

HOLY COMMUNION



The healing of one with an unclean spirit
February 1, 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 is the silence who helps us hear God's voice

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Variations on "Salzburg"

Johann Pachelbel

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

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

OPENING HYMN

(hymn) 434

"Jesus Shall Reign" stanza 1 - all; 2 - women; 3 - all in harmony; 4 - men; 5 - all

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



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



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.

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.

MUSIC FOR BELLS

“Jesus Shall Reign”

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

Anthem by the Central Choristers (8:30)

“Heaven Bell-A-Ring”

American folk song, arr. Mary Goetze

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The prophet speaks with God’s authority

Today’s reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.

¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said:

“If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.”

¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me:

“They are right in what they have said.

¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.

²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die.”

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Limits to liberty

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

Paul writes: Now concerning food sacrificed to idols:

we know that “all of us possess knowledge.”

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.”

⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords —

⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge.

Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?

¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed.

¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly welcomes the gospel:

AD 
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?


You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

GOSPEL

The healing of one with an unclean spirit

Mark 1:21-28

The holy gospel according to Mark.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.



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

²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,
²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."
²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"
²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice,
came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another,
"What is this? A new teaching — with authority!
He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region
of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.
AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kristen Jacobson

"They Obey Him"
silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 510

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

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.**

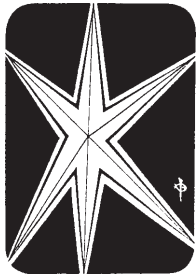
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** 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,
AD 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.
- AD** Amen.

God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ



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.

Music

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

William Dawson

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all."*

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.**

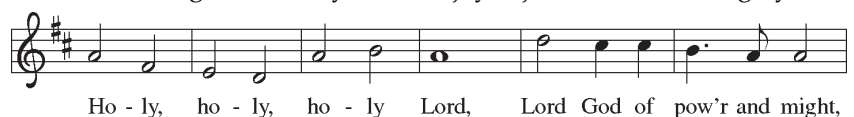
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



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

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

(hymn) 610

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

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(hymn) 886
stanzas 3 & 4 in harmony

DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance for the dismissal.

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

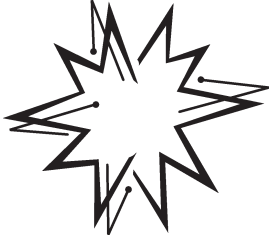
The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in D"

Francesco Manfredini

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Kristen Jacobson *preaching*
Seminarian Althea Tysk *presiding*
Melanie Freimuth *assisting minister*
Mark Sedio *director of music*
Jane Lien *associate musician/organist*
Campanas Central *bell choir*
Thomas Dreeze *soloist*

Helen Klanderud *reader, 8:30*
Central Choristers *choir, 8:30*
Sally Messner *director*
David Molvik *sound operator, 8:30*

Barbara Hoernemann *reader, 11:00*
Mark Brodin *sound operator, 11:00*

Richard Stegall *sacristan*
Verne Melberg *radio announcer*
Donald Moe, Sara Gunsch *lead ushers*

Phil Ranheim, Joyce Anderson,
Leon & Deanne Tibben,
David Deonarine, Allison Winblad,
Barb Hoernemann, Kris Stedje,
Rick Johnston, Kris Schoephoerster *communion ministers*

Bill Masche, Carney Meekins,
Kaare & Helen Faber *hosts and greeters*

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



Altar flowers today are given by the Floral Guild. If you wish to give flowers, contact Gloria Hahn at 952.545-6109.

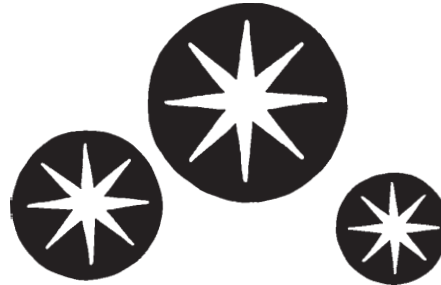
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Large print service folders,
assisted listening devices, and access seating
are available to aid your participation in worship.
Please inquire with an usher.



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.

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