

HOLY COMMUNION



Christ calming the sea
June 21, 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 our boatman will hold us in the storm

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Partita on "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Georg Bohm

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

"God Is Here!"

(hymn) 526

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

☩ Amen.

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

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.



WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

The Creator of earth and sea

Job 38:1–11

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements — surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb? —

⁹ when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'"

Word of God, word of life.

AI Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (107:29)

A Refrain

AI Refrain



Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures for ever.

A Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that the Lord redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

God gathered them out of the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

AI Refrain

A Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.

They beheld the works of the Lord,

God's wonderful works in the deep.

Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,

which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;

their souls melted away in their peril.

AI Refrain

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

A You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.
Then they were glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the arbor they desired.

Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.
Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

AD Refrain

SECOND READING *Paul's defense of his ministry* 2 Corinthians 6:1–13

Paul writes:

As we work together with him,
we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,
"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!
³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with
our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every
way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,
⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;
⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,
⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for
the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good
repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are
well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed;
¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich;
as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

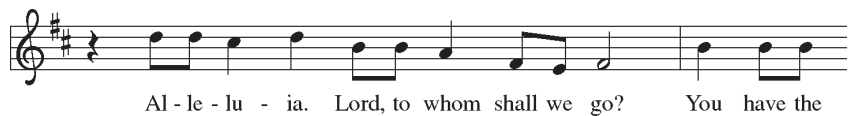
¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.

¹³In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE



GOSPEL

Christ calming the sea

Mark 4:35–41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the
other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the
boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat
was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion;
and they woke him up and said to him,

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.



Today's intercessions include prayers for all those who have fathering roles.

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,

"Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

⁴⁰He said to them,

"Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another,

"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"Who's In Charge Here?"

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 597

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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.

AD 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,

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.

God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All **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.

"Wade in the Water"

arr. Mark Hayes

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children. God's gonna trouble the water.

Down in the valley, down on my knees. Asking my Lord to save me please.

Up on the mountain, Jehovah, he spoke. Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

Must-a been Jesus passing by, wade in the water. God's gonna trouble the water.

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

All **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.

All **And also with you.**

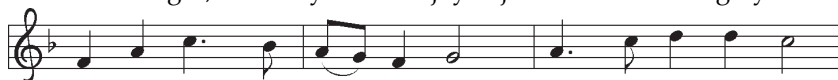
P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn:



The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:



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)

All 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

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" (hymn) 520

"Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" (hymn) 743

Prayer after Communion

P ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

silence for reflection

SENDING

BLESSING

All Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

(hymn) 389
stanzas 1, 2 & 5

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

All Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

Please gather in Fellowship Hall for the annual congregational meeting.

POSTLUDE

"Acclamations" from *Suite Medievale*

Jean Langlais

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SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson *presiding*
Pastor Rick Nelson *preaching*
John Bogard *assisting minister*
Mark Sedio *cantor*
Andrew Schaeffer *guest organist*
Thomas Dreeze *soloist*
Judy Bogard *reader*
Mark Brodin *sound operator*

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Jim & Myrtle Kettner,
Arlene Murphy *hosts and greeters*

Lynn Olson, Brian McKinley,
Bruce & Joyce Ellingson,
Michael Wickman, David West,
Richard Stegall *seasonal worship team*

Andrew Schaeffer, guest organist today, is a church music major at St. Olaf College, where he is an organ student of Dr. John Ferguson. He also serves as the assistant organist and church music scholar at All Saints' Lutheran Church in Minnetonka.

Chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of Leif Lillestol by his daughter, Judith Lillestol; and in memory of Carl Gullickson, father of Mildred Gullickson Starr and of Richard Starr, father of Karl Starr. If you wish to donate flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.



WORSHIP LIFE

The Ministry of the Cantor



There is a Lutheran tradition of designating a congregation's minister of music or music director as the *cantor*. You may not have encountered the term *cantor* before except in the context of a Jewish synagogue, or perhaps in reference to J. S. Bach, or possibly as a specific designation as a chant leader. It seems right for Lutherans to call the church musician *cantor* because that term highlights the people's song.

Cantor comes from the Latin word *cantare* or *canere*, which means *to sing*. It refers to the chief singer, the person who leads the people in singing. Like so many other things in Christian worship—forms of prayer, lessons, the Liturgy of the Word itself—Christians derive the term from the Jewish synagogue. There the cantor is an important worship leader, the one who leads the singing.

In the German Lutheran tradition the cantor was in charge of music for the congregation, music and musical instruction in the school, and music for the city. He was responsible for the people's singing of the liturgy and hymns, directed the *Kantorei* and deployed its vocal and instrumental forces as needed in church, school, and city, and composed music for weddings, funerals, and civic functions along with pieces for the church year, like cantatas. Johann Walther, Johann Crueger and J. S. Bach were all cantors.

Most of our contemporary terms for the church musician do not point to the role of the church musician in the body of Christ. *Choir director* suggests the one who directs a choir for an audience of listeners; *organist* suggest a keyboard player who plays organ literature while people listen; *soloist* connotes concert performance; *director of music* suggests the one who coordinates a program of music. *Minister of music* is one term we use which attempts to point specifically to the church musician's role—it may imply ministry, or ministry through music to others, but it avoids reference to the people's song.

The term *cantor* rescues us from this dilemma. It denotes the person or persons who lead the people in song, however that is done. Does the term itself make any difference? There is both a symbolic and a practical value in being called what you are. Symbolically, a title participates in the reality to which it points, and it also signifies that reality to church and world.



PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Richard Nelson *senior pastor*
The Rev. Kristen Jacobson *associate pastor*
The Rev. D. Foy Christopherson *associate pastor*
The Rev. Mark Peterson *visitation pastor*
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Mark Sedio *cantor*

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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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God's work. Our hands.

Grace abounds.

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