

SENDING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind 400

DISMISSAL

Remain in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Dr. Elizabeth Johnson is in the Twin Cities at this time for the annual Fall Soul Conference of the Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality, an ecumenical ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph for over twenty years.

Wisdom Ways is directed by ELCA Pastor Barbara Lund, and this Joint Ministerium is an example of a partnership we celebrate. If you are interested in hearing Elizabeth Johnson at Wisdom Ways this weekend, or to purchase her book, stop by the book table in the South Commons during lunch, where Dr. Johnson will be available for a book signing.

Thank you to the Rev. Foy Christopherson, Mr. Jeffrey Schulz, and the staff of Central Lutheran Church for their hospitality, and to the Rev. Eva Jensen and the small group facilitators for their assistance with our conversations this morning.

SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ
10:35 AM	Break. Refreshments will be served in three locations.
10:55 AM	Small Group Conversations. Your group location is on your nametag. Ushers are available to help you find your location.
11:40 AM	Questions and responses from Dr. Johnson, in the Sanctuary.
12:10 PM	Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall for those who have registered for it.

As we prepare to engage in small group discussion, please consider the following agreements:

Shared Commitments in Conversation

- Assume positive intentions
- Treat each other with dignity and respect
- Be genuine with each other and constructive in offering ideas, perspectives and feelings
- Listen attentively to seek understanding, not necessarily agreement
- It is everyone’s responsibility to be sure no one person dominates the conversation and that everyone person who wishes has a chance to speak
- Stay with the questions
- Speak for yourself, not someone else
- Agree not to cross talk or start side conversations
- Recognize you are part of something larger
- Commit to the whole, not just your piece



Minneapolis Area Synod
of the ELCA

Fall Ministerium Opening Worship

Thursday, October 27, 2016
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

Congregational responses are in bold print.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Variations for the Healing of Arinushka Arvo Pärt

REFLECTION AND KYRIE

Reflection and Silence

Kyrie

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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Reflection and Silence

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PRAYER

O God of mercy, you create us in your image. You knit us together and call us your own, forming us as the one Body of Christ. We lament our inclination to create hierarchies that divide and exclude. We confess our complicity, as your church, in sustaining the system of patriarchy. Bring disruption and restoration where it is needed. O God, break us open to the truth of our erring ways; forgive our sin; reform our vision; and renew us in the ministry of reconciliation. All for your name’s sake **Amen.**

The God revealed in the death and resurrection of Christ is beyond our human capacity to name or fully describe. Still, we must use words to pray and praise – and our experience of God is affected by the language we use. In our synod’s shared worship services, we seek to intentionally use language for God that expands rather than limits our understanding of God’s incomprehensible mystery. In particular, we will broaden our language beyond primarily male images, affirming – if both male and female are created in God’s image – metaphors and images from women’s lives are important to speak of God in all God’s fullness.

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Verse 2 text by Barbara Lundblad

HYMN

Gracious Spirit, Hear our Pleading

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Sing the refrain in either Swahili or English

WORD

READING

Acts 16: 6-15

SERMON

Bishop Patricia Lull

HYMN

For All the Faithful Women

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For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
To your shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you're their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.

For Lydia we praise you, who made a home for Paul;
She was a Gospel-bearer, responding to God's call.
She gathered with the women down by the riverside,
They formed a holy minyan, washed in God's holy tide.

O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown,
In whom through all the ages your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

MEAL

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One,
Blessed are you for water, that moistens the soil and grain grows,
that powers the mill that courses through our veins and gives us life.
Nourishing, Cleansing, Sustaining.

Blessed are you for Jesus,
who walked among us,who waters our souls
whose body and blood we share
whose blood is the promise of life you offer.

Soon after he was anointed by the unnamed woman
Jesus the Christ took bread, and gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new
covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

We gather around this mystery of faith:

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*Translators can choose to interpret the
language quite literally, or choose to lean
harder on the intent of the original
language. Either strategy has
shortcomings and benefits. This
translation of the prayer Jesus taught us
chooses the latter strategy. What new
perspective do you gain from the choices
made?*

*Communion will be served by intinction at
five stations. The ushers will guide you.*

From Palestine/Israel.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

From your womb of mercy, feed us.
In your labor for life, love us.
In our baptismal birthing, send us.

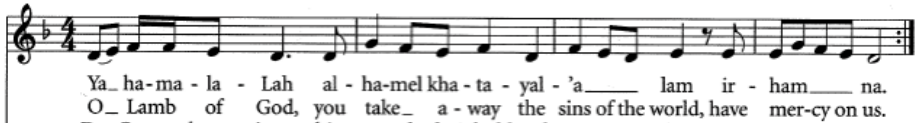
Bless this meal
within us, for our witness
among us, for our communion
around us, that all might taste
this gift of life.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

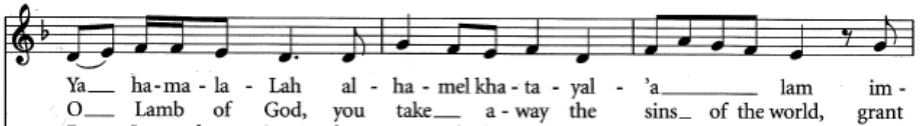
Holy One, our only home,
blessed be your name,
may your day dawn,
your will be done,
here, as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us,
as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours
now and forever. Amen

COMMUNION

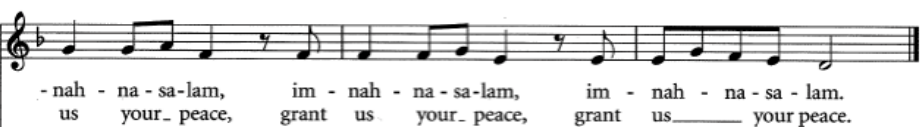
LAMB OF GOD



Ya ha-ma - la - Lah al - ha-mel kha - ta - yal - 'a lam ir - ham na.
O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Ya ha-ma - la - Lah al - ha - mel kha - ta - yal - 'a lam im -
O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant



- nah - na - sa - lam, im - nah - na - sa - lam, im - nah - na - sa - lam.
us your peace, grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

HYMNS

Come, Let us Eat

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Shall We Gather at the River

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Gathering Reflection and Kyrie for Ministerium Worship, October 27, 2016

Voice 1 We come to this day with our unique stories and experiences. We bring our wisdom and ignorance, our openness and our blinders.

Voice 2 We come – placing our whole selves before God – trusting God’s mercy to heal and transform us.

Together God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

SILENCE KYRIE

Voice 1 I see the faces of women tired to the bone. I see a woman who works for minimum wage and remember - 2/3’s of all minimum wage jobs are held by women. After work, I see her care for her elderly mother – a lonely job since her brothers say caregiving is woman’s work. I see her weary face and I remember that women still earn less than men - and spend 2 hours more each day on the unpaid work of housekeeping and caregiving.

Voice 2 I see faces filled with fear: a young college woman sees her rapist across campus and wonders if he’ll ever be held accountable. A co-worker with fresh bruises and new excuses, who like 40 percent of abused women is too afraid to report her abuser. I recoil thinking about violence against women, the female-selective abortions, stonings, sex trafficking.

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SILENCE KYRIE

Voice 3 I hear the stories on TV – images and messages telling girls that their value lies in their youth, their bodies, their beauty – not in their intellect and talents. I hear the stories of anorexia, depression, and anxiety.

Voice 4 I hear the stories of young boys struggling with what it means to grow into real men. I hear the father tell his son to stop crying; to toughen up. And then I hear about those tough teenage boys who’ve lost the ability to name their emotions; who struggle with anger and violence; and their risk for suicide.

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SILENCE KYRIE

Voice 5 I hear about the shattering of glass ceilings. Even so, I read only 7 percent of heads of state are women; fewer than 5% of Fortune 500 CEOs are women; only seven percent of film directors are female. And, though women serve faithfully as pastors in our church, only 15 percent of bishops are women, only 20 percent of senior pastors.

Voice 6 I watch God’s people, the church, gather at the baptismal font – a baby girl is baptized as her older brother looks on. Both children bear the very image of God, but the worship service includes only male and neutral images for God. I wonder, “would it be so surprising if this baby girl were to struggle more than her brother in seeing herself as a reflection of the divine?”

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SILENCE KYRIE