



HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday in Lent

The Temptation of Jesus

February 21, 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

In Christ our shelter, we dwell in safety

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Adagio from "Suite Modale"

Flor Peeters

The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

(hymn) 326

stanza 2 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.

A And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



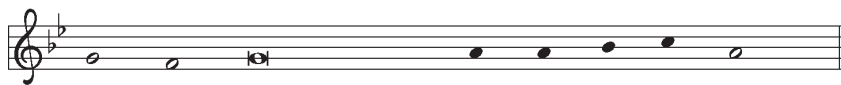
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

☩ Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that

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

The annual harvest festival, called the feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.



the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

AI Thanks be to God.

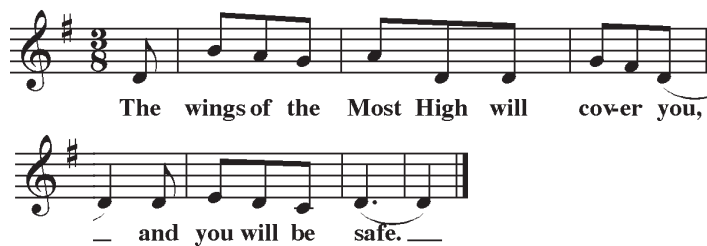
PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

God shall charge the angels to keep you in all your ways. (91:11)

A Refrain

AI Refrain



A Whoever dwells in the shadow of the Most High, and passes under the shadow of the Almighty— will say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold: my God in whom I trust."

A The Lord will free you from the snare of the hunter; and from the destroying pestilence. The winds of the Almighty will cover you and you will be safe the faithfulness of the Lord will be your shield and your defense.

AI Refrain

A Because you have said, "The Lord is my refuge," and made the Most High your stronghold, there shall no evil befall you: no plague shall come near your dwelling.

A For the angels of God have been charged; to keep you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands: lest you should strike your foot against a stone.

AI Refrain

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."



SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved

Paul writes:

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE (8:30)

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind,
 slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.
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Text: Gracia Grindal, based on Joel 2:13
 Music: KAS DZIEDAJA, Latvian folk tune
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GOSPEL MOTET (11:00)

"God Will Give the Angels Charge of You"

Mark Sedio

*God will give the angels charge of you, to guard you,
 and on their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
 Kyrie eleison.*

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'
¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
¹³When the devil had finished every test,
he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"Turning Around; Starting Anew"
silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 319

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

CONFESSION

*The assembly stands to face the baptismal font at the front for the confession.
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism:*

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
silence is kept

P Merciful God,

AD we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and are not worthy to be called your children.
Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways.
Bring us back to you as those
who once were dead but now have life,
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Through the Holy Spirit,
God gives life, freedom from the power of sin,
and resurrection from the dead.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Live in newness of life.

AD Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

A In Holy Baptism we have been made God's people,
redeemed and forgiven.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

A Do you believe in God the Father?

AD I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

A Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

AD 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.**

- A** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
AD **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.**

*After each bid is announced,
a period of silence is kept
during which the assembly
may offer prayers.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Gathered by the Spirit,
let us return to the Lord our God.
and pray for the church, the world,
and all who yearn for new life.

*The assembly responds after a period of silence:
Renew us, O God,*

- AD** **for your mercy is great.**
- P** Hear our prayers, merciful God,
and transform our lives by your grace.
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your abundant mercy, through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
- AD** **Amen.**

MEAL

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

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.

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

"Beautiful Savior"

setting, Cathy Moglebust

Offertory Prayer

- A** Let us pray together:
AD **Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the
earth and nourish the whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

A We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A 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.

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P ... blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

A Amen.

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



*All are invited to receive these
gifts of God.*

*Children are welcome to receive
communion or a blessing.*

*Communion at this service is served
kneeling (as you are able)
by individual chalices.*

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

"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.

"Jesus, Grant Me This I Pray" (11:00)

C. H. Kitson

*Jesus, grant me this, I pray, ever in thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide hidden in thy wounded side.*

*If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.*

*If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.*

*Death will come one day to me; Jesus, cast me not from thee:
Dying let me still abide in thy heart and wounded side.*

Prayer after Communion

A God of pilgrimage,
in this meal you nourish us with the gifts of faith and hope.
Sustain us on our journey that,
refreshed by your grace,
we may reach the promised land,
the Easter feast of victory,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

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

All Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 618

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

DISMISSAL

Please face the entrance for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

“Suite on the First Tone”

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Grand plein jeu - Fugue

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SERVING TODAY



Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Barbara VanDrasek	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Campanas Central	<i>bell choir</i>
Phil Ranheim	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
Shirley Dahl	<i>crucifer, 8:30</i>
Sharon Williams	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir, 11:00</i>
Karl Starr	<i>crucifer, 11:00</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
David Molvik, Mark Brodin	<i>sound operators</i>
Annette Nelson	<i>radio announcer</i>
Donald Moe, Mary Gunderson	<i>lead ushers</i>
Sara Stensaas, Allison Winblad, Leon & Deanne Tibben, Phil Ranheim, Pramila Nelson, Kathy Fiscus, Bruce Bergeson, Roberta Groening, Shirley Dahl, Rick Johnston	<i>communion ministers</i>
Pastor Kristen Jacobson, Lloyd Grinde, Roberta Groening, Mark Forsberg, Joan VanWirt, Bob & Millie Jung	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Cheryl Erickson	<i>docent</i>
Dick Hilden, Phil Holst, Steffen Meyer, Kris Stedje, Richard Stegall, David West, Michael Wickman	<i>seasonal worship team</i>



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



WORSHIP LIFE

Lent: a sense of the season



prayer



fasting



works of love

The word Lent means springtime. This word comes from the same root as lengthen. Daytime lengthens during Lent. The northern hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter turns into spring. In Hebrew, the word for repentance is the same as the word that means to turn, like the turning of the earth to the sun, like the turning of the soil before planting.

“Even now, says the Lord, turn to me.” (Joel 2:12) The word sin means separation. We are called to turn from our separate selves, from our sin, to come together in community. Self-denial is the way we express our repentance. In the lengthening brightness from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday afternoon, our holy Lent, we turn to God as our source of life. Self-denial is threefold, advises Matthew’s gospel. We pray: “Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private.” We fast: “No one must see you are fasting but your Father.” We give alms: “Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and acts of love, we spring-clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand.

Why are there forty days in Lent? It took forty days for sinfulness to drown in the flood before a new creation could inherit the earth. It took forty years for the generation of slaves to die before the freeborn could enter the promised land. For forty days Moses and Elijah and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare themselves for a life’s work. Lent is the forty days of final preparation before the Easter baptisms. The already baptized can share the excitement and the struggles of the candidates and rediscover the meaning of baptism in their own lives. During the forty days, both candidates and the faithful journey together to the holy font.

If we count the days, we will see that to get 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, Sundays must be excluded. They are the Lord’s Day, weekly celebrations of the resurrection even within our Lenten discipline. One Sunday in Lent we will gather around Jesus in word and supper using holy communion setting 9 from the ELW. Processions and alleluias are put away for the season, confession and absolution will take a larger role, and our prayer together will be simplified. Let us keep Lent together. “For now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!”

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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.

