



# HOLY COMMUNION

*Second Sunday in Lent*

*A hen gathers her chicks*

February 28, 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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## ***Under protective wings, Christ our hen gathers us***

*Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

*"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*

*Helmut Walcha; J. S. Bach*

*The carillon calls the assembly to worship.*

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*

*(hymn) 769*

*stanzas 2 & 3 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.



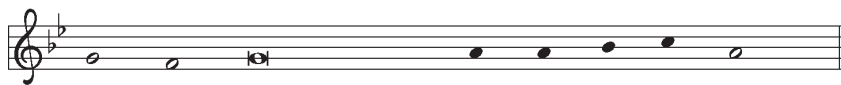
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



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

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*The covenant with Abram and his descendants*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

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

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.



<sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

<sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

<sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

<sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Word of God, word of life.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** *In the day of trouble, the Lord shall keep me safe. (27:7)* Psalm 27

**Choir** The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

**All** Refrain

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?

**Choir** In the time of trouble, he shall hide me;  
whom shall I fear?

**All** Refrain

**Choir** Wait on the Lord and be of good courage;  
he shall strengthen thy heart.

**All** Refrain

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

*Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior*

Paul writes:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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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### GOSPEL MOTET (11:00)

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem"

Mark Sedio

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem!  
 the city the kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!  
 How often have I desired to gather your children together,  
 as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!  
 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you,  
 you will not see me until the time comes when you say,  
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

### GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

*I have desired to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

<sup>34</sup>"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I [longed] to gather your children together as a hen gathers her [chicks] under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.



The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Rick Nelson

“Turning Around, Starting Anew: What Jesus Longs For”

*silence for reflection*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

(hymn) 613

“Thy Holy Wings”

**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.  
Turning around and starting anew, let us respond in 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.

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

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

- 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.**

### 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** **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

### 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.*

*"When Twilight Comes"*

*F. Feliciano*

*When twilight comes and the sun sets, mother hen prepares for night's rest.  
As her brood shelters under her wings, she gives the love of God to her nest.  
Oh! what joy to feel her warm heartbeat and be near her all night long;  
so the young can find repose, then renew tomorrow's song.  
One day the Rabbi, Lord Jesus, called the twelve to share his last meal.  
As the hen tends her young, so for them he spent himself to seek and to heal.  
Oh! what joy to be with Christ Jesus, hear his voice, oh! sheer delight,  
and receive his servant care: all before the coming night.  
So gather round once again, friends, touched by fading glow of sun's gold,  
and recount all our frail human hopes: teh dreams of young and stories of old.  
Oh, what joy to pray close together, kneeling as one family,  
by a mother's love embraced in the blessed Trinity.  
(text: Moises Andrade, tr. James Minchin)*

### 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

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.



*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.*

**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

"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.

#### Hymn

"Day by Day"

(hymn) 790

#### 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.

**A** 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.

**A** Amen.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

(hymn) 536

stanzas 1 & 2 in harmony

## 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

“Rondeau Medievale”

Joel Martinson

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*prayer*



*fasting*



*works of love*

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## SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Berit Aus	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor/organist</i>
Rochelle Milbrath	<i>soloist</i>
Diane Nimmer	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
Shirley Dahl	<i>crucifer, 8:30</i>
Janet Winsand	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir, 11:00</i>
George Berglund	<i>conducting, 11:00</i>
Erica Doss	<i>crucifer, 11:00</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
David Molvik, Mark Brodin	<i>sound operators</i>
Harold Clough	<i>radio announcer</i>
Donald Moe, Mary Gunderson	<i>lead ushers</i>
Bruce Bergeson, Ann Oyen, Phil Ranheim, Barb Hoernemann, Shirley Dahl	<i>communion ministers</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, Leon & Deanne Tibben, Skylar & Jennifer Hanson, Judy Berge, Chuck & Joyce Anderson	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Cheryl Erickson, Pat Forse	<i>docents</i>
Dick Hilden, Phil Holst, Steffen Meyer, Kris Stedje, Richard Stegall, David West, Michael Wickman	<i>seasonal worship team</i>

## WORSHIP LIFE

### *The Upper Room oratory*

*Jesus says*

*"Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

– Matthew 5:16-17



The Upper Room is our oratory – a dedicated prayer, retreat, and meditation space. It is located on the second level of the church building above the church offices. This room is available for individuals or small groups who are looking for a quiet place away. Bring nothing or bring your own resources. Bring a lunch or a beverage, your laptop or your ipod. Bring a book or use one of ours. Spend an hour or spend the day. Dress comfortably. No one will disturb you as you spend a day at church. Maybe it's part of a day spent downtown, or away from the family, or away from work. Maybe you need to burn a vacation day. Maybe, dare we say it, you need a quiet place out of the office or away from the phone to catch up on your work. Maybe you just spend most of the day napping. There's no wrong way to use the Upper Room. But we invite you to use it! Pray. Relax. Work. Sleep. Read. Listen. Write. The Upper Room is for you. If you're planning ahead, reserve the oratory by calling the church office. Or call on an impulse to see if it's available. A prayer garden prepared by the Gardening Corps may be available seasonally.



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



## 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.

