

HOLY COMMUNION



Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2009 + 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Central - in the heart of the city, welcomes all people to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ

Jesus our rabbi tells us the stories of God

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers
us in unity
on the first day
of the week, the day of
Christ's resurrection

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

G. F. Handel

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

At the sound of the carillon, the assembly stands and faces the entrance.

OPENING HYMN

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

(hymn) 676

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

GREETING

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

Grace to you, and peace from God who shines among us.

All And also with you.

GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

This song of the angels from
Christmas continues to
announce the good news of
God's presence with us.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ ...one God, now and forever.

🔊 Amen.

*God speaks to us in
 scripture reading,
 preaching,
 and song*

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

FIRST READING

The calling of Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The word of the Lord.

🔊 Thanks be to God.

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

Paul writes:

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

AI Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (8:30)

The assembly welcomes the gospel:

AI

HYMN (11:00)

(hymn) 513

"Listen, God Is Calling"

The assembly sings parts (in harmony) as indicated in ELW.

GOSPEL

The calling of the first disciples

John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John.

AI Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."



Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

“The Great Invitation”
silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 798

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

stanza 1 - solo; 2 & 3 - all; 4 - solo/choir; 5 - all

*ELW uses an updated
ecumenical form of the
Apostles’ Creed.*

APOSTLES’ CREED

- A** We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- All** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed in the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

after each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

- All** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Trusting in your mercy, O saving God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, through the one born among us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- All** **Amen.**

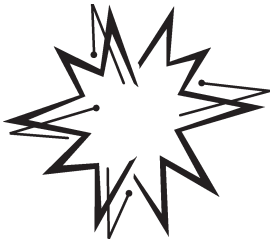
MEAL

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- All** **And also with you.**

The assembly is invited to share God’s peace with one another.

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*



Psalm 139 is the appointed psalm for the day.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*While the collection is received lay ministers prepare the table.
The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.*

Music for Bells (8:30)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

arr. John Behnke

Anthem (11:00)

"Lord, You Search and Know Me" (Psalm 139)

Mark Sedio

*Lord, you search and know my heart in both rest and rising;
know my words before I speak with your hand you guide me.
In all places at all times, your vast love surrounds me;
knowledge of your endless grace, strengthens, yet confounds me.
If I rise on morning wings seeking to escape you, hide myself in ocean depths,
even there to meet you. For to you night is as day, darkness holds no cover.
Even in death's cold embrace there your Spirit hovers.
You, yourself created me, knit my bones together.
Formed me in the secret place, nurtured by a mother.
All the marvels of your hand join the celebration in unending thankful praise,
earth and all creation. Lord, you search and know my heart in both rest and rising;
know my words before I speak with your hand you guide me.
In all places at all times, your vast love surrounds me;
knowledge of your endless grace, strengthens, yet confounds me.*

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together:

AD Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with
your love, through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

AD And also with you.

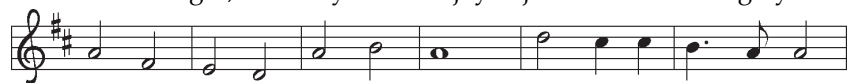
P Lift up your hearts.

AD We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AD It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.

Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion at this service is served standing by individual chalices. Please follow the direction of the ushers to a communion station. You are invited to kneel following communion if you desire.



God blesses and sends us in mission to the world

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer (1975)

AD 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

P See, hear, come and dine!
The reign of heaven has come near!

Communion

Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
AD Amen.
A God of abundance,
you have fed us with the presence of Christ.
Use us as beacons of light and bearers of Christ's love for the sake of the whole world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
AD Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May the love of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world,
fill your hearts and illumine your path.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
AD Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

(hymn) 810
stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Your light has come.
AD Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

"Procession in C"

Hal Hopson

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson *presiding*
Pastor Rick Nelson *preaching*
Kris Stedje *assisting minister*
Mark Sedio *director of music/organist*
Jane Lien *associate musician*
Nathan Yandala Bishop *trumpet*

Ann Oyen, Amanda Highben,
Erica Doss *readers, 8:30*
Campanas Central *bell choir, 8:30*

Lois Wolff, Ron Fiscus,
Verne Melberg *readers, 11:00*
Central Choir *choir, 11:00*
Rick Johnston *crucifer, 11:00*

Richard Stegall *sacristan*
Mark Brodin *sound operator*
Debra Thelen *radio announcer*
Rod Richter, Earl Carson *lead ushers*

Karin Lilleodden, Bruce Bergeson,
Jean McGrath, Sara Stensaas,
David Deonarine, Kathy Fiscus,
Allison Winblad, Barb Hoernemann,
Erik Rudeen, Kristin Schoephoerster,
Arlene Murphy, Rick Johnston *communion ministers*

Pastor Kristen Jacobson, Lois Steer &
Larry Peterson, Phil & Eve Overby *hosts and greeters*

David Nelson, Christopher Haug,
Judy Bogard, Dave West,
Richard Stegall *seasonal worship team*

Altar flowers today are given in honor of Millie Starr's 91st birthday by Karl Starr and Christopher Haug. If you wish to give flowers, contact Gloria Hahn at 952.545-6109.

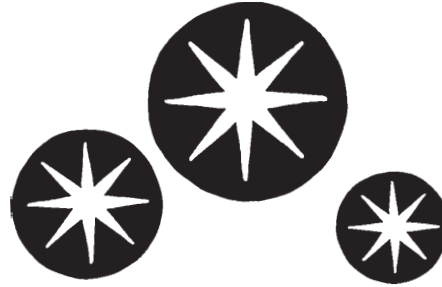
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assisted listening devices, and access seating
are available to aid your participation in worship.
Please inquire with an usher.



WELCOME!



Everyone is welcome. As a community of the people of God, the members of Central Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one.

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 speak to a staff member or call the church at 612-870-4416.

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances. If you would prefer to use Central’s nursery (available for children ages four and younger), you will find it on the second floor of the Education Building. An usher will be glad to assist you.

Welcome to the Lord’s Table. All 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.

We envision becoming a thriving, vibrant model of urban Lutheran ministry for the 21st century. This lofty vision requires us to ask each day if our goals for worship, learning, and service are clearly reaching a diverse neighborhood and city in language and action that reflect the world as well as our heritage.

