

HOLY COMMUNION



*Christ revealed
as he reads the prophet Isaiah*
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 24, 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

Christ the reader proclaims a time of favor

The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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

*During the Epiphany season
we continue to use the Gloria
in excelsis, the great canticle of
the Church that begins with
the angel's song over
Bethlehem.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Pavane"

Robert Elmore

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 710

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

GREETING

☞ The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!
Grace to you, and peace from God who shines among us.

☞ **And also with you.**

GLORIA



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 - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-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 ...through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

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

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

Ezra reads the law Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.

³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep."

For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 19:1-8

Choir Refrain

All Refrain

The teach - ing of the Lord is
per - fect and re - vives the soul.

Choir The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

All Refrain

Choir It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

All Refrain

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

Paul writes:

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

AI Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 4:18

The assembly welcomes the Gospel, singing the ALLELUIA before and after the cantor sings the verse.

AI

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

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

L *The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives.*

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL

Jesus reads the prophet Isaiah

Luke 4:14–21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AI Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Near the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.



¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

“People of the Word”
silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 843

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

stanza 2 - choir

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.

AI 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 Blessed by the light of Christ incarnate,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in any need.

after each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

AI hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

AI Amen.

MEAL

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

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.

(8:30) "O nata lux" (sung in Latin)

Thomas Tallis

*O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.*

(11:00) "Cantique de Jean Racine"

Gabriel Fauré

*O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
eternal light of the earth and the sky,
we kneel in adoration. O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye.
Send down on us the fire of thy grace all consuming,
whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illumining,
that they may waken thy mercy to tell!
O Christ, bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee,
who here are gathered on penitent knee.
Accept the hymns we chant to thine everlasting glory
and these thy gifts we return to Thee.*

Offertory Prayer

- All** Let us pray together:
All **God of creation,**
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:

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.

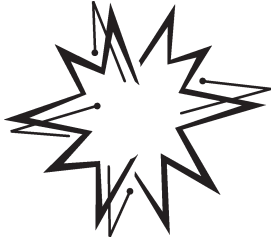
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

Communion

"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.



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

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J. S. Bach
arr. for piano duet by Myra Hess

Prayer after Communion

- ☩ 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.
- ☩ **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☩ 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.

- ☩ **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 501

“Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus”

DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance for the dismissal.

- ☩ Go in peace. Share the good news.
- ☩ **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

“The Heavens Declare” (*Psalm 19*)

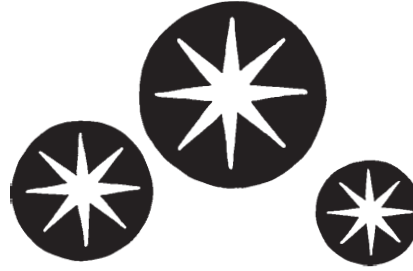
Benedetto Marcello

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Chancel flowers today are given by Muriel Dostal in loving memory of her husband Guel and in remembrance of his January 24th birthday. If you wish to donate chancel flowers contact Gloria Hahn ten days in advance at 952-545-6109.

SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson *presiding*
Pastor Rick Nelson *preaching*
Joyce Anderson *assisting minister*
Mark Sedio *cantor/organist*
Jane Lien *associate cantor*

Cathy Egan *reader, 8:30*
Central Cantorei *choir, 8:30*
Shirley Dahl *crucifer, 8:30*

Barb Hoernemann *reader, 11:00*
Central Choir *choir, 11:00*
Rick Johnston *crucifer, 11:00*

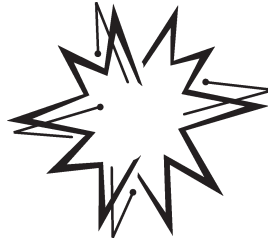
Richard Stegall *sacristan*
David Molvik, Mark Brodin *sound operators*
Dave Dahl *radio announcer*
Rod Richter, Earl Carson *lead ushers*

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson,
Lois Steer & Larry Peterson,
Betty Reveling,
Dick & Linda Shinofield,
Patti Brestrup *hosts and greeters*
Cheryl Erickson *docent*

Phil & Laura Holst, Trudy Ness,
Mary Jo Olson, Michael Wickman
Richard Stegall, David West *seasonal worship team*

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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 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.



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

The Gospel of Luke



This year the majority of our readings about Jesus will come from the Gospel of Luke.

If asked to name their favorite story from the Bible, most Christians would probably choose something from the Gospel of Luke. These stories are indeed unforgettable, and the Christian tradition is graced by this gospel from Luke's hand. It is the only one of the four gospels to describe the angel's annunciation of the coming birth of Jesus to Mary, and the visit of the shepherds at his birth; it is the only one to tell the parables of the Good Samaritan, of the prodigal son, and of the rich man and Lazarus; it is the only gospel to relate the story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus after the resurrection. In addition to that, Luke's Christmas story is proclaimed by Linus on the Charlie Brown Christmas special!

Archeologists and textual experts usually date the writing of the Gospel of Luke to around 80 CE. One piece of evidence that helps with the dating is that the gospel contains nearly all of Mark, and from this we know that it was composed after 70 CE (about when Mark was written). In addition to having Mark as a source, the Gospel of Luke shares a large chunk of material with Matthew, material that appears neither in Mark nor in John. From this we assume that there was another source for Luke, one that he and the writer of Matthew used together. Luke also had a source of information that only he used.

The evangelist Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles, which is, in a sense, the second part to the gospel. This is evident from the very polished Greek of these two books, but more specifically, from the fact that both books are addressed to Theophilus, a fellow believer. (See Luke 1:3 and Acts 1:1.) Luke's contribution, therefore, makes up more than one-quarter of the New Testament.

The portrait of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke is of an itinerant prophet who is attracted to the poor and the outcast. He explains that his ministry is to them, and he envisions the heavenly banquet as filled with the poor and disenfranchised. The evangelist draws powerful portraits of despised members of the society, and much of the wonder of this compelling gospel is in its address to sinners.

In art, the evangelist Luke is portrayed with a bull by his side. Luke is remembered each year on October 18.

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Grace abounds.

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to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ*
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