

HOLY COMMUNION



Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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*

*Belgian composer
Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)
was admitted to the Liège
Conservatory at the age of
seven. A composer of works in
a variety of genres, he served
as professor of harmony and
counterpoint both at the
conservatories in Liège
and Brussels.*

ALLELUIA!

With Christ beside us we need not be afraid

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Choral" from Four Pieces

Joseph Jongen

*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

(hymn) 363

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

stanzas 1 & 2 - all; 3 - women; 4 - men; 5 - all

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.**

This morning's liturgy is
ELW setting 1.

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.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

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

FIRST READING*Health and forgiveness through Jesus* Acts 3:12–19

*After healing a crippled man,
Peter preaches to the people
how God's promises to Israel
have been fulfilled in Jesus.
Through the proclamation of
Christ's death and
resurrection, God is offering
them forgiveness and
restoration in Jesus' name.*

Luke writes:

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The word of the Lord.

AI **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Witness"

spiritual, arr. Jack Halloran

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees,

His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.

The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight.

'Demus was a man who desired to know

how a man can be born when he's old.

Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again."

He said, "Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized.

Then you'll be a witness for my Lord, Soul is a witness for my Lord."

You read about Samson, from his birth.

He was the strongest man that ever lived on earth.

Way back yonder in ancient times, he killed ten thousand of the Philistines.

Then old Samson went a wand'rin' about,

Samson's strength was never found out.

Til his wife sat upon his knee, She said,

"Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!"

Well, old Samson's wife, she talk so fair, Samson said, "Cut offa my hair!

Shave my head just as clean as your hand and my strength will

'come like a natural man."

Samson was a witness for my Lord, Soul is a witness for my Lord.

There's another witness for my Lord. My soul is a witness for my Lord!

SECOND READING*The revealing of the children of God* 1 John 3:1–7

*God has loved us in order to
make us children of God.
Though we do not yet know the
full details of our future
existence, we trust that God
will reveal it just as God
revealed Jesus
to take away our sins.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly welcomes the Gospel.

AD

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

GOSPEL

Eating with the risen Christ

Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.



Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you."³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kristen Jacobson

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
AD He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 "The Stewardship of Unreasonable Love"

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 674

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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.

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.

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

Anthem

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

Peter Tiefenbach

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

*I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

AI 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.

AI And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

AI We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AI 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”



Eucharistic Prayer

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



P ...now and forever.





*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.*

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

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

Communion

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"

Jon Washburn

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
O grant us peace.*

"Pilgrims' Hymn"

Stephen Paulus

*Even before we call on Your name to ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.*

(text: Michael Dennis Browne)

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 Let us pray.
... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AD Amen.

silence for reflection

SENDING

BLESSING

P 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.

AD Amen.

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) 383

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Born in New Zealand, Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971) spent most of his life in Britain. Although he wrote countless pieces, he is most remembered for his "Tuba Tune" - a favorite of organists throughout the world.

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

"Tuba Tune"

C. S. Lang

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We welcome the Hannah Sacred Ensemble joining us at our worship services this morning. Directed by Ken Hannah, the Stillwater based "freelance" choir has a rich tradition of worship oriented singing throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Ensemble has also traveled on several musical ministries to Norway, Germany, Poland, England and stateside Nebraska.

Choir members often share their passion for a rich variety of sacred music. Ken believes that rehearsals tap the power of a unique spirituality that is later shared to inspire worshippers in churches, homes and retirement communities. The singers of the Hannah Sacred Ensemble strive to share their love of this literature in fellowship and in worship, on its own and alongside traditional church services.

The ensemble is dedicated to the beauty of sacred music, to being inspired and to seek to inspire.



Altar flowers today are given in honor of June Spicer and Lance Olson on their April 27 birthdays by Rexanne Spicer and Gary Johnson. If you wish to give flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.

SERVING TODAY



Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>preaching</i>
Allison Winblad	<i>assisting minister</i>
Jerry Olerud	<i>intercessor</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Hannah Sacred Ensemble, Ken Hannah	<i>director</i>
Karin Lilleodden	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator, 8:30</i>
Sharon Williams	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator, 11:00</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Harold Clough	<i>radio announcer</i>
Dick & Linda Shinofield, Shirley Dahl, Kris Stedje, David Deonarine, Melissa Deonarine, Phil Ranheim, Ann Oyen, Pramila Nelson, Amanda Highben, Kathy Fiscus, Kris Schoephoerster, Rick Johnston, Paul Peterson	<i>communion ministers</i>
Bruce Bergeson, Betty Reveling, Kaare & Helen Faber, Karen Snyder	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Christopher Haug, Dave Nelson, Michael Wickman, David West	<i>seasonal environment & art</i>

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EASTERTIME

A Sense of the Season



Whereas in Lent we repented, in Eastertide we rejoice. Whereas we fasted, now we feast. Whereas we gave gifts and service in love, now we give witness.

First, in Lent we repented. We kept the forty days, with praying, fasting and acts of love. Then we celebrated the three days of Christ's passion, dying and rising. Now we delight in Eastertide, the fifty days, with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness in all manner of ways to all people that Christ is truly risen, the old world order is passed away and the reign of God is begun! "Go and tell," the angel commands the women and us. Christ is risen!

The season of Easter is fifty days long. It is a time of unbridled joy, of exuberant rejoicing. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday." These above all others are days for the singing of the Alleluia. So as the carillon rings out we proclaim the gospel.

Why is Eastertime fifty days? The ancient cultures that gave us the Bible had great respect for numbers. They believed that numbers contained hints about God and the meaning of life. The number seven was thought to contain fullness: There are seven days in the week, according to God's original way of ordering time, creating all that there is and resting. So if you multiply 7 times 7, you have "fullness times fullness."

But wait! 7 times 7 is 49! With God, there is always more—more than we can ever imagine. So our holy season of Easter is even more than "fullness times fullness." It's "fullness times fullness" and then some: 7 times 7 plus 1. That's what love is like: more than we can ever imagine. That's what heaven is going to be like: more than we can ever imagine.

The fifty days are days for looking for the risen Lord among us, for hearing in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths, days when we experience something of Christ's triumphs. That's why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: At Easter, they died and rose with Christ! Now they take their places with us. Together, like the apostles who were so full of the Spirit that people thought they were drunk, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! And slowly, painstakingly, we work together, together with Christ, to change this world into the world to come. Sing Alleluia!

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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 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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