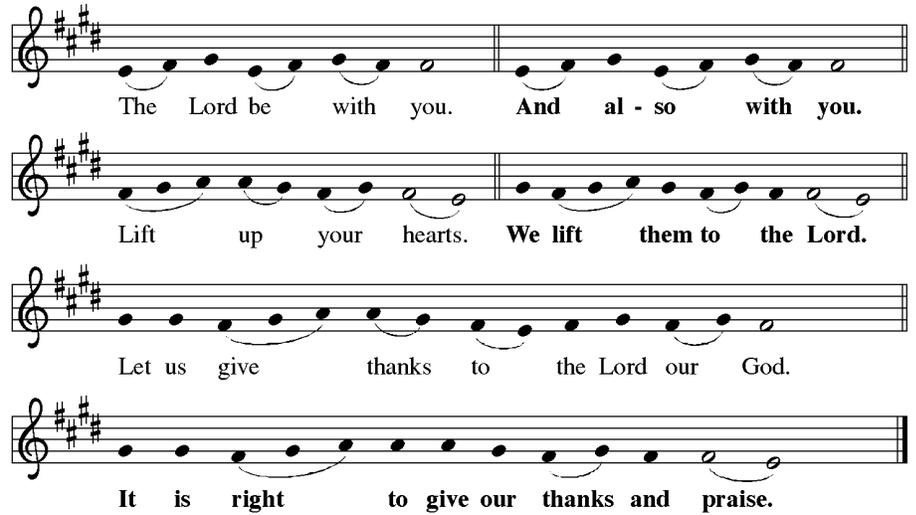
Open our hearts to embrace it.

Open our lives to live it.

We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

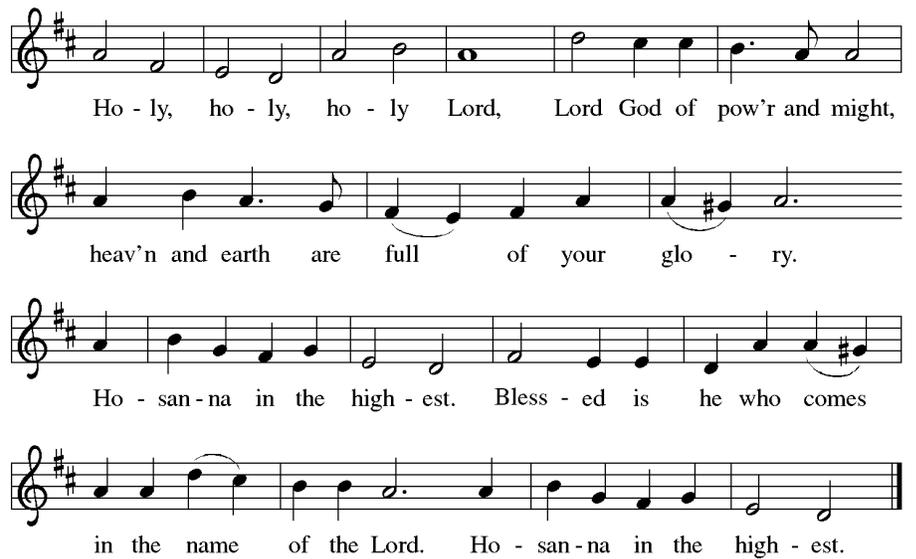
The assisting minister pours out the wine.

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)

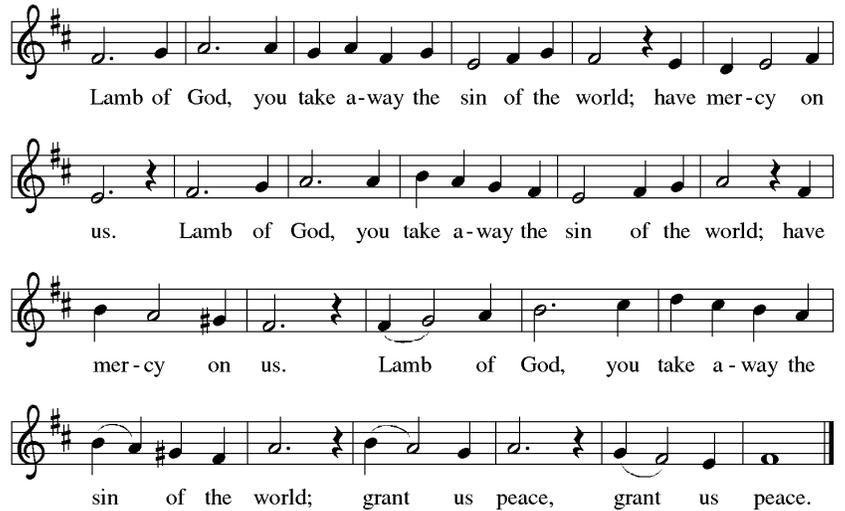
☐ **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are 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.

"A Communion Prelude"

Charles Callahan

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.

SENDING

*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.*

*Summer on the Plaza continues this
weekend. Plan to join us for Sunday lunch
to support our summer carillon concert
and food truck program.*

*Following worship coffee
is served in the great room.*

*Brief sanctuary tours will be offered after
this service. Meet a docent at the pulpit.*

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,
bless you now and forever.
- AD** Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

(hymn) 679

stanzas 1 & 2 in harmony, 3 in unison

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

"Passacaglia"

Gordon Young

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>preaching</i>
Julie Anderson	<i>assisting minister</i>
Judy Hedman, Janet Winsand	<i>readers</i>
Floyd Ward	<i>crucifer</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Polly Henderson	<i>flute</i>
Wesley Arai	<i>carillonneur</i>
Eve Overby, Ann Oyen	<i>healing prayers</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>VBS director, communion minister</i>
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson	<i>sound operators</i>
Sabiha Welijan, Samina Welijan	<i>lead ushers for July</i>
Judy Hedman	<i>docent</i>
Barb Zalusky, Ruthie Benion	<i>hosts & greeters</i>

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

Summer on the Plaza continues this weekend. Plan to join us for lunch to support our summer carillon concert and food truck program.

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



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God's work. Our hands.



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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