



HOLY COMMUNION

at the break of day

Sunday

August 4, 2019 † 8:30 am

Parable of the foolish rich man:

Be rich toward God, your treasure

Exploring the promise of God for all

The wealth of Christians is the abundant presence of Christ

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

"Voluntary on the Doxology"

Henry Purcell

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 49:1-12

- ☞ Hear, all you people; give ear all you who dwell in the world, you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- ☞ **My mouth shall speak of wisdom and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**
- ☞ I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- ☞ **Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me, the wickedness of those who trust in their own prowess, and boast of their own riches?**
- ☞ One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life; for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it.
- ☞ **For we see that the wise die also; like the foolish they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- ☞ Even though honored, they cannot live forever.
- ☞ **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.**

- ☞ Giver of holy wisdom, *(ELW psalm prayer)*
Save us from the foolishness of putting our trust in passing things. As you have ransomed our life from death, keep us firmly in your care, that we may not treasure this world's wealth but enjoy the eternal riches of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All My Hope on God Is Founded"

(hymn) 757

stanzas 1 & 2

We Listen to God's Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

FIRST READING

Search out wisdom

see Scripture insert

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

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SECOND READING

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GOSPEL

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

see Scripture insert

(Celtic Alleluia #174)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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Be rich toward God, your treasure

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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

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

(hymn) 678

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ...Hear us, O God,
- ☞ **your mercy is great.**
- Prayer of the Day concludes these prayers.**
- ☞ Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Hear our prayers. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ; 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.

"El círculo mágico"

Manuel da Falla, arr. Mordal

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.

“Soleá” *Manuel da Falla, arr. Mordal*

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

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord”

(hymn) 541

DISMISSAL

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

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

Concerto I in G

Johann Sebastian Bach

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman, *presiding*
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *preaching*
Tom Edelen, *assisting minister*
Rod Richter, *reader*
Shanti Austvold, *crucifer*
Deacon Mark Sedio, *organist/pianist*
Nick Mordal, *guitar*
Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *communion minister*
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*
Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,
Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*
Larry Angeles, *lead usher for August*
Kathy Otis, Charles & Karla Moline, *greeters & hosts*

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 with love to honor the memory of James L. (Jim) Adams, October 2, 1921-August 6, 2014. Additional flowers are given by John Wetzel in loving memory of his wife Joy, in remembrance of her birthday July 31, and the anniversary of their marriage on August 7. 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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Lectionary/Ordinary 18 C
Sunday between July 31 and August 6
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FIRST READING

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vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

^{1:12} I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³ applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹ — and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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Paul writes to the church at Colossai:

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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📖 The holy gospel according to Luke.

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

📖 The gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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