



HOLY COMMUNION

*The parable of the foolish rich man:
Be rich toward God, your treasure*

Sunday, August 4, 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.*

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Voluntary on the Doxology"

Henry Purcell

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

A Amen.

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

silence for reflection

P God of mercy,

A **we confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,**

**and against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P When we were laid low God made us alive together with Christ,
forgiving us † and taking our brokenness to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

A Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

(hymn) 757

stanza 1 – all; 2 – higher voices;
3 – lower voices; 4 – all

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.

All And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Benevolent God,
you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.
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, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.



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

*The book of Ecclesiastes collects
thoughts of a philosopher who reacts
against the simplistic belief that the
good are rewarded and the evil are
punished.*

*Life in Christ includes a radical
reorientation of our values. Just
as the newly baptized shed their
old clothes in order to put on new
garments, so Christians are called
to let go of greed and take hold of
a life shaped by God’s love in
Christ.*

WORD

CHILDREN’S WORD

Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

READING

Search out wisdom Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
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.

Word of God, word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Clothed in Christ

Colossians 3:1-11

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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AD Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Asturiana”

Manuel da Falla, arr. Mordal

GOSPEL

Be rich toward God, your treasure

Luke 12:13-21

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD 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.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence for reflection follows the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

(hymn) 678

*stanzas 1 & 2 in harmony;
3 in unison*

APOSTLES’ CREED

A We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we proclaim our faith.

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

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.



The Gospel of Luke not only tells how Jesus brought good news to the poor, but also how he sought to seek and save those who were rich. Here he warns against identifying the worth of one’s life with the value of one’s possessions.

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 to judge the living and the dead.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes:

...hear us, O God;

AD your mercy is great.



*God feeds us with the
presence of Jesus Christ.*

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

AD And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

The offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

"El círculo mágico"

Manuel da Falla, arr. Mordal

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

AD 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.

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

AD And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

AD We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AD It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ⓟ ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
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)

Ⓜ **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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"

(ELW front) p. 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

"Soleá"

traditional Flamenco palo

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

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

*Following worship coffee or lunch
is served in the great room.*

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

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.
- All** Amen.

SENDING

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.
- All** Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord”

(hymn) 541

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

Concerto I in C

Johann Sebastian Bach

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assisted listening devices, and access
seating are available to aid your
participation in worship.
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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>preaching</i>
Tom Edelen	<i>assisting minister</i>
Steven Langmo	<i>reader</i>
Shirley Dahl	<i>crucifer</i>
Deacon Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Nick Mordal	<i>guitarist</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>communion minister</i>
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson	<i>sound operators</i>
Sue & Tom Jorgensen	<i>lead ushers for August</i>
Judith Hedman	<i>docent</i>
Liz Crouch, Charles & Karla Moline	<i>hosts & greeters</i>

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.

Summer on the Plaza continues this weekend. Plan to join us for lunch to support our summer carillon concert and food truck program.

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



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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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