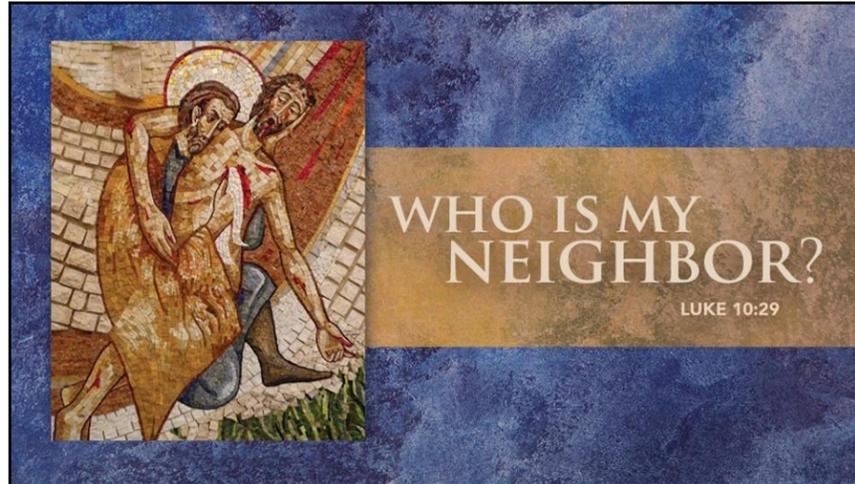


We devote ourselves to the ministry of Christ

Summer Saturdays at Central

Exploring the promise of God for all



HOLY COMMUNION

The parable of the merciful Samaritan

Saturday • July 13, 2019 • 5:00 pm

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

GATHERING MUSIC

At the sound of the bell, please stand if you are able.
Please turn to face the evening prayer candle as it moves throughout the service.

BENEDICITE MINNESOTA

after "Benedicite Aotearoa"

O give thanks to our God who is good;
whose love endures forever.

Rabbits and cattle, mosquitoes and moths, cats and bears, wolves and dogs, robins and bees, sparrows and cardinals and squirrels, sheep and pigs, owls and hawks:

give to our God thanks and praise.

All peoples, women and men, who inhabit water bathed Minnesota:
give to our God thanks and praise.

All you saints and martyrs of the Prairies and North Woods:
give to our God thanks and praise.

O give thanks to our God who is good;
whose love endures forever.

GATHERING SONG

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

(hymn) 739

stanza 1 – solo; 2 – 4 all

GREETING AND GATHERING PRAYER

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

And also with you.

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;
in whose name we pray.

Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

Word

READING

God delights in your fruitfulness

Deuteronomy 30:9–14

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

(Celtic Alleluia #174)

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



The parable of the merciful Samaritan

Luke 10:25–37

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.

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

silence follows for reflection

SONG

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

(hymn) 712

stanzas 1 - 3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...hear us, O God;

your mercy is great.

meal

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.

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.

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 near the altar. Pick up a cup for wine or filled with grape juice as you approach. 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 at the chancel kneelers during communion is always welcomed.

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.

Sending

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.

SENDING SONG

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

(hymn) 679

DISMISSAL

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

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

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

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



Serving Today

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Julie Anderson, *assisting minister*

Vicki Munson, *reader*

Paul Friesen-Carper, *music leader*

Janet Hagberg, Georgia Becker, *healing prayers*

Richard Stegall, *sacristan*

Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*

Alan Filzen, Varney Kiazolu, Maxim Krasnopivtsev,

Frizell Rucker, Jr., Carmen Williams, *greeters & hosts*

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.



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God's work. Our hands.

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 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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