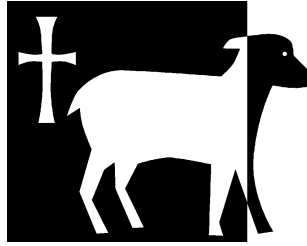


*The Holy Spirit  
gathers us in unity on the  
first day of the week.*



# HOLY COMMUNION

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Binding of Isaac*

Sunday, September 19, 2021  
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Arr. Richard Proulx

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

### OPENING DIALOGUE

**P** Surely the Lord is in this place.

**AI** And we cry out, "Here I am. Here I am."

**P** Even when the place is far in the distance,

**AI** The Lord will provide.

**P** On this day God has rested

**AI** So that God's promises are fulfilled

**P** And we are as numerous as the stars of heaven.

**AI** We are like the sand on the seashore and the dust of the earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**AI** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

God of promise, you are faithful to us and the promises you make to us. Hold us in your love when we doubt your promises. Remind us that you walk with us in our hardest moments and that in the end you will always provide for us. We pray this in the name of your greatest promise to us, Jesus Christ our Lord,

**AI** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### FIRST READING

Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14

Today's narrative reading is from the book of Genesis:

<sup>21:1</sup>The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at

the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

<sup>22:1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Word of God. Word of life.

**AD** **Thanks be to God.**

*The choral antiphon is by Jan Horký, an accomplished composer and editor of the 1988 hymnal of the Czech Brethren.*

**PSALM**

Psalm 54:1-7

*Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.  
Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.  
For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.  
Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.  
Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.  
I will offer you a freewill sacrifice, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.  
For you have rescued me from every trouble and my eye looks down on my enemies.*

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-34

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**AD** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**AD** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 831

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Stanzas 1 & 2 – choir; 3 & 4 – all (masked)

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A** Let us pray for the church and for the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

*(Brief Silence)*

Each petition concludes:

For your love and goodness:

**We give you thanks O God.**

*The prayers are concluded:*

**P** Having gathered our prayers, we offer them to you O God, confident that they are received and held in your holy name.

**AD** **Amen.**

## MEAL

### PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**AD** **And also with you.**

Schütz (1585-1672) is regarded as the most important German composer before Bach. Most of his surviving music was written for Lutheran services. This choral setting of Psalm 117 shows the influence of his teacher the Venetian composer Giovanni Gabrieli, whose works make use of antiphonal choirs singing back and forth – perfect for the multi-transcept architecture of Saint Mark’s in Venice

## CHORAL OFFERING

“O All Ye Nations”

Heinrich Schütz

*O all ye nations, praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, all ye people.  
Praise ye Jehovah in His strength; all that hath life, now praise Jehovah.  
God’s loving kindness unto us is great and merciful. With heart and with voice  
in him rejoice; for his truth endureth ever more. Alleluia, sing praises! Praise  
ye the Lord!*

(Please stand)

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**AI** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**AI** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**AI** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord. . .

. . . be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**AI** Amen.

## LORD’S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 DISTRIBUTION

“Praise be to Thee”

George Frederick Handel

(Please stand)

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**AI** Amen.



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

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

**P** People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
claiming new life in a complicated world.  
The holy Trinity, † one God,  
bless you now and forever.

**AD** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN *(all sing – masked)*

"All My Hope on God is Founded"

*Hymn 757*

*Stanzas 1 & 2 – choir; 3 & 4 - all*

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**AD** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

"Prelude in G Major, BWV 550"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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***Following today's service  
lunch is served in the  
Great Room.***

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preaching</i>
Jeff Block	<i>assisting minister</i>
Lois Wolff	<i>reader</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir</i>
Froya Olson, Robin Helgen, Bill Pederson, David Gindra	<i>section leaders/soloists</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>sound operator</i>
Richard Stegall, Diane Olson, Bill Masche	<i>sacristans</i>

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

*Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Chancel flowers weekend are given by Merlen Olson and Stuart Teigen in celebration of their marriage on Saturday, September 18. If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288.*



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