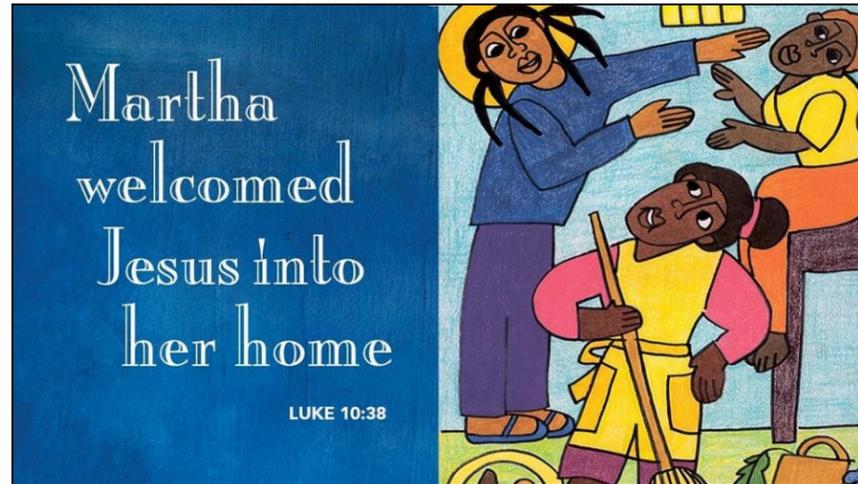


We devote ourselves to the ministry of Christ

Summer Saturdays at Central

Exploring the promise of God for all



HOLY COMMUNION

Choosing the better part: The visit with Mary & Martha
Saturday • July 20, 2019 • 5:00 pm

Christ is the guest who comes to your door

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"— to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, and with Mary and Martha, So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

Gathering

GATHERING MUSIC

Sonata in g minor, Op. 1, No. 10

G. F. Handel

Andante - Allegro

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.

Sun and moon and stars, lights of the northern sky:

give to our God thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, day and night:

give to our God thanks and praise.

Hills and valleys, pine forests and grasslands, glacial lakes, riverbanks and boundary waters, shelter belts and tall-grass prairies, headwaters and Superior:

give to our God thanks and praise.

Rivers and streams, bogs and moraines, frost and ice, snow and rain, ponds and lakes, laughing waters:

give to our God thanks and praise.

Maples and pines, cottonwood and dogwood, elm and ash, corn and oats, wheat and soybeans, wild rice and alfalfa, ragweed and thistle:

give to our God thanks and praise.

Walleye and sunfish, badger and deer, eagle and loon, moose and elk:

give to our God thanks and praise.

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 who inhabit water bathed Minnesota:

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

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.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ,
and you make yourself our guest.

Amid the cares of our lives,
make us attentive to your presence,
that we may treasure your word above all else,
through Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray.

Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

Word

READING

The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long—awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

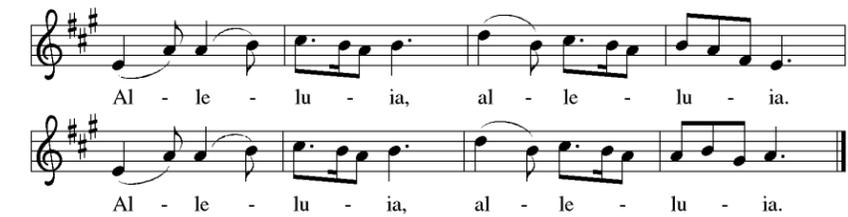
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

(Celtic Alleluia #174)

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



Choosing the better part; the visit with Mary & Martha Luke 10:38-42

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is single-minded devotion to Jesus and his word.

before the reading:

The holy gospel according to
Glory to you, O Lord.

after the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence follows for reflection

SONG

"Be Thou My Vision"

(hymn) 793

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Mark Sedio

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.*

Song without Words, Op. 38, No. 6

Felix Mendelssohn

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

"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

(hymn) 561

DISMISSAL

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"Abendlied" (Evening Song)

Robert Schumann

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

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



Serving Today

Pastor Melissa Pohlman, *presiding*

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *preaching*

Tom Allen, *assisting minister*

Lorene Gilliksen, *reader*

Jane Lien, *pianist/organist*

Ian Snyder, *violin*

Richard Stegall, *sacristan*

Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*

Maxim Krasnopiltsev, Alan Filzen,

Varney Kiazolu, Frizell Rucker, Jr., Rosalinda Morales,

Michele Allen, *greeters & hosts*

Welcome ELCA World Hunger guests! We are so glad to be hosting your conference this weekend!

Chancel flowers this weekend are given the Floral Guild. If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.



**Evangelical Lutheran
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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.

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