

HOLY COMMUNION HOLY BAPTISM



Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2010 + 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

The river of life flows from Christ to all the world

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our own adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters... the rivers... fire." On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Pastorale Variations on "Lo, How A Rose"

Louis Dité

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

At the sound of the carillon, the assembly stands and faces the entrance.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

(hymn) 304

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

GREETING

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

Grace to you, and peace from God who shines among us.

A And also with you.

GLORIA

*On this festival day marking
the baptism of our Lord, we
continue our celebration of the
Christmas/Epiphany season
using the Gloria in excelsis, the
great canticle of the Church
that begins with the angel's
song over Bethlehem.*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P ...one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

CHORAL VERSE

David Sand

"Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come"

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

They who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, on them has the light shined.

(Isaiah 9:2)

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

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth –
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.
¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit
¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).
¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Waters of Life"

James Biery

*The Father's voice calls us above the waters.
The glory of the Son shines on us.
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.*

GOSPEL

John's preaching and baptism of Jesus Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.



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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,
¹⁶John answered all of them by saying,
 "I baptize you with water;
 but one who is more powerful than I is coming;
 I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.
 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand,
 to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary;
 but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized,
 and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
 the heaven was opened,
²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.
 And a voice came from heaven,
 "You are my Son, the Beloved;
 with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.
AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"Remember Who You Are"
silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn) 455
 stanza 3 choir*

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

APOSTLES' CREED (8:30)

(front) p. 105

The 8:30 service continues on page 6 with the prayers of intercession.

HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

INVITATION TO THE FONT

P God, who is rich in mercy and love,
 gives us a new birth into a living hope
 through the sacrament of baptism...

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

(front) p. 228

A The following children are presented as candidates for baptism:
 Sierra Jane Cruz *daughter of Rhonda Earth and Rodney Cruz*
Karen Hielsberg, Sara Glover and Kristi Strand, sponsors

Karly Ray Lind *daughter of Molly and Aaron Lind*
Mandy Peterson and Jason Lind, 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 ... **All** 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?
All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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

All And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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.

All Amen.





*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

BAPTISM

After each baptism, the assembly welcomes the candidate singing:

You — be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Galatians 3:27, alt.
Music: Howard Hughes, b. 1930

ANOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

All Amen.

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

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

Choir *As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ: Alleluia!
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in Heaven. Alleluia!*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed
in the birth of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world,
let us pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.

after each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

P Trusting in your mercy, O saving God,
we commend to you all for whom we pray,
through the one born among us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

WELCOME (11:00)

A Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All 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.

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

While the collection is received lay ministers prepare the table.

The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

“Wade in the Water”

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

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

Look over yonder, what do I see? The Holy Ghost a’coming on me.

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

I heard a rumbling up in the sky, must-a been Jesus passing by.

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

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together:

All **Blessed are you,**

O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness

you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,

in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

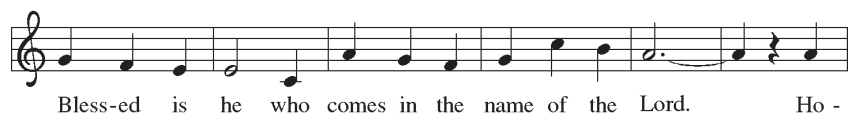
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy





All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion at this service is served standing by individual chalices. Please follow the direction of the ushers to a communion station. You are invited to kneel following communion if you desire.

Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

AU 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

P See, hear, come and dine!
The reign of heaven has come near!

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.

"You Are Mine"

(hymn) 581

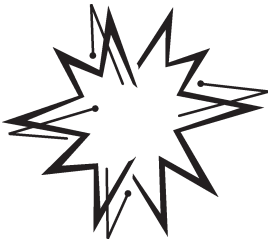
Verses are sung by solo voices, the assembly is invited to join on the refrain.

Prayer after Communion

A God of abundance,
you have fed us with the presence of Christ.
Use us as beacons of light and bearers of Christ's love
for the sake of the whole world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
AU Amen.

SENDING

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



BLESSING

P May the love of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world,
fill your hearts and illumine your path.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Light of All the Nations, Shine”



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB; © 1984, 2003,
GIA Publications. All rights reserved.
Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-704051.

Music: *Gott sei Dank*, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704

DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Your light has come.

All Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

Please gather for fellowship following worship in the fellowship hall or south commons.

Brief sanctuary tours will be offered this morning following the postlude.

Gather at the pulpit.

POSTLUDE

Postlude from “Cinq pièces en forme de Messe”

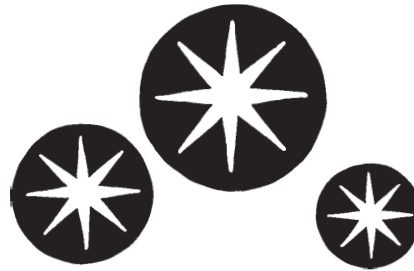
Denis Bédard

*Portions of the liturgy are from Sundays and Seasons.com © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.
All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress liturgies license #26515.*



Chancel flowers today are given in celebration of Melissa’s 18th birthday by her dad and mom, David and Lyneth Deonarine. If you wish to donate chancel flowers contact Gloria Hahn ten days in advance at 952-545-6109.

SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer	<i>assisting minister</i>
Jane Lien	<i>intercessor</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir</i>
Rochelle Milbrath, Roy Heilman	<i>soloists</i>
Kris Schoephoerster	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
Melissa Deonarine	<i>crucifer, 8:30</i>
Sharon Williams	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Rick Johnston	<i>crucifer, 11:00</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
David Molvik, Mark Brodin	<i>sound operators</i>
Dave Dahl	<i>radio announcer</i>
Rod Richter, Earl Carson	<i>lead ushers</i>
Richard & Linda Shinofield, Bruce Bergeson, Karin Lilleodden, Barb Hoernemann, Phil Ranheim, Rick Johnston	<i>communion ministers</i>
Gary Johnson, Lance Olson, Brian McKinley & Kathy Kvammen-McKinley, Betty Reveling, Evelyn Eskeli, Jeff Gordien	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Kris Stedje, Christopher Haug, David Nelson, Michael Wickman, Paul Troselius, John Troselius, Stephen Shearer, Karl Starr, Sara Klomp, Maggie Peterson, Judith Stone	<i>seasonal environment</i>
Phil & Laura Holst, Trudy Ness, Mary Jo Olson, Michael Wickman Richard Stegall, David West	<i>seasonal worship team</i>



Large print service folders,
assisted listening devices, and access seating
are available to aid your participation in worship.
Please inquire with an usher.



WORSHIP LIFE

Holy Baptism Festival Days



It's a strange thing – to present your child to be drowned. In public. To give your child away. In public. To say the future you can give them just won't do. In public. To say the family name they got from you is not enough. In public. To have your child bathed. In public. And dressed in new clothes. To have an infant turn its back on evil and turn instead toward the light. An infant?

And who do we think we are – anointing them with oil – like a king or queen, like a prophet, like the messiah himself?

It's an even stranger thing – when youth or adults present themselves for this ordeal.

Though deeply personal, baptism is never private. It is initiation into the Christian community, the Body of Christ, the body of believers. It is an event, a celebration of the people of God. The individual candidate, the community of faith, and the Lord's mission are forever affected by this radical action of God and the assembly's celebration of this sign of God's grace.

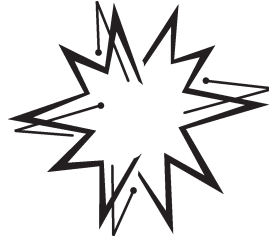
On our baptism festival days we celebrate God's saving activity in Holy Baptism. On baptism festival days we obey our Lord's command recorded by Matthew: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Our baptism festival days allow us to celebrate baptism in such a way that its centrality in our lives becomes clear to all. We seek to live out Christ's command that we be a baptizing community. We seek to celebrate baptism in such a way that the celebration is a true and complete sign of the things which baptism signifies, with abundant water, generous actions, baptismal hymns. We seek to celebrate well and fully the saving activity of God.

And so as candidates come to the water and the word, let us gather with them around the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism. Our next baptism festival is scheduled for Transfiguration Sunday, February 14th. Individuals or families with candidates of any age for baptism are invited to contact the Church Office to be included.

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.

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 speak to a staff member or call the church at 612-870-4416.

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.

