

HOLY COMMUNION



The prophet Jesus not accepted
January 31, 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 is the word of God's patient love

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Variations on "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

Larry Long, Piet Rippen, Paul Manz

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

(hymn) 520

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.

All And also with you.

GLORIA

*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.*



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



I Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty 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

- ☐ ...through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

MUSIC FOR BELLS

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

setting, J. Wayne Kerr

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

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.



Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

A prophet to the nations

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
⁶Then I said,
 "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
⁷But the LORD said to me,
 "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.
⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."
⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
 "Now I have put my words in your mouth.
¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The word of the Lord.

AI Thanks be to God.

PSALM *From my mother's womb you have been my strength.* Psalm 71:1-6

A Refrain
AI Refrain

A In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
 let me never be ashamed.
 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
 incline your ear to me and save me.
 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
 you are my crag and my stronghold.
 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
 from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

AI Refrain

A For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
 my confidence since I was young.
 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
 from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
 my praise shall be always of you.

AI Refrain

SECOND READING

Without love, a noisy gong

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Paul writes:
 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant
⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end;
as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;
¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child,
I reasoned like a child;

when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully,
even as I have been fully known.

¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“The Gift of Love”

arr. Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

Come, spirit come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship, we are freed. Amen.

GOSPEL

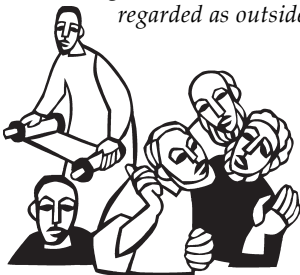
The prophet Jesus is not accepted

Luke 4:21–30

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.



[Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth],

“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb,

‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”

²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.

²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.

³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kristen Jacobson

“Rescue Me”

silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Be Our Light”

(hymn) 715
verse 1 - all; 2 - women; 3 - all; 4 - men; 5 - all
the refrain is sung by all

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 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,

Al 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.

Al Amen.

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.

Music for Bells

“Brethen, We Have Met to Worship”

setting, Cathy Moglebust

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together:

AD **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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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:



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.

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

"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.

"I sat down under his shadow" (11:00)

Edward Bairstow

*I sat down under his shadow with great delight,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.*

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

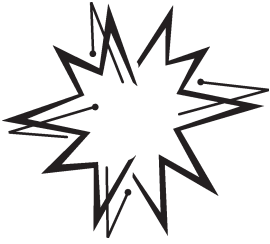
I sat down under his shadow. (Song of Solomon 2: 3-4)

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.

A Amen.

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



SENDING

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

(hymn) 665

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance 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 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

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

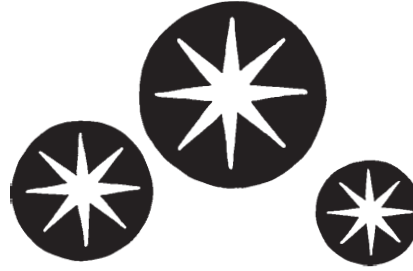
setting, Johann Pachelbel

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SERVING TODAY



Pastor Rick Nelson *presiding*
Pastor Kristen Jacobson *preaching*
Erica Doss *assisting minister*
Roger Lilleodden *intercessor*
Mark Sedio *cantor*
Jane Lien *associate cantor/organist*
Campanas Central *bell choir*
Laura Holst, Rochelle Milbrath *soloists*

Helen Klanderud *reader, 8:30*
Sara Stensaas *crucifer, 8:30*

Christopher Haug *reader, 11:00*
Central Choir *choir, 11:00*
George Berglund *conducting, 11:00*
Rick Johnston *crucifer, 11:00*

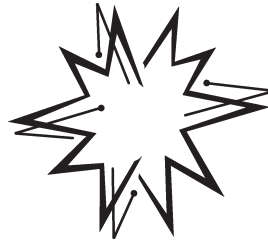
Richard Stegall *sacristan*
David Molvik, Mark Brodin *sound operators*
Harold Clough *radio announcer*
Rod Richter, Earl Carson *lead ushers*

George & Mary Holtan,
Bob & Millie Jung, Dave & Pat Forse,
Patti Brestrup, Jane Panzer *hosts and greeters*
Cheryl Erickson, Pat Forse *docents*

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

Welcome: Children at worship



We print and say each week: “Everyone is welcome... Children are welcome at all services.” We’re serious about that. Our nursery provides care for children under four should parents need a break. The fact that we don’t program children’s activities or nursery care for older children bears testimony that we value the presence of our children in worship. Our children’s time each week intentionally welcomes them. Our activity bags and children’s bulletins give them additional support as they seek to participate as they are able. The next step might be children-friendly Bibles in the pews.

Worship involves all the senses: movement, sights, sounds, smells. You can help children participate by encouraging children to sit where they can see. Sometimes all the words are the hardest part for kids – but they can make sense of the symbols, gestures, colors and designs at their own development level. We encourage children to sit near the chancel to help them stay engaged in what’s going on. There are already many families in the front rows who will welcome you to join them.

We welcome children to the Lord’s Table. Our weekly invitation says “All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.” Either one. Faith development isn’t the same for everyone, and communion instruction happens throughout our lives. One time we intentionally invite families into communion instruction is about second grade – but that’s not a magic prerequisite to joining in the Lord’s Supper. Notice it’s not first communion class, but holy communion class, for those new and already coming to the table. When children show signs of feeling excluded might be the time to consider inviting them to the table. A brief family conversation – following Luther’s guidance that parents are the primary teachers of the faith for their children – might be in order. And then perhaps just a mention to a pastor that you’re ready to come to the table. “Hands extended” is the gesture that will be sure you receive the bread and wine or grape juice. Communion or a blessing – you can decide as a family.

We encourage children to participate as leaders as they are able. Many children join mom or dad in their ministry of reading scripture or serving in processions. And our children and youth are regularly given leadership opportunities as scripture readers and musicians.

After church, stop by the organ console to watch the organist play the postlude. And on the way home from church, discuss what was seen, heard, and experienced that day from the children’s perspective.

Worship forms faith. Welcoming children at worship is part of our ministry to and with them.



**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

Grace abounds.

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