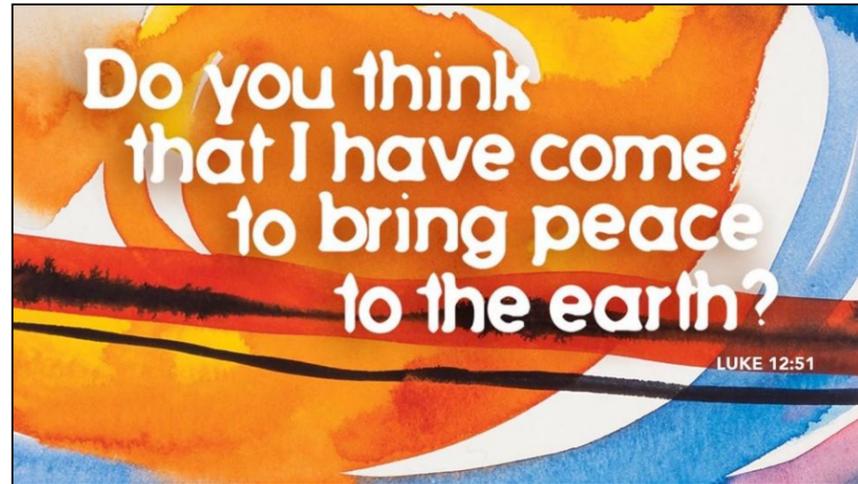


# We devote ourselves to the ministry of Christ

Summer Saturdays at Central  
Exploring the promise of God for all



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Interpreting the signs of the time:  
Jesus brings fire on earth*

Saturday • August 17, 2019 • 5:00 pm

*The bonfire of Christ burns brightly with love*

*The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."*

## Gathering

### GATHERING MUSIC

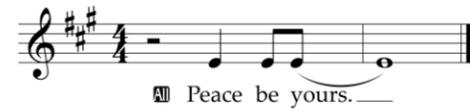
*At the sound of the bell, please stand if you are able.  
Please turn to face the evening prayer candle as it moves throughout the service.*

### GATHERING LITURGY

Show us your mercy, O God, and grant us your salvation.  
**Give peace in all the world; for only in you can we live in safety.**

Keep the nations under your care,  
and guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
**Let your way be known upon earth;  
your saving health among all nations.**

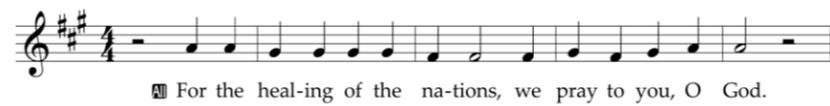
"For the Healing of the Nations"  
*sung after each petition as indicated by the leader:*



*after each verse:*

☐ Refrain

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### 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 God, judge eternal,  
you love justice and hate oppression,  
and you call us to share your zeal for truth.  
Give us courage to take our stand  
with all victims of bloodshed and greed,  
and, following your servants and prophets,  
to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
your Son, Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## Word

### READING

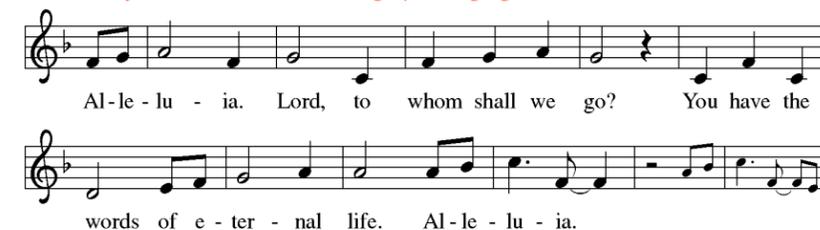
God's word is like fire Jeremiah 23:23-29  
*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading speaks of the mistaken notion that God only sees what is happening in the temple. Rather, Jeremiah points out, God's distance allows for a panoramic view of all the universe, including the lies and deceptions of the false prophets.*

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

*(Alleluia p. 188 Setting 8)*

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



*Interpreting the signs of the time: Jesus brings fire on earth Luke 12:49-56  
Today's gospel contains harsh words concerning the purifying and potentially divisive effects of God's call. People who follow the way of Christ often encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

*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

*(hymn) 704*

"When Pain of the World Surrounds Us"

*stanza 1 is sung by the cantor, 2 & 4 by all*

### 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:

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#### 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

"We Are Called"

(hymn) 720

#### DISMISSAL

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

#### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

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)



## Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *presiding*

Brad Boogren, *assisting minister*

Pat Hansen, *reader*

Paul Friesen-Carper, *musician*

Richard Stegall, *sacristan*

Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*

Maxim Krasnopivtsev, Rosalinda Morales, Varney Kiazolu,

Frizell Rucker, Jr., Elizabeth Brier, Patrick Baker, *greeters, hosts, ushers*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by the Haines family in celebration of the wedding of Zoey and Jon Erik Haines on August 17. If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.



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## 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](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.

**Electronic Giving Opportunities:** Online at [www.centralmpls.org](http://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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