

HOLY COMMUNION



The calling of the disciples at the sea
January 25, 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 fisherman holds us in the net of mercy

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

*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

Meditation on "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

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

OPENING HYMN

"O God of Light"

(hymn) 507

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

Repentance at Nineveh

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,
²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city,
 and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.

³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.
 Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.

⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk.
 And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God;
 they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways,
 God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring
 upon them;
 and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

- Thanks be to God.

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

*The book of Jonah is a comedy
 starring a reluctant prophet
 who is given a one-sentence
 message: Nineveh will be
 destroyed in forty days. Much
 to Jonah's dismay, the people of
 Nineveh repent. The point of
 the story is to get the reader to
 wrestle with the question
 "On whom should
 God have mercy?"*

PSALM

God alone is my rock and my salvation.

Psalm 62:5-12

Choir Refrain

All Refrain



For you a - lone my soul in si-lence waits. _

Choir For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God,
God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

Choir In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
Put your trust in God always,
O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

All Refrain

Choir Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.
Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

Choir God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.

All Refrain

SECOND READING

Living in the end times

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Paul writes:

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none,³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly welcomes the gospel:



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



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

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.



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

GOSPEL

The calling of the disciples at the sea

Mark 1:14–20

The holy gospel according to Mark.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson

silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 580

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

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.

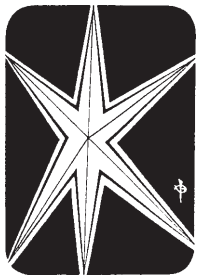
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the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

God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ



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.

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.

Anthem

“Only Begotten Son” (8:30)

Alexander Gretchaninoff

Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to ages of ages, Amen.

Only begotten Son and Word of God immortal,

thou didst deign for our salvation to become incarnate

of the holy Mother of our God, the Virgin Mary, ever blessed.

Changeless essence! Thou wast made very man, and wast crucified, O Christ,

God, that thou might'st vanquish death by death.

O Christ in the Holy Trinity, thou art glorified with the Father
and the Holy Spirit. O save us.

“Gloria” from *Missa in Honorem Sancti Gregorii* (11:00) Johann Singenberger

Gloria in excelsis Deo Glory to God in the highest

Et in terra pax And on earth peace

hominibus bonae voluntatis. to all those of good will.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. We praise thee. We bless thee.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. We worship thee. We glorify thee.

Gratias agimus tibi We give thanks to thee

propter magnam

gloriam tuam.

according to thy great glory.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Lord God, Heavenly King,

Deus Pater omnipotens. God the Father almighty.

Domine Fili unigenite,

Jesu Christe.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Lord God, Lamb of God,

Filius Patris. Son of the Father.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
miserere nobis. have mercy upon us.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
suscipe deprecationem

nostram.

receive our prayer

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father

miserere nobis. have mercy upon us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus. For thou alone art holy.

Tu solus Dominus. thou only art the Lord.

Tu solus altissimus,

Jesu Christe.

Thou only art the most high, Jesus Christ.

Cum Sancto Spiritu With the Holy Spirit

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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)

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
"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.

Meditation on "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

*You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.
Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.*

Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

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

SENDING

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

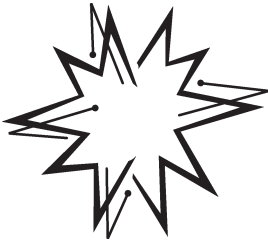
BLESSING

- 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.
- A** **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

(hymn) 537



DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance for the dismissal.

- A** Go in peace. Your light has come.
- All** **Thanks be to God.**

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

"O God of Light"

arr. Mark Sedio

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Altar flowers today are given by Muriel Dostal in remembrance of her husband Guel's January 24th birthday. If you wish to give flowers, contact Gloria Hahn at 952.545-6109.

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SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson *presiding*
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson *preaching*
Erica Doss *assisting minister*
Mark Sedio *director of music/organist*
Jane Lien *associate musician*

Cathy Egan *reader, 8:30*
Männerchor *choir, 8:30*
David Molvik *sound operator, 8:30*

John Hagman *reader, 11:00*
Central Choir *choir, 11:00*
Rick Johnston *crucifer, 11:00*
Mark Brodin *sound operator, 11:00*

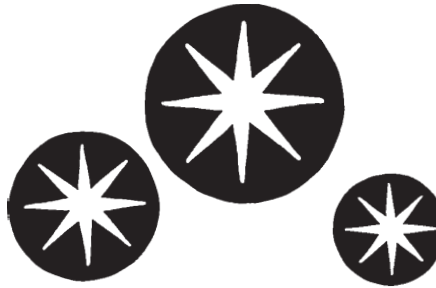
Richard Stegall *sacristan*
Verne Melberg *radio announcer*
Rod Richter, Earl Carson *lead ushers*

Karin Lilleodden, Phil Ranheim,
Jean McGrath, Ann Oyen,
David Deonarine, Brian McKinley,
Allison Winblad, Barb Hoernemann,
Kris Stedje, Pam Nelson,
Rick Johnston *communion ministers*

Bob & Judy Erdman,
Patti Brestrup & Jane Panzer *hosts and greeters*

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

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.

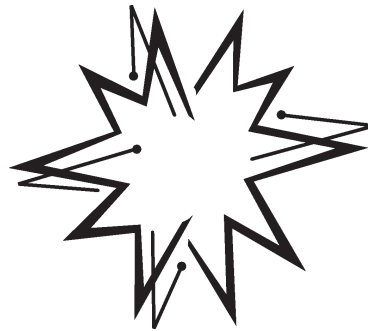
We envision becoming a thriving, vibrant model of urban Lutheran ministry for the 21st century. This lofty vision requires us to ask each day if our goals for worship, learning, and service are clearly reaching a diverse neighborhood and city in language and action that reflect the world as well as our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



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



WORSHIP LIFE
Epiphany Moravian Star



The Epiphany star that hangs over the assembly this season is in the traditional form known as the Moravian Star. The Moravian Church is one of the ELCA's full communion partners and is headquartered in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

A star as part of the symbolism of Christmas must be as old as the festival itself since the Star of Bethlehem figures so prominently in the nativity story. There is nothing unique in the use of the star among the Moravians. However, a particular type of star originating in Germany over a hundred years ago has so caught the fancy of the church that it has come to be associated with the way the denomination celebrates Christmas.

The Moravian Star is also called the Advent Star or the Herrnhut Star. The first is appropriate because the star is hung in the church beginning with the first Sunday in Advent. Because for a long time the star was exclusively manufactured in Herrnhut, Germany, the name of that community was attached to it.

It appears that this many pointed star with internal illumination was first a product of the evening handicraft sessions of the Moravian boys' school in Niesky, Germany about 1850. Years later one of the alumni, Pieter Verbeek, began producing it commercially in his home. His son Harry founded the Herrnhut star factory which soon developed into a thriving business with its products being sent to all parts of the world. Chief outlets were the Moravian communities on the Continent, the British Isles, America and the scattered mission fields.

The Moravian Star is popular in both church and home. Its use has spread to hotels, stores, schools, hospitals, community displays, or wherever it has become customary to have Christmas decorations. Today perhaps more non-Moravians are displaying this beautiful star at Christmas than are the Moravians themselves.



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Grace abounds.

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