

HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY BAPTISM FESTIVAL



The twelve sent to preach and heal
July 5, 2009 + 10:00 a.m.

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

Jesus the carpenter sends us out to build up others' faith

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

*In Holy Baptism
the Spirit calls us
and joins us together
as the people of God*



HOLY BAPTISM

PRELUDE

Selections by Stomp N'Dixie

At the sound of the carillon the assembly stands.

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☒ **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE FONT

- ☐ God, who is rich in mercy and love,
gives us a new birth into a living hope
through the sacrament of baptism.
By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death
and raises us up to new life in Jesus Christ.
We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ,
anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit,
and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

GATHERING HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

(hymn) 456

*During the hymn the baptismal party gathers around the font.
For the children's message today, children are invited to gather
around the font to observe the baptism.*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

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A The following child is presented as a candidate for baptism:

Isabelle Anne Brown

*daughter of William and Brita Brown
Kristoffer and Jessica Nelson, sponsors*

PROMISES

P Parents: called by the Holy Spirit,
trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?
R I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism...
Do you promise to help your child grow
in the Christian faith and life? **R** I do.

P Sponsors: do you promise ... **R** I do.

P People of God, do you promise ... **A** **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you, members of the assembly,
together with the baptismal party,
to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,
reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church,
the faith in which we baptize.

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

R **I renounce them.**

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

R **I renounce them.**

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

R **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, 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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?



AD 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The presiding minister fills the font with water during the thanksgiving.

P The Lord be with you.
AD And also with you.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
AD It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God...
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

AD Amen.

BAPTISM

after the baptism, the assembly welcomes the candidate:

A Isabelle Anne has been baptized into Christ.
AD Therefore she belongs to him.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P Isabelle Anne, child of God,
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
AD Amen.

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A lighted candle is given by a representative of the congregation.

WELCOME

A Let us welcome the newly baptized member.
AD 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.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

The baptismal party returns to their places during the singing of the hymn.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me!"

(hymn) 595

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

In 597 B.C., the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.



WORD

FIRST READING

The call of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 2:1–5

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

God's power made perfect in weakness

Paul writes:

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

HYMN

(hymn) 860

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

GOSPEL

The Twelve sent to preach and heal

Mark 6:1–13

The holy gospel according to Mark.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"The Strength to be Weak"

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 697

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

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,

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,
in Jesus' name we pray.

AD Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the 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

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.

"Beautiful Savior"

Silesian folk tune

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.

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*



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

The baptismal party joins in the recession to greet the assembly.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- AD** And also with you.

The assembly responds: Amen! at the presider's invitation.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

(hymn) 742

Prayer after Communion

- P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- AD** Amen
silence for reflection

SENDING

BLESSING

- AD** Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"O When the Saints"

- AD** Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.
- Oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
Oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather 'round the throne.
- Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown him King of kings.
- And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

- A** Go in peace. Share the good news.
- AD** Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

Please depart through the North doors and gather for a picnic on the plaza with more music by Stomp N'Dixie.

POSTLUDE

Variations on "America"

David N. Johnson

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Emily Maeder	<i>assisting minister</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor/organist</i>
Stomp N'Dixie	<i>dixieland band</i>
Lynn Deichert	<i>director</i>
Janet Winsand	<i>reader</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator</i>

Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Dave Dahl	<i>radio announcer</i>
Earl Carson, Rod Richter	<i>lead ushers</i>

Kris Stedje, Ann Oyen, Linda Singer, Arlene Murphy, Amanda Highben, Barb Hoernemann, Leonard Tellis	<i>communion ministers</i>
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Pastor Kristen Jacobson, Charles & Joyce Anderson, Karen Snyder, Diane & Bruce Nimmer	<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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at 952-545-6109.*



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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@centrallmpls.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.

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.

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