

HOLY COMMUNION

with prayers for healing



*Christ heals a woman
and Jairus' daughter*

June 28, 2009 + 10:00 a.m.

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

Christ is the physician who promises healing

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

"Chaconne in f minor"

Johann Pachelbel

At the sound of the carillon the assembly stands

and faces the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary during the hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

(hymn) 712

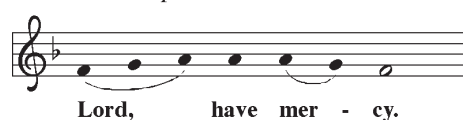
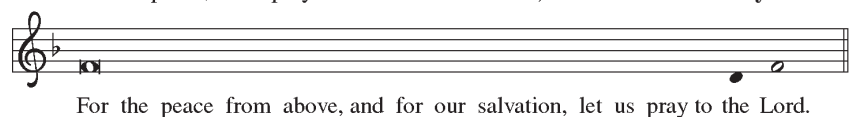
stanzas 1 - 3

GREETING

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

All And also with you.

KYRIE



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

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 B.C. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

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.

FIRST READING

Great is God's faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22–33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence when the LORD has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust

(there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,

and be filled with insults.

³¹For the LORD will not reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.



Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

PSALM *My God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.* Psalm 30

A Refrain

AD Refrain



My God, I cried out to you, and you re - stored me to health.

A I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.

AD Refrain

A God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."

AD Refrain

A You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

AD Refrain

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Excel in generosity, following Jesus

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Paul writes:

Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between

¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

¹⁵As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL *Christ heals a woman and Jairus' daughter* Mark 5:21-43

The holy gospel according to Mark.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.



When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

*During the hymn of the day,
the congregation council comes
to the altar rail.*

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

SERMON

“Divine Interruption”

Pastor Rick Nelson

HYMN OF THE DAY

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

(hymn) 769

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

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.

Al 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 With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need,
and all of God's creation.

after each petition:

God of mercy,

Al 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,
in Jesus' name we pray.

Al Amen.

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Al And also with you.

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

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

"O Thou, In Whose Presence"

arr. Alice Parker
from *Three Mountain Hymns*

*O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,
on whom in affliction I call,
my comfort by day and my song in the night,
my hope, my salvation, my all.
This is my beloved; his form is divine,
his vestment spreads odors around,
the locks on his head are as grapes on the vine,
when autumn with plenty is crowned.
He looks and ten thousands of angels rejoice,
and myriads wait for his word;
He speaks, and eternity, filled with his voice,
re-echoes the praise of her Lord.*

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

AD **God of sun and rain, farm and flower,
we praise you for your wonderful creation
and your all-sustaining care.
Receive these tokens of our gratitude,
and may our lives reflect the goodness and love
shown in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

AD **And also with you.**

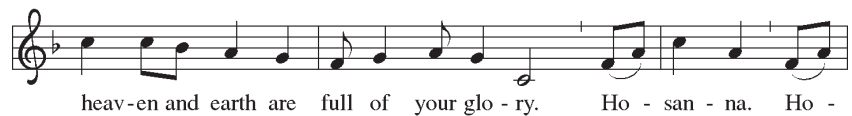
P Lift up your hearts.

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:





*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*

*In keeping with the character of
today's service with healing
rites, today's postlude is quiet
in nature.*

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:

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

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come" (hymn) 610
stanza 1 - all; 2 & 3 - solo; 4 - all

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" setting Anne Krentz Organ

Prayer after Communion

P ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A **Amen**

silence for reflection

SENDING

INVITATION TO ANOINTING AND PRAYER FOR HEALING

BLESSING

A **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 543

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

A **Thanks be to God.**

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

Please gather on the North Plaza for fellowship and music by the High 48s.

*Following the dismissal the assembly is invited to the communion rail
for prayers for healing.*

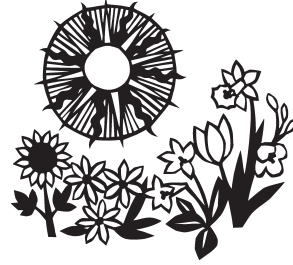
POSTLUDE

"Suite Modale"

Ernest Bloch

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SERVING TODAY



Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
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Polly Henderson	<i>flute</i>
Rochelle Milbrath	<i>soloist</i>
Phil Ranheim	<i>reader</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Leon Tibben	<i>crucifer</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator</i>
Annette Nelson	<i>radio announcer</i>
High 48s	<i>plaza musicians</i>

Pramila Nelson, Ann Oyen, Leon & Deanne Tibben, Roberta Groening, Rick Johnston	<i>communion ministers</i>
Bob Tufford, Jean Matheson, Bob Ylvisaker	<i>lead ushers</i>

Bob & Millie Jung, Joan Van Wirt, Patti Brestrup	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
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Lynn Olson, Brian McKinley, Bruce & Joyce Ellingson, Michael Wickman, David West, Richard Stegall	<i>seasonal worship team</i>
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Chancel flowers today are given in honor of John and Joan Hagman, who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this weekend, with love from their children Karl, Deborah, David, and Rebecca; and are given by the Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender Advocacy Ministry Team in celebration of Gay Pride this weekend. If you wish to donate flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.

Sunday worship is broadcast locally on WDGY 740 AM at 11 a.m.; or listen online from anywhere at wdgyradio.com. To sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast or refreshments in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion, contact Barbara Brown at 612.767-9210.

WORSHIP LIFE

Laying on of hands: a sign of healing, absolving and blessing

"Go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Mark 5:34



Today in our worship service we offer laying on of hands and prayer for healing. In worship, laying hands on the head of a worshiper is a gesture that has come to be connected with the ministries of healing, absolving and blessing. Human beings instinctively lay a gentle hand on one another to convey love, care and compassion. This gesture of touch is evident in Gospel healing stories. We read of Jesus reaching out his hand, gently touching those in need as he healed them. Jesus blessed the children by the laying on of hands (Matthew 19:15). Within the worship service, the physical gesture of the laying on of hands can be a powerful moment of connection with the love, care and compassion of God. The laying on of hands is a significant physical gesture of blessing that recalls the promises of Baptism. In the baptismal rite, the prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit is accompanied by the pastor laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized and is an acknowledgement and expression of the bestowing of the Holy Spirit through Baptism in water with the word of God. This action is recalled in the rites of Affirmation of Baptism and Ordination. Worshipers who receive the laying on of hands during absolution in the order of confession or during prayers for healing are also tangibly reminded of these baptismal promises. The laying on of hands is not restricted to the worshipping assembly. In pastoral care situations, the laying on of a hand with prayer may be part of a visit to someone who is sick, or it may be included when the Sacrament of Holy Communion is brought from the assembly to one who is ailing. An order of healing can be found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* on page 276.

The laying on of hands is a powerful gesture of blessing that may be appropriate in a variety of circumstances. Groups or individuals may be blessed by touch when sent out into the world in mission work. A community of faith may surround a person in need of support with prayer and a touch to the head or shoulder. In this action, God's love and the prayers are embodied by the community of faith. Worship leaders must use care in any ministry that involves touch, including the laying on of hands. Be mindful of personal boundaries and an individual's comfort level. Make sure that the physical gesture is appropriate, has a clear intent and is welcomed.



PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Richard Nelson *senior pastor*
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The Rev. D. Foy Christopherson *associate pastor*
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David Molvik *sound operator*
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Betsi Sample *food service*
Marissa Sidars *receptionist/pastoral support*
Charles Smith *custodian*
Al Thielen *custodian*
Malcolm Williams *security*

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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God's work. Our hands.

Grace abounds.

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