

HOLY COMMUNION HOLY BAPTISM FESTIVAL



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 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

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

ALLELUIA!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Chaconne"

André Campra

*At the sound of the carillon the assembly stands
to face the worship leaders at the back of the church.*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

(hymn) 385

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

GREETING

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

A Amen! Alleluia!

P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P ... one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM

*In Holy Baptism
the Spirit calls us
and joins us together
as the people of God*



INVITATION TO THE FONT

- P** God, who is rich in mercy and love,
gives us a new birth into a living hope
through the sacrament of baptism...

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

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- A** The following children are presented as candidates for baptism:

Brooke Elizabeth Lunde (8:30) *daughter of Marcus and Sarah Lunde*
Pama Lunde, Helen Magnuson, sponsors

Charlotte Joy Biberdorf (11:00) *daughter of Kevin and Maria Biberdorf*
Amy Sommer, Mark Puppe, sponsors

PROMISES

- P** Parents: called by the Holy Spirit,
trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?
R I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism...
Do you promise to help your child grow
in the Christian faith and life? **R** I do.

- P** Sponsors: do you promise ... **R** I do.

- P** People of God, do you promise ... **A** We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P** I ask you, members of the assembly, together with the baptismal party,
to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

- P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
R I renounce them.

- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
R I renounce them.

- P** Do you renounce all the ways of sin that draw you from God?
R I renounce them.

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
A I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
A 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 again to judge the living and the dead.



P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

A **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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The presiding minister fills the font with water during the thanksgiving.

P The Lord be with you.

A **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God...
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

A **Amen.**

BAPTISM

After each baptism, the assembly welcomes the candidate singing:

You_ be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Galatians 3:27, alt.
Music: Howard Hughes, b. 1930

ANOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

A **Amen.**

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A lighted candle is given to each of the baptized by a representative of the congregation.

Choir *As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ: Alleluia!
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven. Alleluia!*

WELCOME

A Let us welcome the newly baptized.

A **We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
Join us in giving thanks and praise
to God and bearing God's creative
and redeeming word to all the world.**

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

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

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.



WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

Do not rob God

Malachi 3:8–12

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me — the whole nation of you! ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ¹¹I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

Word of God, Word of life.

AI Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead Acts 9:36–42

Luke writes:

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Word of God, Word of life.

AI Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ACCLAMATION

"I Am the Good Shepherd"

Dale Wood

I am the good shepherd: I know my own sheep and my own know me.

As the Father knows me and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd.

GOSPEL

Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep

John 10:22–30

The holy gospel according to John.

AI Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem.

It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense?

If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Psalm 23 is the appointed psalm for the day.

²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.
³⁰The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

AI He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The assembly is seated.

"Stewardship in the Round: A Matter of Following"

silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 764

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With Alleluias on our lips at Christ's victory over death, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

after each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

AI hear our prayer.

P Receive these our prayers, O God, and give us all that we need for this day and the days to come, for the sake of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

AI Amen.

APPRECIATION OF DISCIPLES

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of our risen 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.

Anthem

"The Shepherd's Psalm" (Psalm 23)

Robert Wetzler

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

thou preparest a table in the presence of mine enemies;

thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forevermore.

ALLELUIA!

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

AD Blessed are you,
O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts, ready to
praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

AD And also with you.

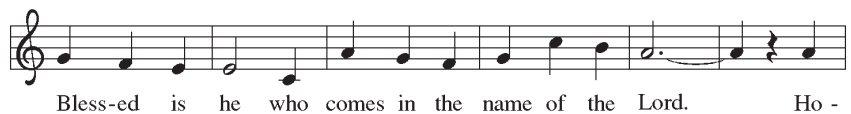
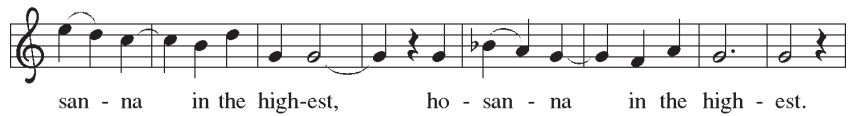
P Lift up your hearts.

AD We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AD 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



Eucharistic Prayer

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



P ...now and forever.





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

Music during 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.

Pastorale "The Faithful Shepherd"
(*Il Pastor Fido*)

G. F. Handel/E. Power Biggs

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.
Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world.
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

silence for reflection

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

ALLELUIA!

SENDING

BLESSING

☩ May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope.

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

☩ **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 544

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

☩ Go in peace. Share the good news.

☩ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

“Movement I” from *Concerto in C*

J. S. Bach

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Männerchor *choir*

John Bogard *assisting minister, 8:30*
Helen Klanderud *reader, 8:30*
Shirley Dahl *crucifer, 8:30*

Judith Bogard *assisting minister, 11:00*
Mark Forsberg *reader, 11:00*
Rick Johnston *crucifer, 11:00*

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WORSHIP LIFE

Sundays: They are all Easters



Why this day for our assembling? Why this day for worship? Why Sunday?

It is easy to remember during the Fifty days as we hear the stories of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus being read out that we assemble on Sunday because it is the day that Christ rose from the dead, it is the day he appears among his disciples.

All except one of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus happen on a Sunday.

...after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning...

(Mt. 28:1)

...When the Sabbath was over ...very early on the first day of the week...

(Mark 16:1-2)

...on the first day of the week he appeared first to Mary Magdalene...

(Mark 16:9)

...on the first day of the week, at early dawn... (Luke 24:1)

...Now on that same day two of them were going to ...Emmaus...

(Luke 24:13)

...[that same evening] while they were talking about this [Emmaus]

Jesus himself stood among them... (Luke 24:36)

...Early on the first day of the week... (John 20:1)

...When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week...

(John 20:19)

...A week later ...Jesus came and stood among them... (John 20:26)

...Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach ...with fish ...and bread...

(John 21) traditionally the third Sunday after Easter

The ascension has been celebrated forty days after Easter which places it always on a Thursday.

That Sunday is "the day of resurrection," is certainly one of the primary reasons that we gather on this holy day. But as is always the case with God, there is more.

Before there were days, in the time before time, divine love overflowed and God said: "Let there be light!" So Sunday is the first day, the day when the Creator began creating, separating the light from the darkness.

What better day to see Christ rise? So the first day is also the third day, the day on which Christ rose from the dead.

Finally, Sunday is the day that the Holy Spirit came. According to the Acts of the Apostles, it was fifty days after Easter. The first day is the fiftieth day – the day after seven weeks of seven days when all things come around full circle. The day of creation is the day of re-creation; the day when Christ rose is the day that the Spirit descended.

So we gather on Sunday, expecting to meet the risen Lord, practicing our "going and telling" that Christ is risen. We proclaim on Sundays that in this rising all things are new, different. Christ is risen, opening doors. Christ is risen, building bridges.

adapted from Saving Signs Wondrous Words; Chicago: LTP, 1996, 11-14.

ALLELUIA!

PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Richard Nelson *senior pastor*
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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 contact us at 612-870-4416, or email info@centralmpls.org.

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.

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