



# HOLY COMMUNION AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 29, 2011 + 10:00 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*

*"Call and Response" by  
Ghanaian composer Kwami was  
originally composed for piano.  
Zimbabwean composer  
Alexander Gondo's hymn  
"Uyai mose" can be found in  
the pew hymnal (hymn 819).*

ALLELUIA!

*Christ is the great ark who holds us and all living things  
Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit  
Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost  
draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the  
Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our  
gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the  
body of the risen Christ in the world.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*"Call and Response"  
"Uyai mose"  
"Ni Jina Gani"*

*Robert Mawuena Kwami  
Alexander Gondo, arr. Sedio  
Israel Kagaruki*

*What name in all the earth is greatest? Truly it is the name of the Lord Jesus.  
I love that name. I boast and show off because of that name.*

*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!
- P** We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.  
**A** Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- P** Death has no more dominion over him.  
**A** Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
- P** Dying he destroyed our death.  
**A** Rising he restored our life.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"*

*(hymn) 404  
stanzas 2 and 3 in harmony*

### GREETING

- 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.

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

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

*Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God’s eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.*

## WORD

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

### FIRST READING

*Paul’s message to the Athenians*

Acts 17:22–31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

<sup>26</sup>“From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

**📖 Thanks be to God.**

### MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Jenga Imani Yako”

*Israel Kagaruki*

*Build your faith, brethren as our ancestors did.*

*By diligently staying strong and praying you will build your faith.*

*By faith, Abel offered better sacrifice; By faith, Abraham responded to God’s call.*

*By faith, Isaac blessed his children; By faith, Job did not blaspheme his creator.*

*By faith, Enoch ascended without dying; By faith, Sarah conceived even at old age. By faith, Rehab and his colleague were never annihilated;*

*By faith, Daniel refused to eat. By faith, Noah built the ark; By faith, Abraham offered Issac as a sacrifice; By faith, Moses refused to be called an Egyptian’s son; By faith, Samuel responded to the call (of God).*

### SECOND READING

*The days of Noah, a sign of baptism*

1 Peter 3:13–22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

<sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.

Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

<sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited

# ALLELUIA!

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*



patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

**AD** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly welcomes the gospel.*



## GOSPEL

*Christ our advocate*

John 14:15–21

The holy gospel according to John.

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

*Jesus said to the disciples:*

“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>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**AD** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The assembly is seated.*

“To Love Is Divine”

*silence for reflection*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

(hymn) 804

stanzas 2 and 3 in harmony

*As the hymn is sung, confirmands gather at the baptismal font near the communion rail.*



## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

*Sullivan Thomas Brenke*

*Daisy Astrid Richmond*

*Austin Thomas Stanley*

### 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?  
**A** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?  
**A** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?  
**A** **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.**

### 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?
- All** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### 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.

### LAYING ON OF HANDS

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

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

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.**

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

- 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,

- 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.*

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*



*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.*

## MEAL

### PEACE

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

**A** **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.*

#### Song

"Jewe Bankubite"

Israel Kagaruki

*Let's preach and spread the word of God.*

#### Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray together.

**A** **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.

**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

#### Song

"Kweli, Kweli Wanadamu Madanganywa"

Israel Kagaruki

*Truly, truly all have gone astray; humanity is misinformed.*

*Oh humanity, now turn to God.*

*But if it doesn't please you to worship God,*

*choose for yourselves today the one you will worship.*

*In our time, our deeds separate us from God's love.*

*As for me, my family and my clan, we choose to serve God.*

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

ALLELUIA!

### Song

“Joy Medley (traditional East African songs)”

*Smart Baitani*

*Shout with joy! Sing loudly with joy!*

*We praise with a joyful heart. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!*

### 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.

**Al** 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.

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

**Al** Amen.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*(hymn) 390*

“The Risen Christ”

*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.

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

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

*Please gather for fellowship following worship.*

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

### POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in A”

*David N. Johnson*

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## SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Brad Boogren	<i>assisting minister</i>
Cantor Mark Sedio	<i>organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Imuka Singers	<i>choir</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>liturgy director</i>
Lance Olson	<i>reader</i>
Jerry Olsen	<i>crucifer</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Donald Moe, Susan & Tom Jorgensen	<i>lead ushers</i>
Barb Hoernemann, Shirley Dahl, Marissa Sidars	<i>communion ministers</i>
Shanti Austvold, Deb Wee, Marian Holicky Pat Forse	<i>hosts &amp; greeters</i> <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 &amp; art</i>

**We welcome the Imuka Singers** who are adding their voices to our worship this morning. Imuka is a Kihaya word which means “rise.” Kihaya is one of the 129 languages of Tanzania spoken by the Haya people on the Northwestern shore of Lake Victoria. The Imuka Singers “rise” from the villages of this region to brighten the world with their soaring melodies, rich harmonies, vital rhythms and creativity. The group is under the leadership of Israel Kagaruki. Welcome, Imuka!



## WORSHIP LIFE

### *Planning Ahead for Ascension and Pentecost*

The **Ascension of our Lord** occurs (in the Bible and in our worship life) forty days after Easter. This is always a Thursday. This year the date is June 2.

#### **Thursday, June 2, 12:00 Noon**

Gather for a brief **Ascension Day prayer** service in our new Lower Narthex Chapel. This will be the inaugural use for this renewed space. Join us for a brief service of prayer and song. **Bring a bag lunch** to share after worship on the North Plaza or South Commons Plaza, weather permitting. This is sponsored by the Prayer, Spirituality and Meditation worship team.

#### **Saturday/Sunday June 4/5.**

We'll also celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, the theme for our Holy Communion Services the following weekend.

Bluegrass/gospel musicians **Monroe Crossing** will lead us in song this Sunday morning.

#### **Pentecost falls this year on June 12** – fifty (*pente-*) days after Easter.

The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples is celebrated this day. Traditionally, this day is considered the “birthday of the Church.” If you speak a foreign language, and plan to be here for our Pentecost celebration on June 12th, please contact Jane Lien (612-767-9231) or Pastor C (612-767-9204) if you are willing to read the first reading (Acts 2:1-12) from your place in the assembly that Sunday.

#### **Saturday, June 11, 5:30 Holy Communion – Vigil of Pentecost celebration of “vocation”**

Pentecost is a day to celebrate the gifts and “vocation” of every member of the church. This evening service will celebrate what Martin Luther called vocation –how we serve in the Kingdom every day by being our best selves in daily life.

#### **Sunday, June 12 Holy Communion 10 am Celebrating Pentecost:**

Buy a red geranium before June 6 for adorning the sanctuary for Pentecost. Pick up your geranium after church on June 12 to take home for your patio. \$20 at the church office or sign up table before June 6.

Wear red to church on June 12.

Give a birthday gift to the Church in a special “birthday offering.” Designated Pentecost Church “birthday gift” offerings will be used exclusively to reduce the principal on our current loan debt.

Pentecost worship will conclude with a festival recession to the North Commons for a Church birthday party, featuring all the birthday party trappings! Central Choir sings.

#### **Saturday/Sunday June 18/19 (Holy Trinity)**

Next scheduled Baptism Festival.

To schedule a baptism contact Erica Doss in the Office of the Senior Pastor.



## SummerFeast

### 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.



**Chancel flowers today** are given Chancel flowers today are given by the Floral Guild in honor of our confirmands, Austin, Daisy, and Sullivan. If you wish to donate chancel flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.

## 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.





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God's work. Our hands.

*Grace abounds.*

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