



HOLY COMMUNION

The woman anointing Jesus is forgiven
June 13, 2010 + 10:00 a.m.

Central - in the heart of the city, welcomes all people to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ

With Christ our friend, we will always find forgiveness

The enormity of our sin is surpassed only by the mercy of God. We come, repentant, to the table of the Lord. In the body and blood of Jesus, in the announcement of our absolution, all our sins are forgiven. "Happy are they ... whose sin is put away." Happy are we.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Gigue"

F. M. Veracini

*At the sound of the carillon the assembly stands,
turns and faces the baptismal font at the entrance.
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We gather together in the name of the Father,
the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

P Sisters and brothers,
bear up one another in love,
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,
seek reconciliation in Christ's name.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence is kept for reflection

P Holy and gracious God,

All **we confess that we have not led a life
worthy of the calling to which we have been called.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not acted according to your will.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us according to the riches of your grace.
Make us holy and blameless before you in love,
so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God...

All Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 877

“Praise the Almighty!”

GREETING

P The grace of our 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*

God sends the prophet Nathan to rebuke David the king for his abuse of power in deceiving and killing Uriah and taking Uriah’s wife.

King David has misused his royal power by taking advantage of his neighbor Bathsheba and is responsible for killing her husband, Uriah, by sending him into battle without proper support to defend him. God sends the prophet Nathan to confront the king with his guilt.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:26—12:10; 12:13–15

Nathan tells the story of the lamb

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷ When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,

^{12:1}And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” ⁵ Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶ he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

⁷ Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸ I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹³ David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan said to David, “Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die.” ¹⁵ Then Nathan went to his house.

The LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and it became very ill.

The word of the Lord

A **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM***Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. (32:5)*

Psalm 32:1-7

L Refrain**All** Refrain

Be glad, you right-eous, re - jice in the Lord.



Shout for joy, you true of heart!

- L** Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

All Refrain

- L** Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

All Refrain

- L** I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

All Refrain**SECOND READING***Justification through grace*

Galatians 2:15-21

*Paul explores the dynamics of
grace. We are made right with
God through Jesus and are
crucified with Christ. We trade
the old life of sin for a new life
with God.*

Paul writes:

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷ But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰ and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The woman anointing Jesus is forgiven

Luke 7:36—8:3

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

A forgiven sinner expresses great love for Jesus. This humble act reveals what is lacking in the self-righteous who feel no need to be forgiven.



One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.³⁷ And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment.³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner."⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak."⁴¹ A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet.⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."^{8:1} Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him,² as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,³ and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

Pastor Rick Nelson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Lay Our Broken World"



We lay our bro - ken world in
We bring our bro - ken hopes for
We bring our bro - ken selves, con -
sor - row at your feet, haunt - ed by hun - ger,
lives of dig - ni - ty; work - less and o - ver -
fused and closed and tired; then through your gift of
war, and fear, op - pressed by power and
worked you love, and call us to be
heal - ing grace new pur - pose is in
hate, where hu - man life seems less than
free. We bring our bro - ken loves, friends
spired. Come fill us, Fire of God, our
prof - it, might, and pride; though to u - nite us
part - ed, fam - 'lies torn; then in your life and
life and strength re - new; find in us love and
all in you, you lived and loved and died.
death we see that love must be re - born.
hope and trust, and lift us up to you.

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Music: Terra Patris, Franklin L. Sheppard, adapt.
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APOSTLES' CREED

- A** We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- AI** I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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 to judge the living and the dead.

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.

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need,
and all of God's creation.

after each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

AD **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.
In Jesus' name we pray.

AD **Amen.**

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

AD **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.

"Perpetual Motion"

K. Bohm

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

AD **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.**

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service

**and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you
have made, or the sake of him who gave himself for us,**

Jesus Christ our 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:





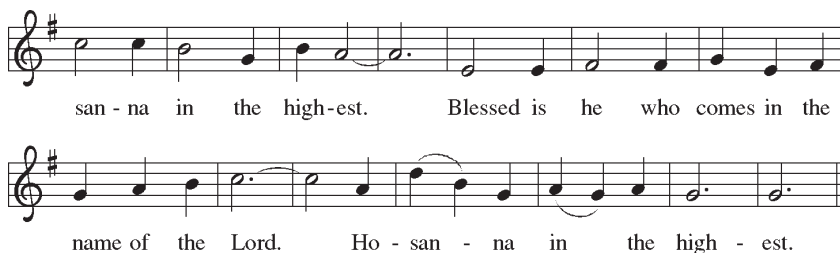
All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

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



The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:
Lord's Prayer (1975)

All 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

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

First Movement from *Concerto in d minor for Two Violins* J. S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

A O God, we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

silence for reflection

SENDING

BLESSING

All Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

(hymn) 534
stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

Please exit the north doors for fellowship on the north plaza.

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

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà”

Théodore duBois

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Chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of Don Holicky by his wife Marian. If you wish to donate flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.

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ASK THE PRESIDER

Pastor Christopherson, today's presiding minister and our pastor for worship and hospitality, will be available after worship this morning in the west transept chapel to answer any questions you may have about today's liturgy, our worship life, or our hospitality ministries. Guests are welcome. He'll meet you there after greeting worshipers on their way to north plaza fellowship. This is part of our tours and docents ministry at Central.

SERVING TODAY



Today's intercessor, Central member Carl Follingstad, resides with his wife Joy in Nairobi, Kenya. Carl serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators and personally trains and leads a team of translators in a cluster project involving several related languages. Carl is the son of Central member Henry Follingstad.

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson *presiding*
Pastor Rick Nelson *preaching*
Kris Schoephoerster *assisting minister*
Carl Follingstad *intercessor*
Janet Winsand *reader*

Mark Sedio *cantor/organist*
Jenny Carozza and Sarah Coltz *psalm cantors*
David and Sarah Coltz *violin*
Mark Brodin *sound operator*

Richard Stegall *sacristan*
Leon Tibben *crucifer*
Steve Langmo *radio announcer*

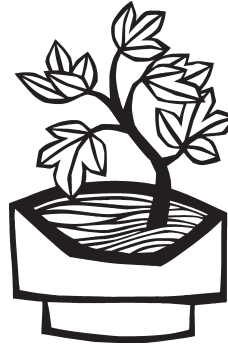
Barb Hoernemann,
Leon & Deanne Tibben,
Allison Winblad, Phil Ranheim *communion ministers*

Pastor Kristen Jacobson,
Betty Reveling, Sara & Lily Gunsch,
Stan Stegemeyer, Kathy Otis *hosts and greeters*

Cheryl Erickson *docent*

WORSHIP LIFE

Touch the Water



Some have noticed. This summer the baptism font is in the center aisle, closer to the back door. At the exit. At the entrance. Some have asked, "What's that bowl of water at the door?" "Is it holy water?" Answer: It's not. It's there so it can be closer to *you*, God's baptized, the "walking wet." It's there with no rail, no fence, no step, to separate you from the waters of your baptism. It's there so you can take your children there and teach them to touch the water; teach them to trace a cross on their foreheads.

It's not a mistake. We planned to have the font there. It is from here we will lead Confession and Forgiveness: a wet and visible reminder of God's grace and forgiveness – first given along with the waters of Holy Baptism. The new entrance rite in ELW, the Thanksgiving for Baptism may also be led from there - a rite designed to be used alternately with Confession and Forgiveness (see pages 92-97). We will walk around it at each procession and recession – gathering and sending, beginning and ending.

No, it's not a mistake. We knew we would be walking out this way this Summer – to the North Plaza for fellowship, for music, for celebrations, for receptions. We knew that this is the door from which we would send people out into the world – for mission, for married life, for the cemetery. We planned to have to pass by and pass through the waters of Holy Baptism each and every time.

So today, when you walk by the font as you are sent as Christ's body into mission in the world, touch the water. It's ordinary water – fresh from this morning's faucet. But *do* touch it. Remember. It was in water like this you were baptized, you were called, you were claimed. It's from water like this we are sent. So touch the water.

For our Sunday morning worship pattern for this summer, we've chosen a simple pattern with familiar assembly responses. The musical setting is ELW Setting One.

For our Wednesday evening worship pattern, we'll go "paperless" trusting our worship leaders and your experience of the Gathering + Word + Meal + Sending pattern to guide us through a simple weekday experience of Holy Communion. You'll know the responses from heart, don't worry. The worship leaders and musical style will vary from week to week. For your planning, the Scripture readings and themes on Wednesday will be the same the following Sunday.

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.



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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