



# HOLY COMMUNION HOLY BAPTISM FESTIVAL

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2009 + 8:30 & 11:00 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 shepherd who will die for wandering sheep  
The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.*

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*German native Gerhard Krapf (b. 1924) emigrated to the U. S. in 1953. He is most known as a composer and teacher—having held long tenures at both the University of Iowa and the University of Alberta. This triptych (three movements) is dedicated to Paul Manz.*

### PRELUDE

"Triptych"

Gerhard Krapf

"Rejoice in the Lord"

"Show a gentle attitude toward all"

"...and again, I say rejoice!"

*At the sound of the carillon the assembly is invited to gather together around the baptismal font, under the resurrection mobile. Children are especially invited to gather closest to the baptismal font.*

### EASTER PROCLAMATION

Romans 6

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**A** All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death.

**A** We have been buried with him by baptism into death;

**P** So that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**A** So we too might walk in newness of life.

**A** For if we have been united with him in a death like his,

**A** We will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**P** We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

**A** For whoever has died is freed from sin.

**A** But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

**A** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

ALLELUIA!



**P** The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;

**A** **but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**A** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin

**A** **and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**A** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting well spring.

*Water is poured into the font.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Praise to you for Mississippi and St Croix, Calhoun and her sisters,  
Minnehaha Creek, the waters flowing through our rain leaders and  
retaining ponds refreshing the face of the earth.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us; our life is born in you.

You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters:

Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.

The Israelites escape through the sea,  
and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away,

and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism  
and for your Word that saves us in this water.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**A** **Amen.**

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

**P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,  
reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**A** **I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**A** **I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**A** **I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**A** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**A** **I believe in Jesus Christ,**

ALLELUIA!

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.

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**A** 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.

#### AFFIRMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

**P** You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant  
God made with you in holy baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**A** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

#### WELCOME OF EASTER BAPTISMS

*Christ is risen among us in these newly baptized ones:*

*Haylee Renee Szabla, April 12, 2009*

*Zackery Keith Munson Daniels, April 12, 2009*

*Mei Li Adele Liss, April 26, 2009*

*Maia Rose Liss, April 26, 2009*

*Derek Tilghman Holtzleicher, May 3, 2009*

**P** Alleluia!

Christ is risen among us in Haylee, Zackery, Mei Li, Maia, and Derek!

**A** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We welcome you into the body of Christ  
and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

#### PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING

**P** People of God, do you promise to support  
and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**A** We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you  
give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.  
Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom  
and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**A** Amen.

The assembly is sprinkled with water as a reminder of baptism during the entrance hymn. After receiving this reminder of baptism the assembly may return to their places.



## ENTRANCE HYMN

"Come, Let Us Join our Cheerful Songs"

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;  
2 "Wor- thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex- alt- ed thus!"  
3 Je- sus is wor- thy to re- ceive hon- or and pow'r di- vine;  
4 Let all cre- a- tion join in one to bless the sa- cred name

ten thou- sand thou- sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor- thy the Lamb," our lips re- ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless- ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for- ev- er thine.  
of God who sits up- on the throne, and to a- dore the Lamb.

## 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.

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

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

*Salvation in the name of Jesus*

Acts 4:5-12

*Luke writes:*

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

- A** Thanks be to God.

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*



**MUSIC FOR BELLS (11:00)**

*"Now the Green Blade Rises"*

*arr. Kevin McChesney*

**SECOND READING**

*Love in truth and action*

1 John 3:16–24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

<sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

<sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.

And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, word of life.

**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**

*Christ the shepherd*

John 10:11–18

The holy gospel according to John.

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

*Jesus says:*

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

<sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

<sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.

I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.

I have received this command from my Father."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*The hymn is a paraphrase of  
Psalm 23, the appointed  
psalm for the day.*

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

*Composer McNeil Robinson is  
organist at Park Avenue  
Christian Church and Park  
Avenue Synagogue both in  
New York City. He is also the  
chair of the organ departments  
at Mannes College of Music  
and the Manhattan  
School of Music.*

## SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**AD** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 778

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

stanza 1 - all in unison; 2 - all in harmony;  
3 - solo/choir; 4 - all in harmony; 5 - all in unison

## 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.*

### GATHERING OF GIFTS

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

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

“Now the Green Blade Rises” (8:30)

arr. Kevin McChesney

“Psalm 150” (11:00)

McNeil Robinson

*Alleluia. Praise God in his holy temple, praise him in the firmament of his power.*

*Praise him for his mighty acts, praise him for his greatness.*

*Praise him for his mighty acts, praise him for his excellent greatness.*

*Praise him with the sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp.*

*Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipe.*

*Praise him with well tuned cymbals, praise him with clashes of cymbals.*

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise God in his holy temple,*

*praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts,*

*praise him for his greatness. Praise him for his mighty acts,*

*praise him for his excellent greatness. Alleluia.*

### 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.

**A** And also with you.

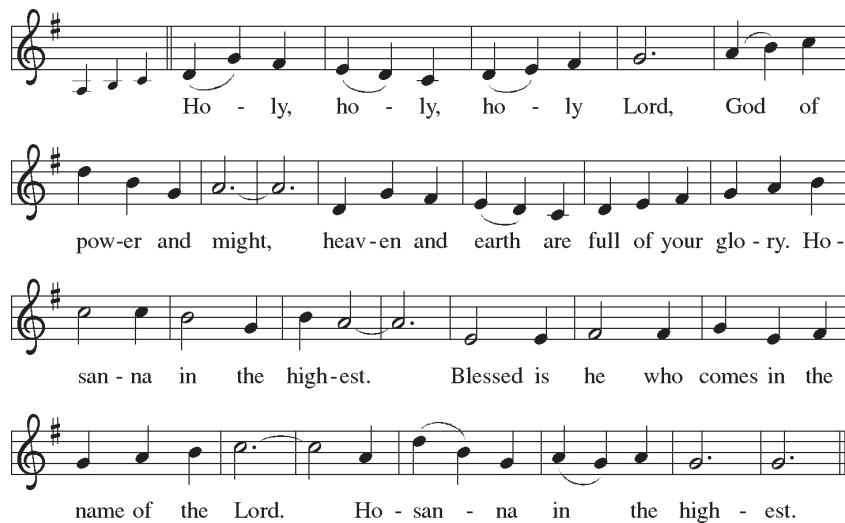
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**A** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### Lord's Prayer (1975)

**A** 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

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

*Roman (1694-1758),  
considered the "Father of  
Swedish Music," spent six  
years studying in England  
where he met Handel, whose  
music he greatly admired. At  
33 he became the Chief Master  
of the Swedish Royal  
Orchestra. In addition to  
composing, Roman was known  
as a performer—mainly on the  
violin and oboe.*

### Music for Bells

"Abide with Me"

*arr. Valerie Stephenson*

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

**A** Amen.  
*silence for reflection*

## SENDING

### BLESSING

**P** May Christ, the Good Shepherd, 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.

**A** Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

*(hymn) 544*

### DISMISSAL

*Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.*

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.

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

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

### POSTLUDE

"Sonata in D"

*Johann Helmich Roman*

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**Chancel flowers today** are given in memory of Doris Lillestol by her daughter Judith Lillestol and in honor of yesterday's Mother Daughter Sister Friend breakfast by Berit Aus. If you wish to donate flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.

## SERVING TODAY



Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Kris Schoephoerster	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Campanas Central	<i>bell choir</i>
Mariel Wolter	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator, 8:30</i>
Phil Ranheim	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir, 11:00</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator, 11:00</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Steve Langmo	<i>radio announcer</i>
Karin Lilleodden, Allison Winblad, Deanne Tibben, Amanda Highben, Melissa Deonarine, Barb Hoernemann, Linda Singer, Pramila Nelson, David Deonarine, Rick Johnston	<i>communion ministers</i>
Pastor Kristen Jacobson, Harris & Maryon Lee, Bob & Judy Erdman, Larry Peterson & Lois Steer	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Christopher Haug, Dave Nelson, Michael Wickman, David West	<i>seasonal environment &amp; art</i>

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## WORSHIP LIFE

### *A Blessing for Mothers*



We bless you and we praise you, God of our mothers!  
You are the God of Eve, mother of all the living.  
You are the God of Sarah, who laughed at childbearing in old age.  
You are the God of Rebekah who favored her second-born, Jacob.  
You are the God of Leah, mother of tribes,  
and of Rachel, who mourned and wrestled and won.  
You are the God of Hannah,  
who strongly sang your praise for Samson,  
and of Naomi who faithfully walked with Ruth.  
You are the God of Elizabeth, who bore the Baptist  
and of Ann, the grandmother of Jesus.  
You are the God of Mary the mother of our Savior.

We thank you, God, for the gift of our mothers,  
for grandmothers and godmothers and mothers-in-law, too.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon our mothers,  
at whose breasts we were fed,  
by whose hands we were cleaned and clothed,  
at times corrected,  
in whose laps we learned to sing and speak and play and pray,  
at whose side we hear your word and celebrate your mysteries.  
Heal their pains and disappointments.  
Forgive all that needs to be forgiven.  
Give to them the good that they have given others.  
Welcome to your bosom those who have died.

Fill this world, O God, with a mother's love!  
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who desires to gather us together  
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.  
He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. Amen.

## 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.



Large print service folders,  
assisted listening devices, and access seating  
are available to aid your participation in worship.  
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**Evangelical Lutheran  
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God's work. Our hands.

*Grace abounds.*

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