

# HOLY COMMUNION



*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
*Mary anoints Jesus for his burial*  
March 21, 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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## **Christ is a way through the wilderness, a river in the desert**

*The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

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

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde gross" from *Orgebüchlein* 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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(hymn) 803

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.

**AD** 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.



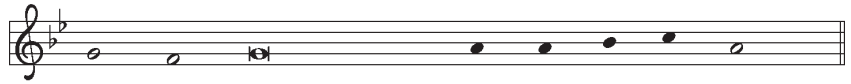
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

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

*The prophet declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, the Lord is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new exodus.*

### 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

*The LORD gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people*

Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, word of life.

**AI** Thanks be to God.

### ANTHEM

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” *arr. Greg Gilpin*  
*Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin’, For the time is drawin’ nigh.*  
*Soon I will be done with the trouble of the world.*  
*Soon I will be done, The time is drawin’ nigh.*  
*Children don’t get weary, ‘Till your work is done.*  
*Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin’, For the time is drawin’ nigh.*

### SECOND READING *To know Christ and his resurrection* Philippians 3:4b-14

*Paul writes:*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:  
<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the  
tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;  
<sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,  
blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of  
Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the  
surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have  
suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I  
may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own  
that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the  
righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the  
power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like  
him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal but  
I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

<sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I  
do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

<sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in  
Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**AI** Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL VERSE

*The assembly welcomes the Gospel singing:*

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.  
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Text: Gracia Grindal, based on Joel 2:13  
Music: KAS DZIEDAJA, Latvian folk tune  
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*Writing to Christians in  
Philippi, Paul admits that his  
heritage and reputation could  
give him more reason than  
most people to place confidence  
in his spiritual pedigree. But  
the overwhelming grace of God  
in Jesus calls Paul to a  
new set of values.*

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*



## GOSPEL

*Mary anoints Jesus for his burial*

John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"Turning Around, Starting Anew: God's New Thing"  
*silence for reflection*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 336

"Lamb of God (*Your Only Son*)"

## 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?

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

**A** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**AI** **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?

**AI** **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**

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

**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,

**AI** **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.

**AI** **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

#### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**AI** **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.*

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

## Anthem

“Break Forth into Singing”

Eugene Butler

*Break forth into singing and cry aloud For you shall go out with joy.*

*The mountains and hills shall sound forth*

*With singing, shall sound forth with their singing.*

*Lift up your voice like a trumpet sound.*

*Seek me daily and know my ways, Lift up your voice like a trumpet sound.*

## Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray together:

**All** **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.  
**All** Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

**P** ... blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.  
**All** Amen.

### 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.

#### Music

"Al Shlosa D'varim" (8:30)

Alan Naplan

The world is sustained by three things:  
By truth, by justice, and by peace. (sung in Hebrew)

"It is a Precious Thing" (11:00)

Johann Friedrich Peter

It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed and trusteth in God;  
It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed,  
through the mercy of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
My heart is resting, O my Saviour, in thy loving care,  
my trust is ever stayed on Thee; O hear my earnest prayer  
that ever faithful I may be, and ever do Thy will;  
O grant this in Thy mercy still, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*Today marks the 325th  
anniversary of the birth of  
Johann Sebastian Bach.*

### 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

### BLESSING

- P** Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.
- All** Amen.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

(hymn) 324  
stanzas 2 & 3 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 fellowship hall or south commons.*

*Brief sanctuary tours will be offered this morning following the postlude.*

### POSTLUDE

Happy Birthday, Johann!

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**A special thank you to the Northfield Treble Choir and director Rachel Lucius** for enriching our worship this morning. Since 1986, The Northfield Youth Choirs have helped more than a thousand young singers “find their voice.” Treble Choir, for singers primarily in grades 5 and 6, focuses on expanding vocal range and tone quality and developing music-reading skills. The Treble Choir performs locally and regionally and takes a two-day tour each spring. Rachel Lucius, director of Treble Choir, is an Elementary Music Specialist at Rahn Elementary School in district #191 (Burnsville, Eagan and Savage). Ms. Lucius holds a degree from St. Olaf College in Vocal Music Education, where she sang in the St. Olaf Choir under the direction of Anton Armstrong. Rachel is currently a graduate student working on her Master of Arts in Music Education with a combined concentration in Kodaly and Orff from the University of St. Thomas.

## SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Brian McKinley	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Northfield Treble Choir	<i>choir</i>
Rachel Lucius	<i>director</i>
Erica Doss	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
Maggie Peterson	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir, 11:00</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
David Molvik, Mark Brodin	<i>sound operators</i>
Verne Melberg	<i>radio announcer</i>
Bob Tufford,	
Jean Matheson, Bob Ylvisaker	<i>lead ushers</i>
Karin Lilleodden,	
Dick & Linda Shinofield,	
Pramila Nelson, Phil Ranheim,	
Bruce Bergeson,	
Rick Johnston, Ann Oyen,	
Allison Winblad	<i>communion ministers</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson,	
Shanti & Anika Austvold,	
Stan Stegemeyer, Erica Doss,	
Don & Darlene Erickson, Judy Berge,	
Lois Nesseth	<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>

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## WORSHIP LIFE

### *Pray for one another*

*"...Is anyone among you in trouble? Is there anyone who is sick? He should send for the church elders, who will pray for him... prayer made in faith will heal the sick person... and pray for one another, so that you will be healed. The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect."* from the letter of James 5:13-16



### **Central's Prayer Chain and Parish Book of Prayer Concerns**

Each week when we gather for worship we include all the prayers of the gathered assembly, those on our prayer chain, and those written in our book of prayer concerns along with the prepared prayers of the lay assisting minister.

Central's prayer chain seeks to respond to the needs of those who are sick, grieving, and distressed. By offering prayer for persons who request such intercession, members of the congregation are united in the Gospel's command to care for one another and to build up the body of Christ.

Traditionally, in a prayer chain, prayer requests are made through a "lead" person who then contacts another individual with the information, and that individual in turn contacts the next person on the chain list—and so it continues with each pray-er providing a link to the next (usually by telephone).

Recognizing that issues of confidentiality are addressed in federal mandates through the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, Central Lutheran Church seeks to respect the rights and privacy of all individuals. Also, believing that God already knows specific names and needs as prayers are offered, prayer ministry leaders acknowledge the merit in using first names only in the prayer chain process. It is understood that specific prayer requests are to be included, whenever possible, with the knowledge and permission of the individual for whom the prayers are requested.

Requests may be submitted to the Central Prayer Chain verbally (by phone or in person), or written (by email, pew card, note). In instances where visitation or special attention is required, the pastoral staff are notified so they are able to respond with timely and suitable care and comfort. When appropriate, the inclusion of those names may be added to the prayer chain. Prayer requests may be made for the pastors' information only, for the pastors and the prayer chain, or for all Central's prayer ministries.

As prayer chain members share with one another the varied messages of concern for their brothers and sisters, the community of believers is strengthened.

Central's parish book of prayer concerns is currently located in the Narthex or North Commons. This book is open for all, throughout the week, to record prayer concerns, which we gather up in a general way in our Sunday prayers.

## 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.





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God's work. Our hands.

*Grace abounds.*

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