



# HOLY COMMUNION

*Jesus casts out demons*  
June 20, 2010 + 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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***We shall be gathered on the mountain of Christ with friend and foe alike***  
*This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."*

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

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"Sonata in g minor"

*George Frideric Handel*

*Larghetto - Allegro - Adagio - Allegro*

*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 our calling.**

**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**  
"God, Whose Almighty Word"

(hymn) 673  
stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

**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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**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 prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### FIRST READING *The prophet sent to a rebellious people*

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

The word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM

*In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.*

Psalm 22:2-27

**L** Refrain

**All** Refrain

All the ends of the earth shall re -  
mem - ber and turn to God.



*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

**L** I will declare your name to the community;  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.  
Praise the Lord, you that are God-fearing;  
Stand in awe of the LORD, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line give glory.

**AD** **Refrain**

**L** For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.  
My praise is of God in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.

**AD** **Refrain**

**L** The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall give praise:  
"May your heart live forever!"  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.

**AD** **Refrain**

**SECOND READING**      *Clothed with Christ in baptism*      Galatians 3:23–29

*Paul writes:*

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

<sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,

<sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

<sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

<sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

<sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord

**AD** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Luke 8:29

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



**L** *Return to your home,  
and declare how much God has done for you.*

*The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.*

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.*



The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me” — <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

“Exit the Demons...”

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 843

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

stanza 2 in harmony

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.

**AD** **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.**

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

**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.**

**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,

**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.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**All** Amen.

**MEAL**

**PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All** 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.*

"Fantasie No. 8 in e minor"

*Georg Philipp Telemann*

**Offertory Prayer**

**A** Let us pray together.

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

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.**

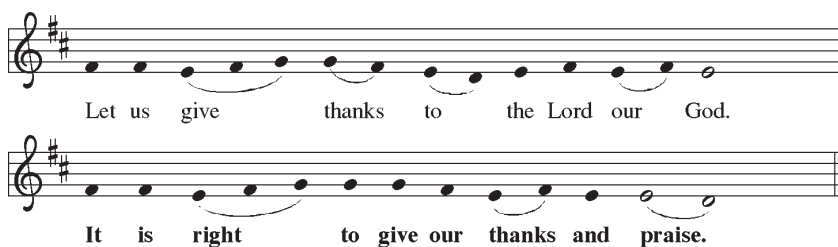
**With them we offer ourselves to your service**

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

**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord."



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



*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:*

**Lord's Prayer (1975)**

**AI** **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**

"Rhapsodie for Organ and Oboe"

Joseph Rheinberger

**Hymn**

(hymn) 611

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

**Prayer after Communion**

**P** 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.

**AI** **Amen.**

*silence for reflection*



*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.*

**Sending of Communion from the Altar-Table**

*Occasionally, after everyone has communed, you will see members of our Caring Ministry team come to the altar to receiver small packages. This is the bread and wine of communion being sent out to those of our assembly who cannot be with us... the homebound, the hospitalized, and others. To join this ministry contact the church office.*

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

## SENDING

### BLESSING

☞ **Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

(hymn) 848  
stanza 2 in harmony

### DISMISSAL

*Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.*

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

*Please exit to fellowship hall for the annual meeting.*

*Coffee for guests is served in south commons.*

### POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in E Flat”

*David N. Johnson*

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## SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson *presiding*  
Pastor Rick Nelson *preaching*  
Ann Oyen *assisting minister*  
Cory Bryan *reader*

Mark Sedio *cantor/organist*  
Emily Olson *oboe*  
Lynn Olson *pianist*  
Laura Holst *liturgical cantor*  
David Molvik *sound operator*

Richard Stegall *sacristan*  
Leon Tibben *crucifer*  
Annette Nelson *radio announcer*

Allison Winblad, Barb Hoernemann,  
Leon & Deanne Tibben,  
Greer Cherney, Barb Brown,  
Barb Schommer *communion ministers*

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson,  
George & JoAn Carlson,  
Betty Reveling,  
Bob & Phyllis Whitney *hosts and greeters*

**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.

## WORSHIP LIFE

### *Sending of Holy Communion from the Altar Table*



Around 150 A.D. Justin Martyr wrote:

*When we have concluded the prayer, bread is set out together with wine. The presider then offers prayer and thanksgiving and the people sing out their assent, saying the "Amen." There is a distribution of the things over which thanks has been said and each person participates, and these things are sent to those who are not present. (Apology of Justin Martyr)*

1,860 years later this pattern continues as we send from the assembly, gathered for Sunday worship, the sacrament of Holy Communion.

In some cases, with our radio broadcast, the bread and wine from the table can be at the door of our homebound members almost as they hear the words of the service on the radio!

How is this possible? A team of disciples from our Caring Ministry team brings the Holy Communion to those who cannot be present, yet are a part of our assembly. This team could include you. They may make arrangements to make their visit anytime throughout the week, but sending of Holy Communion best underscores the participation of the person visited within the larger assembly when it is used soon after the congregational service, normally within a few hours on the same day.

More and more you will see these ministers in our **SENDING** coming to the altar-table to receive with prayer the small communion kits which we send out, bearing the gifts of God's word and sacramental meal to those who are unable to be present in public worship. This ministry offers these people (such as those who are sick, homebound, or imprisoned) a means of participating in the worship of the whole assembly, and it helps those who have gathered publicly to recognize their oneness with sisters and brothers who are absent.

The communion ministers bring this greeting from you as they deliver the sacrament:

*"When our congregation gathered in worship, we heard again of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We shared in the holy meal of the Lord's supper. Now we bring to you this word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, so that you may share in these same gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God. This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in our community of faith, are here given for you. Taste and see that the Lord is good."*

## 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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Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

*Grace abounds.*

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