

# HOLY COMMUNION



Ascension of Our Lord  
May 24, 2009 + 10:00 a.m.

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*Central - in the heart of the city, welcomes all people to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ*

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## ***Christ is the throne who welcomes us to sit with him***

*In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

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

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*"Rondeau Medievale"*

*Joel Martinson*

*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** Christ 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) 604*

*"O Christ, Our Hope" stanza 1 - all; 2 - women; 3 - all in harmony; 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.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**A** Amen.

ALLELUIA!

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

Before he is lifted into heaven,  
Jesus promises that the  
missionary work of the  
disciples will spread out from  
Jerusalem to all the world. His  
words provide an outline of the  
book of Acts.

The risen and exalted Christ  
reigns over the entire universe.  
The author of Ephesians prays  
that we would be given the  
wisdom to comprehend this  
and display it through love  
toward others.

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

#### FIRST READING

*Jesus sends the apostles*

Acts 1:1–11

*Luke writes:*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God, word of life.

**🔊 Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING *Seeing the risen and ascended Christ* Ephesians 1:15–23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

<sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

**🔊 Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL PROCESSION

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

*(hymn)* 393  
stanzas 1 - 3

#### GOSPEL

*Christ present in all times and places*

Luke 24:44–53

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**🔊 Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the day of his ascension,  
Jesus leaves his disciples with a  
commission, a blessing, and a  
promise of the Holy Spirit.*



*Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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.”* <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,  
<sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of  
sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.  
<sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my  
Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with  
power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed  
them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried  
up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with  
great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

### GOSPEL PROCESSION

*(hymn) 393*

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

*stanza 5*

### SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**AI** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

“God’s Work—Our Hands”

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn) 838*

“Beautiful Savior”

*stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony*

### NICENE CREED

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

**AI** 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.

# ALLELUIA!

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

*The anthem is based on  
Psalm 47, the appointed psalm  
for the day.*

**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.*

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*While the offering is received lay ministers prepare the table.*

*The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.*

#### Antem

**"O all Ye People, Clap your Hands"**

*Thomas Tremain*

*O all ye people clap your hands, and with triumphant voices sing:*

*No force the mighty power withstands of God, the universal king.*

*O all opposing nations quell, and with success our battles fight;  
shall fix the place where we must dwell, the pride of Jacob, his delight.*

*God is gone up, our Lord and King, with shouts of joy and trumpet's sound:*

*To him repeated praises sing, and let the cheerful song go round.*

#### 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”**

**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. Please follow the direction of the ushers to a communion station.*

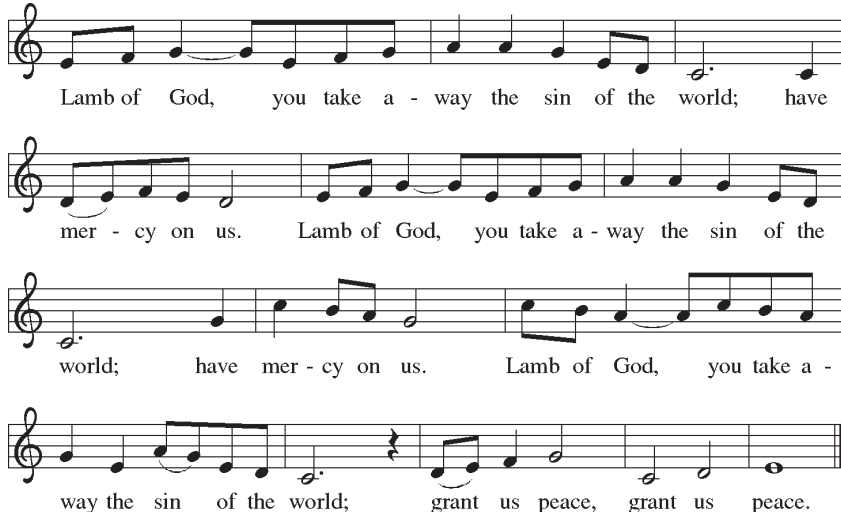
**Lord’s Prayer (1975)**

- 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**

"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.

"This Do in Remembrance of Me"

Judy Hunnicutt

*This do in remembrance of me; Keep this feast and together we'll be.  
This do in remembrance of me; Till you come to my kingdom.  
This is my body, broken for you, take and eat in remembrance of me.  
Broken that you might rise up from death into a life everlasting.  
This is my blood, I shed it for you. Take and drink in remembrance of me.  
Shed that you might rise up from death into a life everlasting.*

**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*

**SENDING**

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

**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.
- All** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"You Servants of God"

(hymn) 825  
stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

**DISMISSAL**

- Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.*
- A** Go in peace. Share the good news.
- All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!
- The carillon sends the assembly into mission.  
Please exit the north doors for fellowship on the north plaza*

**POSTLUDE**

Two movements from "Suite Gothique"

Leon Boëllmann

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Kristen Jacobson *presiding*  
Pastor Rick Nelson *preaching*  
Erica Doss *assisting minister*  
Roger Lilleodden *intercessor*  
Jane Lien *associate cantor/organist*

Lois Wolff *reader*  
Susan Troselius, Rochelle Milbrath,  
Roy Heilman, Thomas Dreeze *quartet*  
David Molvik *sound operator*

Richard Stegall *sacristan*  
Joan Hilden, Shirley Dahl *processional corps*  
Dave Dahl *radio announcer*

Karin Lilleodden, Ann Oyen,  
Allison Windblad, Phil Ranheim *communion ministers*

Jeff Gordien, Mary Gunderson,  
Arlene Murphy, Karen Snyder,  
Chuck & Joyce Anderson *hosts and greeters*

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



**Chancel flowers today** are given in memory of and with gratitude for the gift of son and brother Mark Edward Overby. If you wish to donate 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 contact us at 612-870-4416, or email [info@centralmpls.org](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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