



**Evening Prayer with Communion**  
Central Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Saturday, September 7, 2019 + 5:00 p.m.

**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.** If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email [info@centralmpls.org](mailto:info@centralmpls.org).

**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.

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*At the sound of the bell please stand and face the font*

Leader: Creator of the world, eternal God,

All: **We have come from many places to gather here.**

Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

**We have come with all our differences, seeking common ground.**

Spirit of unity, go-between God,

**We have come on journeys of our own,  
to a place where journeys meet.**

So here, in this sheltering house,

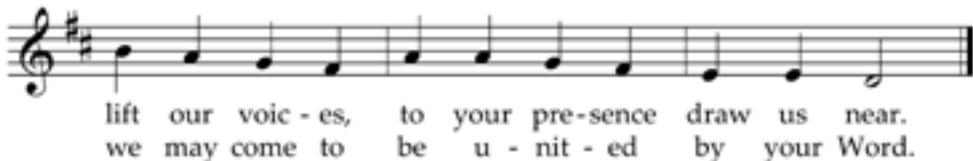
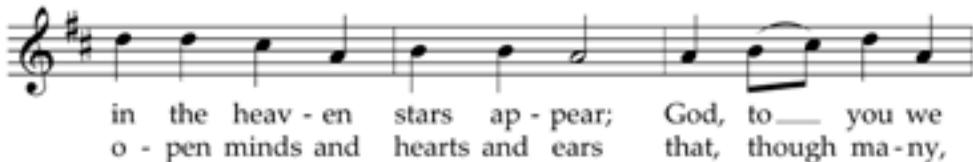
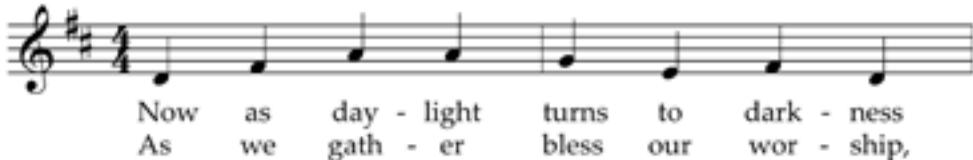
let us take time together;

for when paths cross and pilgrims gather

there is much to share and celebrate.

**In your name, O God, Three-in-One,  
pattern of community, we gather here.**

**Amen.**



Tune: Polish, (1587) Cancional of Piotr Artomiusz  
Text: Mark Sedio, 2019

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

**WORD**

**READING**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**SONG FOR ILLUMINATION**



Ho-ly Wis-dom, lamp of learn-ing, bless the light that rea-son lends.  
Teach us judg-ment as we kin-dle sparks of though your Spir-it sends.  
Sanc-ti-fy our search for knowl-edge and the truth that sets us free.  
Come, il-lu-mine mind and spir-it joined in deep-est u-ni-ty.

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Tune: Beach Spring, The Sacred Harp, 1844

**GOSPEL**

Luke 14:25-33

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

Hymn 716  
stanzas 1-3

## PRAYERS

*Each petition concludes:*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

## MEAL

### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share God's peace with those around you*

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by  
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly  
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine. —  
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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 welcome at the Lord's Table.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



# SENDING

## BLESSING

## EVENING SONG



In - to your hands, O God, this night  
For - give us where we've wronged this day.

we place our selves 'til morn - ing light.  
Pro - tect and guard us on our way.

Our bod - ies, souls and all we are  
Your ho - ly an - gels send to bless

we place in - to your gen - tle care.  
and keep us strong in faith - ful - ness.

Text: Nicolaus Selnecker, 1578  
tr. MS 2019  
Tune: Traditional Norwegian

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for a time of quiet meditation.*

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *presider*

Sara Gunsch, *assisting minister*

Vicki Munson, *reader*

Paul Friesen-Carper, *musician*

Deacon Mark Sedio, *pianist*

Richard Stegall, *sacristan*

Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*

Alan Filzen, Maxim Krasnopivtsev,

Rosalinda Morales, Varney Kiazolu, *ushers, hosts, greeters*



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