



# HOLY COMMUNION

*Jesus visits with Mary and Martha*

July 18, 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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## ***Christ is the guest who comes to your door***

*Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!" — to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.*

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

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"Méditation"

*Gabriel Dupont*

*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.

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

*The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.*



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

(hymn) 853

stanzas 2, 3 & 4 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

## WORD

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Kristen Jacobson

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

### FIRST READING *The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah* Genesis 18:1-10a

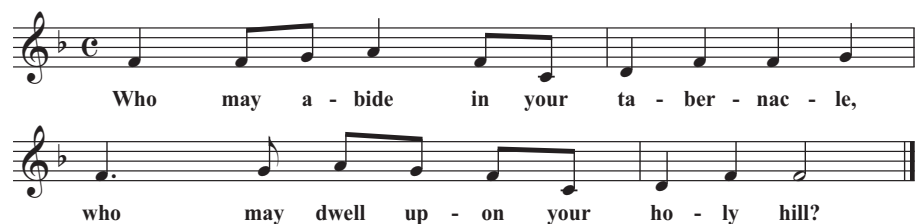
The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre,  
as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.  
<sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him.  
When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them,  
and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said,  
“My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.  
<sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet,  
and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread,  
that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since  
you have come to your servant.”  
So they said, “Do as you have said.”  
<sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said,  
“Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it,  
and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and  
good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.  
<sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared,  
and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.  
<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?”  
And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>Then one said,  
“I will surely return to you in due season,  
and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

The word of the Lord

- A** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM *LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (15:1)* Psalm 15

- L** Refrain  
**A** Refrain



**L** LORD, who may dwell in your holy tent?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?  
Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;

**AD** Refrain

**L** There is no guile upon their tongue;  
they do no evil to their friend;  
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbor.  
In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those who fear the LORD.

**AD** Refrain

**L** They have sworn to do no wrong  
and do not take back their word.  
They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**AD** Refrain

## SECOND READING

*A hymn to Christ*

Colossians 1:15-28

*Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

*Paul writes:*

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
<sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

<sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

<sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

<sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

<sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death,

so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him —

<sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake,

and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you,

to make the word of God fully known,

<sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this

mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

<sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim,

warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord

**AD** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 8:15

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



- ☐ *Blessed are those who hold the word fast in an honest and good heart,  
and bear fruit with patient endurance.*

*The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.*

*Jesus uses his visit to two  
sisters as an occasion to  
remind disciples that an  
important aspect of obedience  
is singleminded devotion to  
Jesus and his word.*



## GOSPEL

*Choosing the better part*

Luke 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to Luke.

### ☐ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As [Jesus and his disciples]went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

### ☐ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"When God Knocks..."

## HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 641

"All Are Welcome"

*stanza 1 - all; 2 - men; (all on refrain); 3 - all; 4 - women (all on refrain); 5 - all*

## APOSTLES' CREED

- ☐ We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

### ☐ **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,

**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.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Al** **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

#### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the 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.*

*"The Bird's Song"*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;*

*he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul;*

*he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*

*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**A** Let us pray together.

**Al** **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 Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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.

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**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Communion**

## Hymn

(hymn) 460

“Now the Silence”

“I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies”

Felix Mendelssohn

*O Lord, send to me thy Holy Spirit that he may touch my lips  
as I sing again to thee with a joyful heart. I will sing of thy great mercies,  
O Lord, forevermore. I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord.  
I will proclaim that thy word is truth. I will sing of thy great mercies,  
O Lord! I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord, and that thy word is truth.  
I will proclaim that thy word is truth. I will proclaim  
that thy word is truth forevermore.*

## Prayer after Communion

☐ 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.

☞ Amen.

*silence for reflection*

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

☞ Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Lord Give Us Grace”

Lord, give us grace to know the time of  
We seek your Word, as Mar - y sought; we  
Your Word a - lone gives need - ed pow'r to  
But you have taught that love is feigned that

ac - tion or of prayer, Which hour to crowd with  
wait in qui - et - ness, and yet we ask for  
strength - en wea - ry hands and helps us see in  
fails a neigh - bor's need, that faith we claim is

wait - ing work and which with you to share. \_\_\_\_  
strength to serve with Mar - tha's faith - ful - ness. \_\_\_\_  
each new day the way of your com - mands. \_\_\_\_  
false un - til your Word be - comes our deed. \_\_\_\_

## 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;  
please gather at the pulpit following the postlude*

## POSTLUDE

“Postlude for a Festal Day”

*Dale Wood*

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## 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 receive 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.

Our sending prayer is:

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:  
As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth from this assembly bearing your word and sacrament. Nourish and strengthen all who share in this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. Amen.

To join this ministry contact the church office.

## SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson     *presiding*  
Pastor Rick Nelson         *preaching*  
Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer     *assisting minister*  
Kris Schoephoerster       *reader*

Mark Sedio                     *cantor/organist*  
Susan Troselius               *soprano*  
David Molvik                   *sound operator*

Richard Stegall               *sacristan*  
Brad Boogren                  *crucifer*  
Rod Richter, Earl Carson     *lead ushers*  
Annette Nelson                *radio announcer*

Greer Cherney, Pramila Nelson,  
Phil Ranheim                   *communion ministers*

Bob & Phyllis Whitney, Kathy Otis,  
Brian McKinley, John Bogard     *hosts and greeters*  
Cheryl Erickson               *docent*



**Chancel flowers today** are given by the Floral Guild. If you wish to donate flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109 ten days in advance.

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## Summer "Fare"



A selection of light summer fare has been prepared to accompany our Coffee Fellowship time before and after summer worship. This is part of our worship, arts and hospitality ministry at Central. Brief sanctuary tours are available after worship each summer Sunday. Meet at the pulpit after the postlude.

### July 18

Following Worship: North Plaza – Ronald Kressman, carillonneur

### July 25

Following worship: "Ask the presider" West transept  
North Plaza – John Widmann, carillonneur

### August 8

Discovering Central's musical heritage, West transept

### August 15

Discovering Central's history & sanctuary, West transept

### August 22

Discovering Central's artistic heritage, West transept

### August 29

"Ask the presider" West transept

## 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.



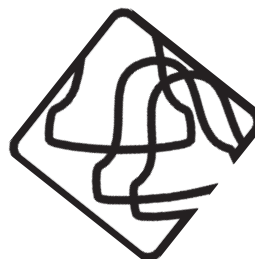
Large print service folders,  
assisted listening devices, and access seating  
are available to aid your participation in worship.  
Please inquire with an usher.



# CARILLON CONCERT

*Ronald Kressman*

Sunday, July 18, 11:10 a.m.



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|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| I.   | Preludium                           | <i>A. Van Ooi</i>             |
| II.  | Three White Spirituals              |                               |
|      | Land Beyond the Clouds              | <i>arr. Ronald Barnes</i>     |
|      | Jesus Christ the Apple Tree         | <i>arr. Barnes</i>            |
|      | Heavenly Armour                     | <i>arr. Peter Paul Olejar</i> |
| III. | Three Arrangements by Milford Myhre |                               |
|      | Simple Gifts                        | <i>Shaker Hymn</i>            |
|      | Listen to the Mockingbird           | <i>Anon. American</i>         |
|      | Muss I Denn                         | <i>Swabian Folk Song</i>      |
| IV.  | Folk Songs from the British Isles   | <i>Sally Slade Warner</i>     |
|      | The Bells of Aberdovey (Welsh)      |                               |
|      | Londonderry Air (Irish)             |                               |
| V.   | Preludio V                          | <i>Matthias van den Gheyn</i> |
| VI.  | Cranbrook Nocturne                  | <i>Johan Franco</i>           |
| VII. | Campanella                          | <i>Géo Clément</i>            |

\* *The carillonneur will indicate the next piece in the program with the corresponding number of bell strikes.*

**Ronald Kressman** received a Bachelor's degree in Church Music and Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College, an Artist Diploma (organ) from the Curtis Institute of Music, and a Master's degree from the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary, in New York City. He has served churches in New York, New Jersey and Michigan. Currently Kressman maintains an active studio for piano students in Berkley. He is a member and Sub-Dean of the Detroit Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and a member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America.

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