



HOLY COMMUNION HOLY BAPTISM

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2011 + 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

Christ the shepherd guards his sheep from thieves

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

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



BAPTISM FESTIVAL GATHERING

ALLELUIA!

PRELUDE

Partita on "O filii et filiae"

Wilbur Held

*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!

AI He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

AI Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

P Death has no more dominion over him

AI Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

P Dying he destroyed our death.

AI Rising he restored our life.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

(hymn) 385

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (8:30)

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

AI Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.



Al Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting well spring,
you are the fire of rebirth.

Al **Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.**

P Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow...
Your waters are below us, around us, above us; our life is born in you.

Al **You are the fountain of resurrection.**

P Praise to you for your saving waters:

Al **Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.
The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your
gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away and the Samaritan
woman will never be thirsty again.**

P At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism
and for your Word that saves us in this water.
Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Al **Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.
Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

P Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Al **Amen.**

The 8:30 service continues on page 4 with the welcome of Easter baptisms.

PRESENTATION (11:00)

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A These children are presented as candidates for baptism:

Lily Elaine Boettner

daughter of Kelly Carlson & Matt Boettner

Joe Boettner & Angie Boettner, sponsors

Skadi Harstad Elggren

son of Kathryn Harstad & Mike Elggren

Margaret Harstad, Hansi Johnson, sponsors

Nicolas Gitonga Omariba

son of Lameck & Serah Omariba

Ronald Michoma & Jane Wambui Gitonga, 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 ... **Al** **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

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

*Today's reading is a
description of life in the
community following Peter's
sermon on the day of
Pentecost, when the Spirit
was outpoured on God's
people. This new community is
founded on the teachings of
the apostles and sustained in
the breaking of the bread.*

ANOINTING AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

- P** ... you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
All **Amen.**

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A lighted candle is given to the baptized.

- A** Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

The 8:30 service continues:

WELCOME OF EASTER BAPTISMS

Christ is risen among us in these newly baptized ones:

Eleanor Christine Heuer (March 26)

Grace Maryn Brown (March 26)

Avery Kay Mehta (April 23)

Rodney Cruz (April 23)

Vera Lisa Lowenberg-DeBoer (May 1)

Hendrik James Esch (May 1)

Skadi Harstad Elggren (May 15)

Lily Elaine Boettner (May 15)

Nicolas Gitonga Omariba (May 15)

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen among us in
All **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
**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.

PRAYER

- P** People of God, Joined with Christ in the waters of baptism, do you
promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?
All **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**
P Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God... now and forever.
All **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

The believers' common life

Acts 2:42-47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being
done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in
common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the
proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day 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, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the
people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were
being saved.

ALLELUIA!

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9:1-12

The collection for Christians at Jerusalem

Paul writes: Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, ²for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; ⁴otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated — to say nothing of you — in this undertaking. ⁵So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,
“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

The word of the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:14

*The assembly welcomes the gospel,
singing the ALLELUIA before and after the choir sings the verse.*



L *Jesus says, I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me.*

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.



The holy gospel according to John.

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

Jesus said:

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

AI **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The assembly is seated.

"Grounded in Gratitude: We Share All Things Joyfully"
silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

(hymn) 689

NICENE CREED (8:30)

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

AI **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 Rejoicing in the wonder of new life in Jesus Christ,
let us pray for the church, the world,
and all of God's creation.

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

*Gifts, tithes and pledges are
received this morning in a
processional offering. Please
join other worshippers in
bringing your gifts to the
baskets in the chancel. Ushers
will gather gifts from those
who do not join the procession.*

*During our three weeks of
stewardship emphasis,
children are invited to bring
their offerings forward and
place them in the basket
near the altar.*

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, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

Processional Offering

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

arr. Hart Morris

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

as we offer to you our gifts and pledges,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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.

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

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
A And also with you.

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:
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

"Shepherd Me, O God"

The verses are sung as solos, please join on the refrain:

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Music for Bells

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

arr. Arnold Sherman

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray.
Mighty and compassionate God,
you have brought us over from death to life through your Son,
our risen Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the sacrament of his body and blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and
serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- A** Amen.

silence for reflection

SENDING

BLESSING

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

ALLELUIA!

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

A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 536

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

stanzas 1 & 2 in harmony

(11:00) *The baptismal parties join in the recession to be greeted by the assembly.*

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.

(8:30) *Please join us this morning for a special reception in fellowship hall honoring all our lay ministers.*

POSTLUDE

Two Movements from “Suite Gothique”

Leon Boellmann

Chorale - Minuet

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SATURDAY WORSHIP AT CENTRAL

Downtown on Saturday night?

Sunday morning commitment?

Remember – Worship is held every Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. If schedules prevent you from worshipping with us on Sunday morning, Saturday evening is always an option.



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



SERVING TODAY



Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
John Aasan	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor/organist</i>
Laura Holst, Debbie Richman,	
Mary Jo Olson	<i>soloists</i>
Campanas Central	<i>bell choir</i>
Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>associate pastor</i>
Aino Husen	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
Brad Boogren	<i>crucifer, 8:30</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator, 8:30</i>
Sharon Williams	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Joan Hilden	<i>crucifer, 11:00</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator, 11:00</i>
Steve Langmo	<i>radio announcer</i>
Jeffrey Wolter	<i>sound booth assistant</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Donald Moe, Susan & Tom Jorgensen	<i>lead ushers</i>
Leon & Deanne Tibben,	
Barb Hoernemann, Rick Johnston	<i>communion ministers</i>
Shanti Austvold, Mark Forsberg,	
Larry Peterson & Lois Steer,	
Carney Meekins, Allison Winblad,	
Liz Crouch	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Cheryl Erickson	<i>docent</i>
Jenny Carozza, Trudy Ness,	
Emily Olson, Richard Stegall,	
John & Renee Troselius,	
Pirkko Vänskä, Michael Wickman	<i>seasonal worship team</i>
David Nelson, Christopher Haug,	
Paul Troselius, John Troselius,	
Maggie Peterson, Heruy Mesfen,	
Nancy Dillon, Stephen Shearer,	
Michael Wickman, Skip Thorkelson	<i>seasonal environment & art</i>

WORSHIP LIFE

Go and Tell: We proclaim the Lord's resurrection



God has acted! Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. Easter is not one day, but fifty. For fifty days, a week of weeks – 7 times 7 – our Alleluias proclaim the resurrection. Fifty days for telling. “You are witnesses...” “Go and tell...” Share the good news with all who will listen: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Processions, Easter melodies, and the butterfly symbol of the resurrection will accompany our Alleluias. As the Fifty Days continue through May:

We gather around the table with the risen Lord singing Easter hymns, music mostly from ELW setting one, and celebrating that our desert wanderings are over. The saving waters of Easter have come.

We baptize candidates into Jesus’ promised new future on two Easter Sundays; and baptisms are affirmed on two other Sundays as we receive new members and confirm the faith of our youth.

We make our annual commitments of gifts and talents in response to the Easter message.

Central Choir returns for Pentecost to conclude the season on June 12.

Thanks to our Lent-Easter seasonal worship team who has worked hard to prepare these celebrations for us: Trudy Ness, Jenny Carozza, John Troselius, Renee Troselius, Emily Olson, Pirko Vänskä, Richard Stegall, Michael Wickman, Mark Sedio, and Jane Lien, coordinator.

May 14/15

4 Easter

Christ the Shepherd (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Holy Communion Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Holy Communion/Holy Baptism Festival Sunday 8:30 and 11 a.m.
stewardship processional offering

May 21/22

5 Easter

Christ the way, truth, and life

Holy Communion Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Holy Communion Sunday 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Affirmation of Baptism: New members received
Sunday School teachers thanksgiving

May 28/29

6 Easter

Christ our advocate

Holy Communion Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Holy Communion/Summer schedule begins Sunday 10 a.m.

Affirmation of Baptism: Confirmation

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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