



HOLY COMMUNION HOLY BAPTISM

Youth journey blessing

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

Sunday, July 28, 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.*

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.”

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Romance” Op. 36

Camille Saint-Saëns

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 456

“Baptized in Water”

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.

AI **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience,
and give us those good things that come only through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AI **Amen.**

The presider continues with words of welcome.

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

WORD

READING

Abraham bargains with God

Genesis 18:20–32

The LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very



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 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.

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.

AD Thanks be to God.

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

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 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 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.

GOSPEL

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

Luke 11:1–13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AI **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.

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

SERMON

silence for reflection follows the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Day by Day"

(hymn) 790

stanzas 1 & 2 on harmony, 3 in unison

HOLY BAPTISM

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

INVITATION TO THE FONT

Gwendolyn Gail Brocker

daughter of Courtney and Johnathan Brocker

Natasha Johnson, Joshua Brocker, sponsors

Finally, the presider addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to help this new Christian, and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

AI **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you, members of the assembly, together with the baptismal party, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.



In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

A1 **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

A1 **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce all the ways of sin that draw you from God?

A1 **I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

A1 **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

A1 **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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

A1 **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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The presiding minister fills the font with water in remembrance of God's saving activity around the waters of creation.

BAPTISM

"You Belong to Christ"

(ELW 211)

after the baptism, the assembly welcomes the candidate, singing:

The minister lays both hands on the head of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:

P Let us pray....

A1 **Amen.**

ANOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Oil is poured on the head of the baptized as the minister prays:

A1 **Amen.**

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A garment (blanket) and lighted candle are given to the baptized (or to the sponsor of a young child) by representatives of the congregation, saying:

A As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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)

A 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.

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.

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

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

Hymn during Communion

"Holy God, Holy and Glorious"

*(hymn) 637
 stanzas 1, 3 & 5*

Meditation on the Hymn

"Holy God, Holy and Glorious"

arr. Nancy Raabe

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.

A Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING OF YOUTH JOURNEY

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.

A Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

(hymn) 769

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

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

Praeludium in G

J. S. Bach

Today the church commemorates Johann Sebastian Bach who died on this date in 1750.

The assembly is invited to greet the newly baptized following worship in the great room.

Following worship coffee is served in the great room.

Summer on the Plaza continues this morning. Join us for a carillon concert and lunch provided by Potter’s Pasties food truck.

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

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SERVING TODAY

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| Pastor D. Foy Christopherson | <i>presiding</i> |
| Pastor Peter Nycklemoe | <i>preaching</i> |
| Diane Olson | <i>assisting minister</i> |
| Diane Olson, Seth Peter, Sara Gunsch | <i>readers</i> |
| Rick Johnston | <i>crucifer</i> |
| Deacon Mark Sedio | <i>cantor</i> |
| Jane Lien | <i>associate cantor/organist</i> |
| Melissa Morey | <i>french horn</i> |
| Jim Fackenthal | <i>carillonneur</i> |
| Sara Gunsch | <i>baptism host</i> |
| Pastor Melissa Pohlman, | |
| Pastor Stephanie Friesen | <i>communion ministers</i> |
| Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson | <i>sound operators</i> |
| Sabiha Welijan, Samina Welijan | <i>lead ushers for July</i> |
| Judith Hedman | <i>docent</i> |
| Phyllis & Bob Whitney, | |
| Porsche Dumas-Bones | <i>hosts & greeters</i> |

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.

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



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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