



# HOLY COMMUNION

*at the break of day*

Sunday

August 11, 2019 † 8:30 am

*The treasure of the kingdom*

Exploring the promise of God for all

*As head of this household, Christ is the waiter who serves his children Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part of today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

## We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

### GATHERING MUSIC

Allegro ben moderato

Frank Bridge

*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

Psalms 33:12–22

*Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (33:22)*

- ☞ Bless the land whose god is the Lord, the heirs whom God has chosen.
- ☞ **The Lord looks down and sees our human kind. From heaven God surveys all people on earth. The maker of human hearts knows every human act.**
- ☞ Armies do not save kings, brute force does not spare soldiers.
- ☞ **The warhorse is a sham; despite its power it will not save.**
- ☞ God keeps a loving eye on all who believe, on those who count on God to bring relief from famine, to rescue them from death.
- ☞ **With all we are, we wait for God, the Lord, our help, our shield.**
- ☞ Our hearts find joy in the Lord; we trust God's holy name. Love us, Lord! We wait for you.
- ☞ **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.**

- ☞ O God, *(ELW psalm prayer)*  
By your Word you made heaven and earth, and through your living Word, Jesus Christ, you continue to accomplish your purpose for creation. Make us witnesses to your truth and instruments of your peace, that all may know you are the God who loves justice and acts faithfully; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ Amen.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

*(hymn) 557*

*stanzas 1, 2 & 4*

## We Listen to God's Word

### GREETING

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

### FIRST READING

*see Scripture insert*

*God's promise of a child*

Genesis 15:1–6

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- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

*see Scripture insert*

*Abraham's faith*

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

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### GOSPEL

*see Scripture insert*

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:*

*(Celtic Alleluia #174)*



*The treasure of the kingdom*

Luke 12:32–40

*Jesus encourages his followers to recognize the true value of God's kingdom so that their hearts may be where their real treasure lies. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

*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

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

*(hymn) 764*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ...Hear us, O God,
- ☞ **your mercy is great.**
- Prayer of the Day concludes these prayers.**
- ☞ Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Hear our prayers and open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, 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. "How Can I Keep from Singing?" arr. John Helgen*

### 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.

“Just As I Am, I Come”

arr. Mary McDonald

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.



## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman, *presiding*

Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *preaching*

Lorene Gilliksen, *assisting minister*

Diane Olson, *reader*

Shanti Austvold, *crucifer*

Deacon Mark Sedio, *organist/pianist*

Susan Troselius, Robin Helgen, *soloists*

Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*

Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,

Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*

Larry Angeles, *lead usher for August*

Betty Reveling, Patti Brestrup, Mary Oelke, *greeters & hosts*

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *liturgy director*

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

*This service is being streamed live on the internet at [www.centralmpls.org](http://www.centralmpls.org).*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by the Floral Guild. 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](mailto: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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## We Are Sent to Be God’s Hands in the World

### BLESSING

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**A** 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.

**A** Amen.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens”

(hymn) 823

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

**A** Thanks be to God.

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

### POSTLUDE

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

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Sunday between August 7 and 13

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**FIRST READING**      *God's promise of a child*      Genesis 15:1–6

*God promises childless Abram (later called Abraham) that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise and through this faith, he is considered righteous.*

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”<sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”<sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

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**SECOND READING**      *Abraham's faith*      Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God need in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.<sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.<sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.<sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.<sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised.<sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,<sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.<sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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**GOSPEL**      *The treasure of the kingdom*      Luke 12:32–40

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**🔊** The holy gospel according to Luke.

**🔊** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus says:* “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.<sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;<sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.<sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.<sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.<sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**🔊** The gospel of the Lord.

**🔊** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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