



## 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.



ALLELUIA!



# HOLY COMMUNION

Affirmation of Baptism

Day of Pentecost

May 23, 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 the pillar of fire who guides us home***

*Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*"Prelude on Three Pentecost Hymns"*

*arr. Mark Sedio*

*Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*

*Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray*

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

*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** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*(hymn) 786*

*"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"*

### GREETING

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
the breath of life and fire of love.

**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** ...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

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

*The builders of the tower of Babel try to make a name for themselves by building their tower to the heavens. God scatters them, confusing their language so that they cannot understand one another. The miracle at Pentecost reverses this story, drawing many different peoples together into the new people of God.*

*Today's second lesson is read  
in French, Norwegian,  
German, Swahili, Finnish,  
Slovak and Spanish.*



*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### FIRST READING

*God destroys the tower of Babel*

Genesis 11:1-9

The whole earth had one language and the same words.

<sup>2</sup>And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

<sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said,

"Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

<sup>5</sup>The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said,

"Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.

<sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

<sup>8</sup>So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Word of God, Word of life.

**🔊 Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

*Filled with the Spirit*

Acts 2:1-21

*Luke writes:*

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

<sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

<sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

*This hymn, by medieval preacher, Brother Berthold of Regensburg (d. 1272) was held in high regard by Martin Luther who added three verses of his own. First published in Johann Walter's hymn of 1524, it has been included in most Lutheran hymnals throughout the centuries.*

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*



<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Word of God, Word of life.

**AI** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*(hymn) 743*

"Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

*stanzas 1 & 2*

**GOSPEL**

*The Spirit of truth*

*John 14:8-17; 25-27*

The holy gospel according to John.

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

Philip said to [Jesus] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

<sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*(hymn) 743*

"Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

*stanzas 3 & 4*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Rick Nelson*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**AI** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

"Breathe Deeply"

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*(hymn) 404*

"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

*stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony*

(8:30) *As the hymn is sung, new members are presented at the baptismal font.*

(11:00) *As the hymn is sung, confirmands are presented at the baptismal font.*



# AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

## PRESENTATION

*(8:30) Candidates for membership are presented.*

*(11:00) Candidates for confirmation are presented.*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

- P** I ask you, together with the assembly,  
to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,  
reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?  
**AI** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?  
**AI** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?  
**AI** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God the Father?  
**AI** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**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 again to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in God 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.**

## PROMISES

*The presider addresses those making affirmation.*

- P** You have made public profession of your faith.  
Do you intend to continue in the covenant...  
... to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Those making public affirmation respond.*

- R** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
- P** People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers  
and pray for them in their life in Christ?  
**AI** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

# ALLELUIA!

## PRAYER

- P** Let us pray.  
We give you thanks, O God,  
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,  
cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in these your servants the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever.

- All** Amen.

## LAYING ON OF HANDS (11:00)

*The pastors lay hands on the head of each person.*

*Parents, sponsors and mentors are invited to join.*

*After each laying on of hands, the assembly responds, 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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- All** 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,

- All** 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.

- All** Amen.

## WELCOME

*Those making public affirmation face the assembly.*

*The congregation president (or their representative) addresses the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

- All** We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

*The assembly may greet those making public affirmation with applause.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

## PEACE

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

**All** **And also with you.**

*The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another;  
those making public affirmation return to their places.*

## 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 (8:30)**

*"Holy Spirit, by Your Wonder"*

*Mark Sedio*

*Over worlds unformed great vastness broods your Spirit lovingly;  
One great voice throughout the darkness calls to light what is to be.  
Holy Spirit, in your splendor enter in to make life whole.  
Make complete, repair the broken, work your grace redeem our souls.  
Veni, Sancte Spiritus. Come, Spirit, come!  
By your Spirit's untamed wisdom, word from out eternal time;  
Word with God and in God spoken, let your light upon us shine.  
Spirit God, incline your mercy, grant us ears that we might hear;  
speak to all the world your message, bring your presence ever near.  
Veni, Sancte Spiritus. Come, Spirit, come!  
Signs and wonders by your servants, grace and hope to desperate bring.  
Use us ever, Holy Spirit, grant us strength that we might sing.  
Spirit of baptismal presence, changing water into wine,  
come into our broad communion, give us grace, our souls refine.  
Veni, Sancte Spiritus. Come, Spirit, come!*

**Organ Voluntary (11:00)**

*"Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"*

*arr. Dietrich Buxtehude*

## Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray together.

**All** **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,**

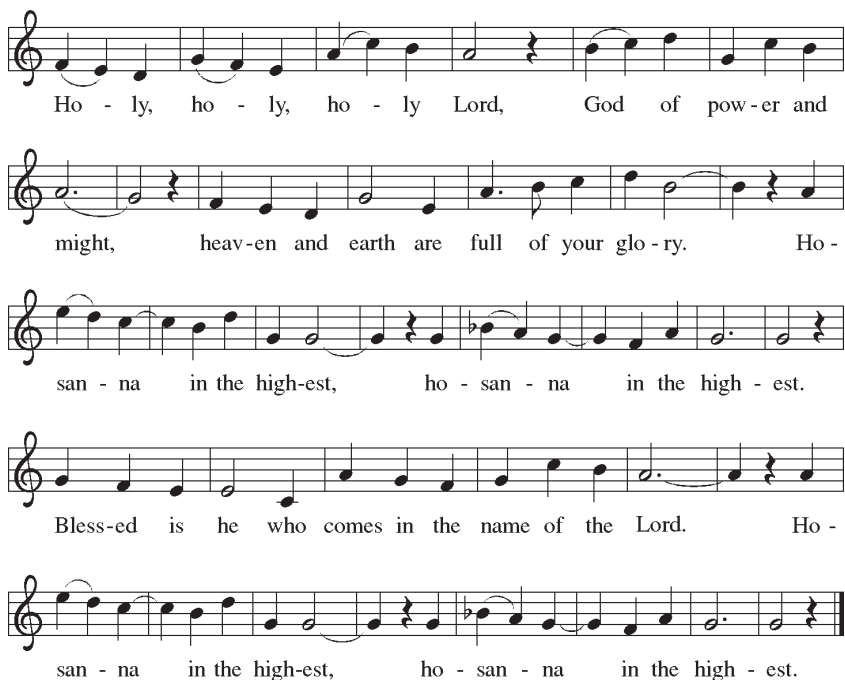
**ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,**

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

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



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.

#### Eucharistic Prayer

... And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

**A1** **Come, Holy Spirit!**

... And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

**A1** **Come, Holy Spirit!**

... And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

**A1** **Come, Holy Spirit!**

... And so we cry, Amen:

**A1** **Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer (1975)

**A1** 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

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

(hymn) 403



*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.*

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

*Although the version we sing today was written by prolific Danish hymn writer Nikolai Grundtvig, the sources of this hymn are many: a pre-Reformation vernacular "day song," a manuscript from the Uppsala University library (1450) and a revised version dating from the 1560s.*

*Though Alain's life was short (he died in World War I at the age of 29) his works number among the most widely known and played of all twentieth century organ literature. Of "Litanies" he wrote: "When the Christian soul no longer finds new words in its distress imploring the mercy of God, it repeats constantly the same invocation with a vehement faith. Reason attains its limit. Only faith can follow its ascension."*

### Prayer after Communion

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

**AD** **Amen.**  
*silence for reflection*

## SENDING

### BLESSING

**P** The wind of the Spirit blows where it wills.  
May the breath of the Spirit stir us into abundant life.

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

**AD** **Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

"O Day Full of Grace" *(hymn) 627*  
*stanzas 1, 4 & 5 are sung*  
Those making public affirmation this morning 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.

**AD** **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

"Litanies"

*Jehan Alain*

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**Chancel flowers today** are given in honor of the confirmands, Paul Peterson, Maia Liss, Madeline Nicol, and Emma Grotting by their parents and the Youth and Family Ministry Team. If you wish to donate flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.



**We welcome the following New Members into Central's family:**

Brita Brown  
Isabelle Brown\*  
William Brown  
Brian Devitt  
Nancy Dillon  
David Forse  
Christa Gerrietts  
Angela Koivu  
Debra Lester  
Keith Lester  
Joseph Pearson  
Melinda Pearson  
Bernice Smith  
Bethany Telschow

*\*baptized on July 5, 2009*



**We welcome our Confirmands:**

Paul Oliver Peterson  
Maia Rose Liss  
Madeline Renee Nicol  
Emma Christine Grotting

**Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored by Mark and Janice Peterson in honor of Margery Carpenter's 90th birthday, Margery and Ken Carpenter's 47th wedding anniversary, and in honor of Central Lutheran's confirmation students, including Mark and Janice's son Paul. 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.

## SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Julie Anderson	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir, 8:30</i>
Dave West, Mark Sedio	<i>readers, 8:30</i>
Jody Halverson	<i>crucifer, 8:30</i>
David Deonarine, Melissa Deonarine	<i>torches, 8:30</i>
the Stensaas family	<i>bells, 8:30</i>
David Sand, Mark Sedio	<i>readers, 11:00</i>
Joan Hilden	<i>crucifer, 11:00</i>
Kris Stedje	<i>torches, 11:00</i>
the Anderson family	<i>bells, 11:00</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Donald Moe,	
Susan & Tom Jorgensen	<i>lead ushers</i>
Verne Melberg	<i>radio announcer</i>
Bob Boldt	<i>cover art</i>
Phil Ranheim, Barb Brown, Sara Stensaas, Pramila Nelson, Barb Hoernemann, Barb Schommer, Ann Oyen, Rick Johnston	<i>communion ministers</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, Betty Reveling, Lloyd Grinde, Lois Steer & Larry Peterson, Lois Nesseth	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Cheryl Erickson	<i>docent</i>
Christopher Haug, Dave Nelson, Michael Wickman, Kris Stedje	<i>seasonal environment &amp; art</i>

