

HOLY COMMUNION



Jesus heals one with leprosy
February 15, 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

Christ is the soap who washes us clean

The leper is confident in Jesus' power to heal. Naaman, on the other hand, is comically hard to convince that he can be healed by such an unlikely foreigner as Elisha, who directs him to wash in such a sorry excuse for a river as the Jordan. Jesus' healing power is here among us in the ordinary water of the font, in the ordinary bread, in the ordinary people who make up the body of Christ. We would be well-advised to take the advice of the least powerful among us (like the servant girl in Naaman's household) if we want to find the one who will heal us.

GATHERING

*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.*

PRELUDE

"Adagio & Allegro" from Concerto in g minor

Antonio Vivaldi

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

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

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

(hymn) 607

stanza 2 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



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.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

Naaman is healed of leprosy

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let

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

Elisha tells Naaman, a Syrian general, to immerse himself in the Jordan River to be cleansed of his leprosy. Initially refusing to do this humble act, Naaman eventually obeys and is healed, revealing not the magic of the water but the power of Israel's God.

him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.”⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house.¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.”¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!”¹² Are not Abana and Parpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage.¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’”¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 30

My God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

Choir Refrain (in Spanish)

All Refrain (in English)



Choir: Has cam - bia - do en dan-zas mis la -
All: You have turned - my wail-ing in - to



men - tos, - Se - ñor, mi sal - va - ción.
 danc-ing, O Lord, my sav - ing hope.

Choir I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lift | ed me up,
 and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
 O Lord my God, I cried | out to you,
 and you restored | me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, | from the dead;
 you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.
 Sing to the Lord, you ser | vants of his;
 give thanks for the remembrance | of his holiness.

Choir Refrain (in Spanish)

All Refrain (in English)

Choir God’s wrath endures but the twinkling | of an eye,
 God’s favor | for a lifetime.
 Weeping may | spend the night,
 by joy comes | in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never | be disturbed.
 You, Lord, with your favor, made me strong | as the mountains.”
 Then you | hid your face,
 and I was | filled with fear.

Choir Refrain (in Spanish)

All Refrain (in English)

Using the athletic imagery of a runner and a boxer, Paul illustrates to the Corinthians how Christians have a focus committed to the ministry of the gospel, so that their victorious goal is not individual glory but eternal life for all.

Jesus cures a leper and asks him to tell no one but a priest, in accordance with Levitical law. Though Jesus performs miracles, his identity as Messiah will not be understood until the cross.



Choir I cried out to | you, O Lord;
I pleaded with | the Lord saying,
“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de|clare your faithfulness?”

Hear, O Lord, and have mer|cy upon me;
O Lord, | be my helper.
You have turned my wailing into dancing, you have put off my
sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord, I will give you | thanks forever.

Choir Refrain (in Spanish)
All Refrain (in English)

SECOND READING *Run the race* 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Paul writes:
Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete,
but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.
²⁵Athletes exercise self-control in all things;
they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.
²⁶So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air;
²⁷but I punish my body and enslave it,
so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly welcomes the gospel:

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


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

GOSPEL *The healing of one with leprosy* Mark 1:40-45

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him,
“If you choose, you can make me clean.”
⁴¹Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him,
and said to him, “I do choose. Be made clean!”
⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.
⁴³After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴saying to him,
“See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest,
and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”
⁴⁵But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so
that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country;
and people came to him from every quarter.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

“The Leper Within”
silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

(hymn) 843

*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.

Al **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,

Al **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.

Al **Amen.**

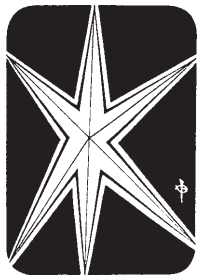
MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Al **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*

GATHERING OF GIFTS

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

Solo (8:30)

"Die Armen will der Herr um armen" from *Cantata 186*

J. S. Bach

(sung in German)

*God's outstretched arms embrace the poor
with mercy here and there;
with abundant mercy God gives them
the greatest wealth, the Word of life.*

Anthem (11:00)

"O Radiant Light"

Mark Sedio

*O Radiant Light, O Sun divine, of God the Father's deathless face,
O image of the Light sublime, that fills the heavenly dwelling place.
O Son of God, the source of life, praise is your due by day.
Our happy lips must raise the strain of your esteemed and splendid name.
Lord Jesus Christ, when daylight fades, as shine the lights of eventide,
we praise the Father, So, the Spirit blest, with them one; and with them one.*

(text: Phos hilaron, 3rd century, trans. Wm Storey)

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.

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

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

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.

"Es halt' es mit der blinden Welt" from *Cantata 94*

J. S. Bach

(sung in German)

Let those care for the blind world
who do not care for their own souls.
I am disgusted with earth.
I will love only Jesus now
and practice works of faith and penance
that from both I may be richly blessed.

Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

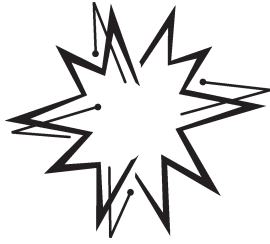
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

A 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.

All Amen.

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



SENDING

BLESSING

☐ 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.

☩ Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

(hymn) 618
stanza 2 in harmony

DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance for the dismissal.

☩ Go in peace. Your light has come.

☩ Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Ronald Arnatt

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

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

Sunday worship is broadcast locally on WDGY (formerly WMIN) 740 AM at 11 a.m.; or listen online from anywhere at wdgyradio.com. To sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast or refreshments in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion, contact Julie Pinomaki at 612.767-9212.

SERVING TODAY



Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Will Laudert	<i>assisting minister</i>
David Sand	<i>intercessor</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>director of music/organist</i>
Roy Heilman	<i>soloist</i>
Andrea Sieber	<i>violinist</i>

Ron Fiscus, Karin Lilleodden, Erica Doss, Ann Oyen	<i>readers, 8:30</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator, 8:30</i>

Ron Fiscus, Lois Wolff, Christy James, Erica Doss, Kristen Lauderbach, Allison Winblad	<i>readers, 11:00</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir, 11:00</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator, 11:00</i>

Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Dave Dahl	<i>radio announcer</i>
Donald Moe, Sara Gunsch	<i>lead ushers</i>

Dick & Linda Shinofield, Leon & Deanne Tibben, David Deonarine, Bruce Bergeson, Kris Stedje, Judy Berge, Pam Nelson, Phil Ranheim, Arlene Murphy	<i>communion ministers</i>
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Jon Coltz & Jenny Carozza, David and Sarah Coltz, Arlene Murphy, Joan Van Wirt	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
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David Nelson, Christopher Haug, Judy Bogard, Dave West, Richard Stegall	<i>seasonal worship team</i>
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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.

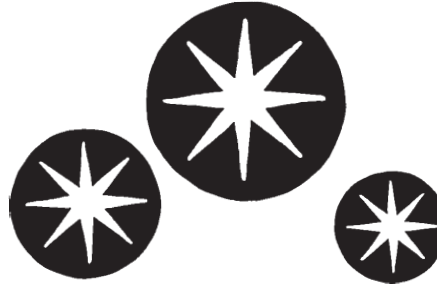
Welcome to the Lord’s Table. All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. If you are not in a designated access seating area 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.



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





PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Richard Nelson *senior pastor*
The Rev. Kristen Jacobson *associate pastor*
The Rev. D. Foy Christopherson *associate pastor*
The Rev. Mark Peterson *visitation pastor*
The Rev. Charles Anderson *visitation pastor*

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