



# HOLY COMMUNION

*Unfailing Treasure*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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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*The Holy Spirit gathers  
us in unity  
on the first day  
of the week, the day of  
Christ's resurrection*

*Today's processional hymn is  
based on Psalm 150, appointed  
for this day.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"Chaconne in F"

*Henry Purcell*

*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!

**All** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Sing Praise to the Lord"

*see back cover*

### 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.

**All** 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.

**All** And also with you.

# ALLELUIA!

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

This is the feast of  
vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia.  
Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es,  
wis-dom, strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-  
ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,  
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-  
ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-  
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our  
God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☪ ... one God, now and forever.

☪ Amen.

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

Today's reading describes the  
life in community  
("in common") of the early  
believers in Jesus. The words  
reveal the great generosity,  
priorities, and care afforded  
those who were a part of the  
faith community.

In a world where compassion  
often burns out, and generosity  
fades, people tend to limit their  
concerns and focus to those in  
their own backyard. Paul, here,  
urges the Corinthian church to  
excel in their expression of  
faith as generous and  
glad givers.

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### ANTHEM (11:00)

"Wana Baraka" *Kenyan folk song, arr. Shawn Kirchner*  
*They have blessings, those who pray;*  
*Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!*  
*They have peace, they have joy, they have well-being.*

### FIRST READING

*The believers' common life*

Acts 2:43–47

*Luke writes:*

Awe came upon everyone,  
because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.  
<sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common;  
<sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to  
all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the  
temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and  
generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.  
And day by day the Lord added to their number  
those who were being saved.

Word of God, Word of life.

**AD** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:1–12

*Excel in generosity, following Jesus*

*Paul writes:*

We want you to know, brothers and sisters,  
about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of  
Macedonia; <sup>2</sup>for during a severe ordeal of affliction,  
their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth  
of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave  
according to their means, and even beyond their means,  
<sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the  
saints — <sup>5</sup>and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to  
the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, <sup>6</sup>so that we might urge Titus that,  
as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this  
generous undertaking among you. <sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything  
— in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness,  
and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous  
undertaking. <sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command,  
but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of  
others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.  
<sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice:  
it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something  
but even to desire to do something — <sup>11</sup>now finish doing it,  
so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it  
according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there,  
the gift is acceptable according to what one has  
— not according to what one does not have.

Word of God, Word of life.

**AD** Thanks be to God.


*Jesus reminds his closest followers to keep things in proper perspective—to major in the majors, so to speak. Using objects around them that they might ignore, he challenges them to let go of the small stuff, and lean confidently on the goodness and providence of God. Finally, he calls upon them to relinquish their grip on their money and possessions, and to cling to the True Treasure, Jesus Christ!*


ALLELUIA!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Luke 12:24

*The assembly welcomes the Gospel, singing the ALLELUIA before and after the cantor sings the verse.*

**AI**   
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**L** *Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.*

**GOSPEL**

*Do not worry*

Luke 12:22–34

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

*Jesus says to his disciples:*

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

<sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

<sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

<sup>31</sup>Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

<sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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 Excellence”  
*silence for reflection*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“As Saints of Old”

(hymn) 695  
stanza 2 in harmony

## NICENE CREED

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our Easter faith.

**Al** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 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,

**Al** 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.

**Al** Amen.

God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ

Today's method of offering is unique in our church year. You are invited to bring forward your offerings for today AND your commitment cards for the Fiscal Year at Central, June 2010-May 2011, to the large baskets in the altar space. There, all will be offered up to God in thanksgiving and praise for the abundant life God provides.

## MEAL

### PEACE

**P** The peace of our risen Lord be with you always.

**Al** **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 and wine are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.*

#### Processional Offering

"African Alleluia"

Cathy Moglebust

#### Blessing of Commitments and Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray together.

**Al** **Blessed are you, O God,  
ruler of heaven and earth.**

**Day by day you shower us with blessings.**

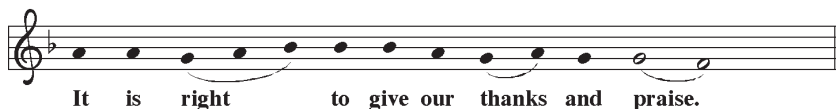
**As you have raised us to new life in Christ,**

**give us glad and generous hearts,**

**ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,**

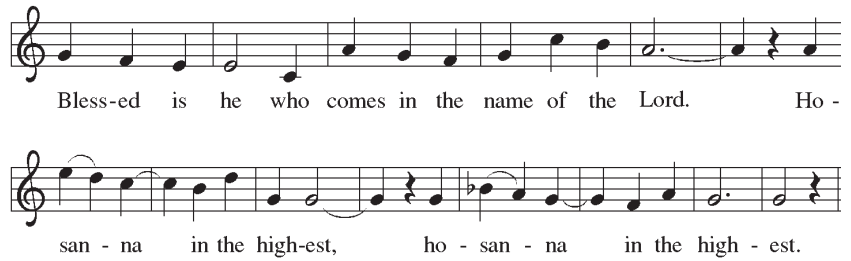
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



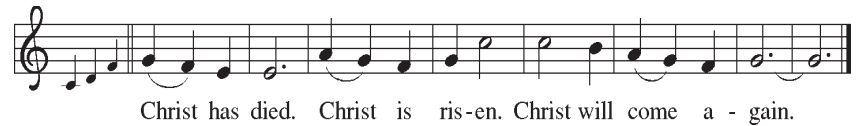
**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy**





**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**

Hymn (11:00)

(hymn) 486

"God Extends an Invitation"

*sung twice in English; first by the choir, then by all*

**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


**P** 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.

**A** Amen.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

“From All that Dwell below the Skies”



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the cre -  
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal  
a - tor's praise a - rise; let the re - deem - er's  
truth at - tends your word; your praise shall sound from  
name be sung through ev - 'ry land, in ev - 'ry tongue.  
shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561

### DISMISSAL

*Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.*

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**A** 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

“Voluntary on Old 100th”

*Henry Purcell*

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**Chancel flowers today** are given by Helen Garnaas on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in gratitude to God for his many gifts of life and the love of family, friends, and Central Lutheran Church. If you wish to donate chancel flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.

## SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Brad Boogren	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor/organist</i>
Campanas Central	<i>bell choir</i>
Corinne Robinson	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
Jody Halverson	<i>crucifer, 8:30</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator, 8:30</i>
Verne Melberg	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Joan Hilden	<i>crucifer, 11:00</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir, 11:00</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator, 11:00</i>
Steve Langmo	<i>radio announcer</i>
Donald Moe,	
Susan & Tom Jorgenson	<i>lead ushers</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Sara Stensaas, Pramila Nelson, Phil Ranheim, Judy Berge, Karin Lilleodden, Rick Johnston	<i>communion ministers</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, Bob & Judy Erdman, Dave & Pat Forse, Martin & Barbara Zalusky	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Christopher Haug, Dave Nelson, Michael Wickman, Kris Stedje	<i>seasonal environment &amp; art</i>

**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.

## 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](mailto: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 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.





### **PASTORAL STAFF**

The Rev. Richard Nelson	<i>senior pastor</i>
The Rev. Kristen Jacobson	<i>associate pastor</i>
The Rev. D. Foy Christopherson	<i>associate pastor</i>
The Rev. Judith Stone	<i>visitation pastor</i>
The Rev. Charles Anderson	<i>visitation pastor</i>

### **PROGRAM STAFF**

David Alexander	<i>business administrator</i>
Joe Bjordal	<i>communications manager</i>
Barbara Brown	<i>staff &amp; program administrator</i>
Greer Cherney	<i>youth and family ministries</i>
Karen Knox	<i>volunteer coordinator</i>
Lee Anne Lack	<i>dir. of development, foundation</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer	<i>community ministries</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Matt Bratlie	<i>youth worker</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator</i>
Harold Clough	<i>radio and tape ministry</i>
Erica Doss	<i>events coordinator</i>
Theresa Dunbar	<i>housekeeper</i>
Pam Fergus	<i>nursery attendant</i>
Jennifer Fischer	<i>bookkeeper</i>
Jeni Hill	<i>executive assistant</i>
Jody Halverson	<i>nursery coordinator</i>
George Jackson	<i>security</i>
Van Leverett	<i>security</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator</i>
Bruce Person	<i>food service coordinator</i>
David Rodriguez	<i>building supervisor</i>
Betsi Sample	<i>food service</i>
Marissa Sidars	<i>receptionist/pastoral support</i>
Charles Smith	<i>custodian</i>
Al Thielen	<i>custodian</i>
Dwayne Wright	<i>director of security</i>

"Sing Praise to the Lord!"

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise in the height;  
Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise up - on earth,  
Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give and sound!  
Sing praise to the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in God's word, you an - gels of light;  
in tune - ful ac - cord, all you of new birth;  
each ju - bi - lant out - chord, re - ech - o a - round;  
to God be out - poured all ag - es a - long:

O hea - vens, a - dore him — by — whom you were made,  
O praise him who brought you — his — grace from a - bove,  
loud or - gans, his glo - ry — tell — out in deep tone,  
for love in cre - a - tion, — for — heav - en re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore — him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
O praise him who taught — you to sing of his love.  
and trum - pets, the sto - ry of what God has done.  
for grace and sal - va - tion, sing praise to the Lord!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1875; based on Psalm 150

Music: *Laudate Dominum*, arr. C.H.H. Parry from his anthem "Hear My Words" (1897)

