

HOLY COMMUNION



The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 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

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

*Paul Manz (b. 1919) has been
called Dean of American
Organists. Now retired and
living back in Minneapolis, he
served churches in
Minneapolis and Chicago as
well as the Lutheran School of
Theology in Chicago.*

In baptism we are anointed a priest with Christ

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Aria"

Paul Manz

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

The assembly stands to face the baptismal font (in the front) for the confession.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As the presiding minister begins from the font,
the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism:*

P In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

P If you record our sins, Lord, who could survive?

Psalm 130:3-4

All But because you forgive we stand in awe.

P Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
silence for reflection

Kyrie

Leader	Assembly
Lord, have	Lord, have
mer - cy.	mer - cy.
Christ, have	Christ, have
mer - cy.	mer - cy.
Lord, have	Lord, have
mer - cy.	mer - cy.

P Rock of our salvation,
A we confess that we live in opposition to your gracious will for us.
 We have failed to be a blessing to others
 by turning our backs on the needs of the poor.
 We have exploited your creation
 without regard for those who come after us.
 By our sin, we are exiled from your presence;
 our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost.
 Breathe your Spirit on us, O God, that we may live.

P God's love is shown to us in that while we still were sinners,
 Christ died for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
 Your sin is washed away.
 In the waters of baptism you were joined with Christ,
 reborn as children of God, and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
 You are free to live as God's people in the world.
A Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by — floods of
 In life, in death, we — trust in — God's most ho - ly
 grace. We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that
 name, for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and
 time can - not e - raise. —
 sealed by — Spir - it flame. —

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: ST. THOMAS
 Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
A And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P ...one God, now and forever.
A Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

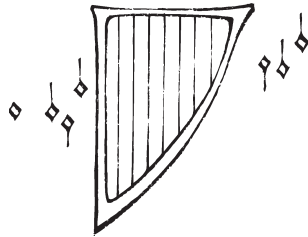
FIRST READING *A new covenant written on the heart* Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
 when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
 and the house of Judah.

³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took
 them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they
 broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

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

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.



Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

PSALM (11:00)

Psalm 137

"By the Babylonian Rivers"

Latvian folk tune, arr. Mark Sedio

*By the Babylonian rivers we sat down in grief and wept:
hung our harps upon a willow, mourned for Zion while we slept.
There our captors, in derision did require of us a song;
so we sat with staring vision and the days were hard and long.
How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land?
Can our voices veil the sorrow? Lord God hear your lonely band.
Let your cross be benediction for those bound in tyranny;
by the power of resurrection loose them from captivity. Amen.*

SECOND READING

Through suffering Christ saves

Hebrews 5:5–10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR LENT

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind,
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Text: Gracia Grindal, based on Joel 2:13
Music: KAS DZIEDAJA, Latvian folk tune
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GOSPEL

The grain of wheat dying in the earth

John 12:20–33

The holy gospel according to John.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.



Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"A 40-Day Journey: Getting to the Heart of the Matter"

silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 321

"Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"

stanza 2 in harmony

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.

AD 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 Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

after each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

AD hear our prayer.

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

The music of Gerald Finzi (1901-1956) is considered to be quintessentially English in flavor. Although Finzi composed in many musical genres, his "Five Bagatelles" from which this work is taken, remains his most popular work of chamber music.

P Into your hands, merciful God, we commend these and all for whom we pray, trusting in your guidance and your grace; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

AD Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

AD And also with you.

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

GATHERING OF GIFTS

While the collection is received lay ministers prepare the table.

The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

"Carol"

Gerald Finzi

Offertory Prayer

A Together let us pray.

AD Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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:





All are invited to receive these gifts of God.
 Grape juice is available upon request.
 Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
 Communion at this service is served kneeling (as you are able) by individual chalices around the communion rail.

In addition to his works for orchestra, choir, and chamber ensembles, Charles Callahan (b. 1951) has written countless compositions for organ and instruments for use in the church. He was awarded the Papal Honor of Knighthood for his work in 1999.

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer (1975)

All 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

Communion "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Musical Meditation

"Canticle for Organ and English Horn"

Charles Callahan

Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
All Amen.
A Let us pray.
 O God, our beginning and our end,
 ... one God, now and forever.
All Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May the Lord turn his face toward us,
 and guide our feet into the way of peace.
 Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you now and forever.
All Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

(hymn) 811

Canadian organist, teacher and composer Gerald Bales (1919-2002) served as organist and choirmaster at St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis from 1959-1971. It was there that his "Petite Suite" was composed.

DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance for the dismissal.

- A** Go in peace. Christ goes with you.
- AD** **Thanks be to God.**

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

"Finale" from *Petite Suite*

Gerald Bales

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Seminarian Will Laudert	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Mary Ann Pulk	<i>english horn; oboe</i>
Seminarian Althea Tysk	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator, 8:30</i>
Seminarian Kirsten Laderach	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir, 11:00</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator, 11:00</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Steve Langmo	<i>radio announcer</i>
Robert Tufford, Jean Matheson, Bob Ylvisaker	<i>lead ushers</i>
Jean McGrath, Chris Stensaas, Larry & Zee Gregerson, Karin Lilleodden, Deborah Bauknight, Allison Winblad, Barb Hoernemann, Pramila Nelson, Rick Johnston	<i>communion ministers</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, Larry Gregerson, Char Fitzpatrick, Joan Van Wirt	<i>hosts and greeters</i>

Today we observe Seminary Sunday and recognize the seminarians supported by our congregation: Barbara VanDrasek, Will Laudert and Carolyn Albert.

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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.

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