



HOLY COMMUNION

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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 companion walks with us in good times and in bad

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Psalm XIX"
"Concerto en echo"
"Promenade"

*Benedetto Marcello, arr. Snell
Michel-Richard de Lalande, arr. Graber
John Zdechlik*

*At the sound of the carillon the assembly stands
to face the worship leaders at the back of the church.*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
A He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

as water is poured into the font

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
A Amen! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

*(hymn) 369
stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony*

GREETING

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

ALLELUIA!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☩ ...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

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

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

In preparation to celebrate Passover, God's people cleaned out all the old leaven from their homes. Paul draws on this practice to portray Christ as our Passover lamb whose sacrifice means that we now clean out the old leaven of malice and wickedness from our lives and replace it with sincerity and truth.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

AI Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Set your mind on things above* 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

Paul writes:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?

⁷Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

AI Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly welcomes the Gospel.

AI

GOSPEL

Stay with us, Lord

Luke 24:13–35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AI Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came

On the day of his resurrection, Jesus joins two disciples on the road to Emmaus and makes himself known to them in the breaking of bread.



back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"Stewardship: Walk the Talk"

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 374

"Day of Arising"

stanza 1 - all; 2 - men; 3 - women; 4 - all

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our Easter faith.

AD We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With Alleluias on our lips at Christ's victory over death,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

after each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

AD hear our prayer.

P Receive these our prayers, O God,
and give us all that we need for this day and the days to come,
for the sake of the crucified and risen one,
Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

AD Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of our risen Lord be with you always.

AD And also with you.

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

PARISH TIME

GATHERING OF GIFTS

While the offering is received lay ministers prepare the table.

The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

"Achieved is the Glorious Work" from The Creation Franz Joseph Haydn

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

AD Risen Christ,

receive these gifts, with our hopes, dreams, and
prayers. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread,
that our eyes may be opened to see your presence among us,
and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection. 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:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P ...now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.



*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 intinction. Please
follow the direction of the ushers
to a communion station. Receive
the bread and dip it in the
chalice of wine.*

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

Music during Communion

"Pavanne"

Gabriel Fauré, arr. Pollard

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.
... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

silence for reflection

God blesses and sends us
in mission to the world

ALLELUIA!

*A special thank you to the
Minneapolis Brass Ensemble
and their conductor, John
Zdechlik, for enriching our
services with their musical
offerings this morning. The
ensemble, including Central
member Mike Halverson,
rehearses regularly at Central
on Saturday mornings.*



SENDING

BLESSING

- ☞ May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) 377

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” *stanza 1 - all; 2 - women; 3 - all; 4 - men; 5 - all*

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

☞ Go in peace. Share the good news.

☞ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

“Royal Fireworks Music”

G. F. Handel, arr. Stine

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Kristen Jacobson *presiding*

Pastor Rick Nelson *preaching*

Mark Sedio *cantor/organist*

Minneapolis Brass Ensemble,
John Zdechlik *conductor*

Diane Nimmer *reader, 8:30*

David Molvik *sound operator, 8:30*

Debra Thelen *reader, 11:00*

Mark Brodin *sound operator, 11:00*

Verne Melberg *radio announcer*

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson,
Lloyd Grinde, Stan Stegemeyer *hosts and greeters*

Christopher Haug, Dave Nelson,
Michael Wickman, David West *seasonal environment & art*

Altar flowers today are given in memory of Charlotte Westby on her
birthday by her family. If you wish to give flowers contact Gloria Hahn
at 952-545-6109.



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 worshipping 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 contact us at 612-870-4416, or email info@centralmpls.org.

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 up the steps from the information desk at the South Entrance (across from the fellowship hall). An usher or greeter 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.



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