



HOLY COMMUNION

at the break of day

God's work. Our hands

Sunday

September 8, 2019 † 8:30 a.m.

Exploring the promise of God for all

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

"Aria"

Flor Peeters

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.

P We begin the day anew in baptism
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

GATHERING PSALM

Psalm 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps 1:3)

P Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful.

A Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

P They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

A It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

P Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

A 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.

P Eternal God, in your loving wisdom you set us beside the fountain of
life, like a tree planted by running streams. Fill us with delight in your
teaching, that we may bear fruit in every season of life; through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Many and Great, O God"

(hymn) 837

sung in English

We Listen to God's Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

FIRST READING

see Scripture insert

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Deuteronomy 30:15–20

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this passage, Moses presents the consequences of choosing between life and death.*

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return to his master, but encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a brother.*

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GOSPEL

see Scripture insert

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



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Give up your possessions

Luke 14:25-33

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from the outset that they will have to renounce allegiance to all competing concerns.*

before the reading:

after the reading:

P The holy gospel according to ...

The gospel of the Lord.

A Glory to you, O Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

(hymn) 716

stanzas 1 - 3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

Prayer of the Day concludes these prayers.

P Direct us, O Lord God,
in all our doings with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name;
and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

We Feast Around the Table of the Lord

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A 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.*

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

arr. Sedio

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

A 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

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

A We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

A 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.

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.

God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love and serve you neighbor.
A Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in A"

David N. Johnson

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WELCOME

You are welcome. No exceptions.

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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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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

This hymn text was selected from 120 entries as the winner of the ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday hymn contest. The author, Wayne Wold, is professor and chair of the music department at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland and Director of Music at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellicott City (MD). Wayne is the nephew of Central member Maryon Lee.

Saturday, September 7, 2019
Sunday, September 8, 2019
Lectionary/Ordinary 23 C | Proper 18 C
Sunday between September 4 and 10
Give up your possessions



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman, *presiding*
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *preaching*
Sara Gunsch, *assisting minister*
Diane Olson, *reader*
Brad Boogren, *crucifer*
Deacon Mark Sedio, *cantor/organist*
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, Bill Larsen, *sound operators*
Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,
Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*
Bob Tufford, *lead usher for September*
JoAnne Heintz, Joan Van Wirt, *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.

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.

FIRST READING *Walk in the way of life* Deuteronomy 30:15–20
Life and blessing are the benefits of keeping the law God has given through Moses. In this passage, Moses presents the consequences of choosing between life and death.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Paul says: Receive Onesimus* Philemon 1:1–21
While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul's. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master, but encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a brother.

Beginning his letter, Paul writes:

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in

your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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GOSPEL *Give up your possessions* Luke 14:25–33
Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that they will have to renounce allegiance to all competing concerns.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Large crowds were traveling with [Jesus]; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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