



# HOLY COMMUNION

Affirmation of Baptism

Holy Baptism

*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

February 14, 2010 + 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

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### ***In baptism, we are clothed in the white robe of Christ***

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.*

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

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"The Transfiguration"

*Dom Paul Benoit*

*The carillon calls the assembly to worship.*

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

*(hymn) 317*

### 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.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** ...one God, now and forever.

**All** 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.*

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

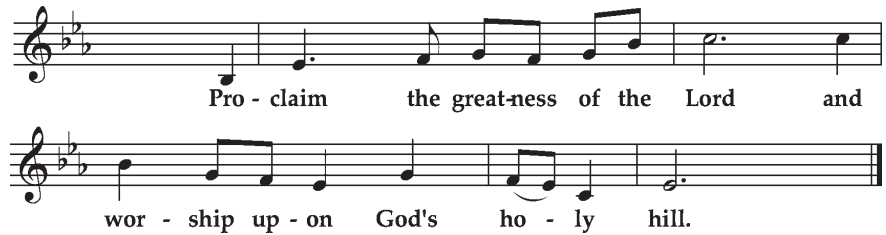
**All** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Psalm 99

*Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill.*

**Choir** Refrain  
**All** Refrain



**Choir** The LORD is king; let the people tremble.  
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.  
The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.  
O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**All** Refrain

**Choir** Proclaim the greatness of the LORD  
and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.  
Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,  
you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.  
Proclaim the greatness of the LORD  
and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**All** Refrain

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

Paul writes:

We have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord.

**AI** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

How good, Lord, to be here! Your  
 How good, Lord, to be here! Your  
 glo - ry fills the night; Your face and gar - ments,  
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
 like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*



GOSPEL *Jesus is transfigured on the mountain* Luke 9:28–36

The holy gospel according to Luke.

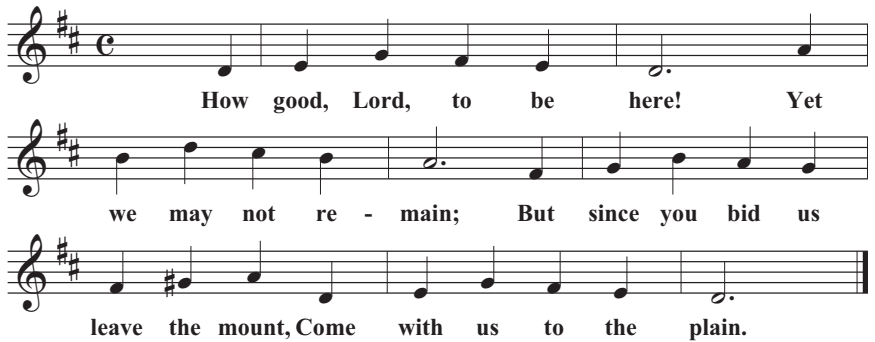
**AI** Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The gospel of the Lord.

**AD** Praise to you, O Christ.

### GOSPEL PROCESSION



How good, Lord, to be here! Yet  
we may not re - main; But since you bid us  
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

### SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"Jesus Only"

*silence for reflection*

*Please remain seated until the  
final verse.  
(11:00) As the hymn is  
sung, new members are  
presented at the altar rail.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 770

"Give Me Jesus"

*stanza 1 - all; 2 - solo/choir; 3 - all; 4 - choir; 5 - 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.

**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.

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**P** Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you  
as members of Central Lutheran Church...

**P** People of God,  
do you promise to support these sisters and brothers...

**AD** We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

**A** Let us welcome these new members into our household of faith.

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

## [11:00] SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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Bartholomew Paul Johnson

### 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,

**AD** **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.

**AD** **Amen.**



*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

## 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.*

*New members return to their places.*

### 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.*

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

*Mark Sedio*

*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;*

*Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;*

*Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, that all the angels in the sky.*

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation, son of God and son of man!*

*Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of man!*

*Glory and honor, praise adoration now and forevermore be thine!*

### 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.**

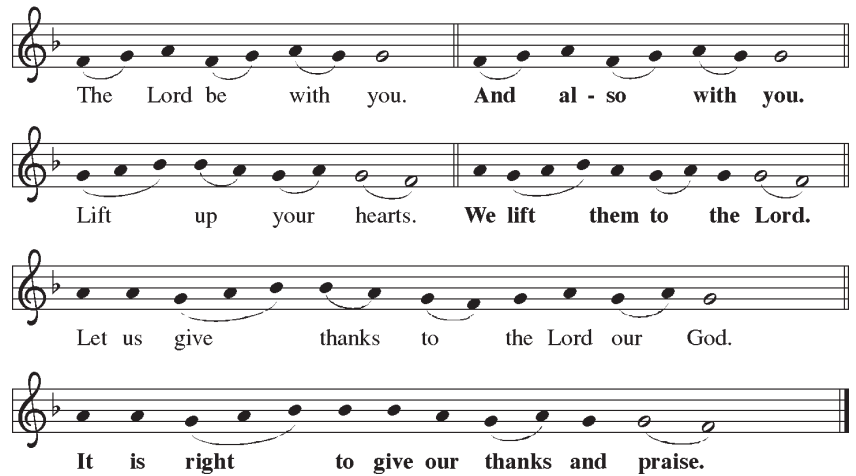
**Nourish us with these gifts,**

**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.

☐ 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:*

### Lord's Prayer (1975)

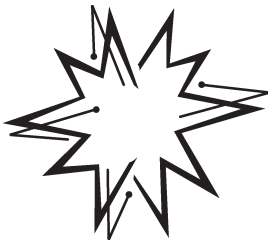
☐ **Our Father in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be your name,**  
    **your kingdom come,**  
    **your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
    **as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
    **now and forever. Amen.**

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.



God blesses and sends us in mission to the world

## 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.

“Light Born from Light” (8:30)

William Billings

*Light born from Light, to give us Light, came as a child to make things right;  
his promised name, Emmanuel, gave proof that God had come to dwell.  
One day, upon a mountain's crest, three friends were by a vision blessed,  
for God's eternal light and power transfigured Jesus in that hour.  
Lord, in your light, invade each soul, and make our wounded nature whole;  
then, by you Spirit's grace, may we part of your Risen body be.*

## 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.  
**All** Amen.

## 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.

*In much of Christendom, today marks the last time "Alleluias" are sung in worship until we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter morning. This hymn marks this tradition.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"*

*(11:00) The new members join in the recessional to be greeted by the assembly as they depart.*

*(hymn) 318  
stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony*

## 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

Postlude I from "Four Postludes"

*Jean Langlais*

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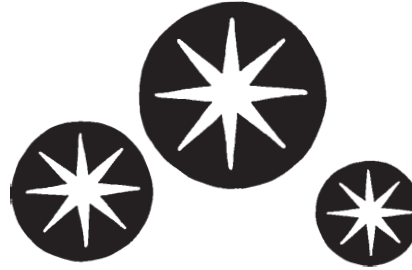
### **We welcome the following new members today into Central's family:**

Steven J. Arndt  
Maria and Kevin Biberdorf and Charlotte  
Joe Bjordal  
Terra Carey  
James Erlandson  
Katherine Giroux  
Cynthia and Steven Helgeson  
Denise Kettelberger and Clarence Smith  
Jan Kremer  
Lee Anne Lack  
Laura Lazar  
Chi Lu and Robert Mlenek  
Peggy Olson and Patrick Sepnieski  
David Smith  
Elizabeth and Matthew Paleen  
Daniel Schammel  
Sara Spafford Freeman, Ryan Freeman and Charlotte  
Ann Dwyer Tranvik and Mark Tranvik  
David Tranvik

### **We welcome the following new member into Central's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism:**

Bartholomew Paul Johnson  
*Bartholomew's sponsors are the new members listed above.*

## SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson *presiding*  
Pastor Rick Nelson *preaching*  
Ron Fiscus *assisting minister*  
Mark Sedio *cantor/organist*  
Männerchor *choir*

Zee Gregerson *reader, 8:30*  
Shirley Dahl *crucifer, 8:30*  
Melissa Deonarine, David Deonarine *torch bearers, 8:30*

Christopher Haug *reader, 11:00*  
Kris Stedje *crucifer, 11:00*  
Oliver West, Chris Stanley *torchbearers, 11:00*

Richard Stegall *sacristan*  
David Molvik, Mark Brodin *sound operators*  
Verne Melberg *radio announcer*  
Donald Moe, Mary Gunderson *lead ushers*

Shirley Dahl, Leon & Deanne Tibben,  
Dick & Linda Shinofield,  
Phil Ranheim *communion ministers*

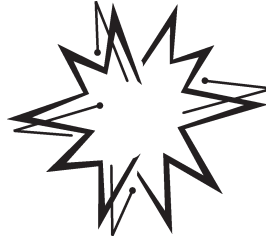
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson,  
Harris & Maryon Lee, Janet Krofta,  
Evelyn Eskeli, Martha Rasmussen,  
Judy Berge *hosts and greeters*

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



**Chancel flowers today** are given in celebration of Jim and Myrt Kettner's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 13<sup>th</sup> by their daughters Karen, Lynn and Jan. If you wish to donate chancel flowers contact Gloria Hahn ten days in advance at 952-545-6109.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## *Farewell to Alleluia*



Alleluia. It is our worship word. It is a gift word; a thanksgiving word. It is our Easter word. It is God's Easter word. It is a celebration word; a praise word. It means Praise God! Deo Gratia! Allelu Yahweh! Yahoo Yahweh!

Alleluia. It is a word we don't deserve. It is a word we can use only because of what God has done for us. And so, that we might not forget, we banish this remarkable proclamation from our lips for a time. We remember the time when we could not sing Alleluia; - when we were without hope; without joy. And we remember the times when we could do nothing but sing Alleluia; when we were amazed, dumb-founded, fumbling over ourselves in bewilderment: - when God painted a rainbow after a flood and we survived! Alleluia! - when God made good on the promises to Sarah! Alleluia! - when God made a covenant with us! Alleluia! - when God lead us into a promised land! Alleluia! - when God raised up dry bones to life! Alleluia! - when God was there in the fiery furnace! Alleluia! - when God was there, even when we strayed! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from the bonds of slavery! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from the Red Sea and the wilderness! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from Goliath and from the den of lions! Alleluia! - when God sent the prophets, holy men and holy women, to speak of his love, to call us home, and to promise us a savior! Alleluia! - when God sent not just a savior but a beloved Son! Alleluia! - when God walked with us, shared our joys and our sorrows, taught us to forgive each other, showed us how to love, showed us how to serve each other, left his supper, gave his life! Alleluia! - when God raised him to live and promises to raise us too! Alleluia! - when God breathed the breath of the Spirit into us! Alleluia!

**Sunday worship** is broadcast locally on WDGY 740 AM at 11 a.m.; or listen online from anywhere at [wdgyradio.com](http://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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*Grace abounds.*

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