



HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus teaches prayer
July 25, 2010 + 10:00 a.m.

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

At the table, we receive Christ our daily bread

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized — to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord — is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Suite from "Drottningholms Musique"

Johan Helmich Roman

*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

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

(hymn) 533

stanzas 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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:



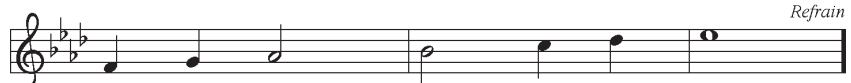
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



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 -



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P ...through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

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

According to Genesis 18:17-19 (and 12:3), Abraham is to play an important role in the divine plan: that "all the nations of the earth be blessed in him" (18:18). His role is to teach the justice of God, which condemns only the guilty and spares the innocent.



WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

Abraham bargains with God

Genesis 18:20-32

The LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord

A1 Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (138:8)

L Refrain

A1 Refrain



I will give thanks to you, — with my whole heart,



my sov'-reign God, I will sing your praise.

L I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

A1 Refrain

The letter to the Colossians warns about "the empty lure" of ideas that compromise the faith into which people are baptized. Through baptism, the church is rooted in Christ.

L They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly
and perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies,
your right hand will save me.
O God, you will make good your purpose for me;
your love endures forever,
do not abandon the works of your hands.

AD Refrain

SECOND READING *Buried with Christ in baptism* Colossians 2:6–15

Paul writes:

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The word of the Lord

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 11:9

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

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

L Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened to you.

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

Luke 11:1–13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

In Luke's gospel Jesus prays often and urges his disciples to do the same. Here, he teaches them to pray and encourages them to trust in God at all times.



[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence for reflection

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

(hymn) 742

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.

"Hear My Words, O Gracious Lord"

Stephen Paulus

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King my God, I will make my prayer to thee.
With the morning light O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
and expectant I will bring, prayer as morning sacrifice.
Thou are holy O my God, Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy favor win.
Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King my God, I will make my prayer to thee.*

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

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

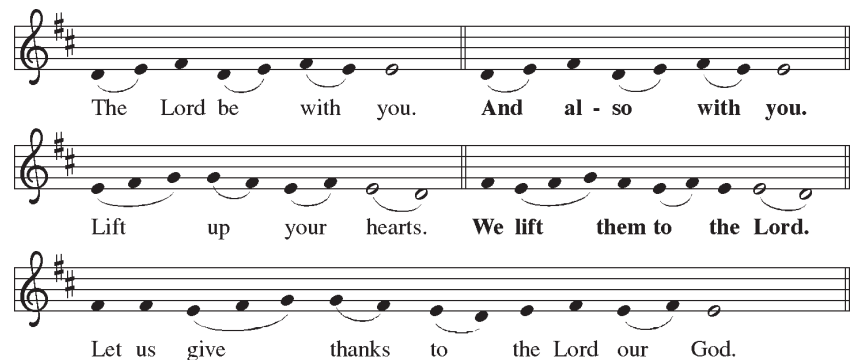
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service

**and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you
have made, 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 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.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

☐ 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

"Agnus Dei" from Messe Basse

Gabriel Fauré

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, give us peace.

Hymn

(hymn) 476

"Thee We Adore, O Savior"

stanza 1 - choir; 2-4 - all

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

God blesses and sends us
in mission to the world

SENDING

BLESSING

A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 745

“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”

stanza 1 - all in unison; 2 - men; 3 - choir; 4 - women; 5 - all in harmony

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A 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

“Marche Triomphale”

Finn Skottner

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Notes on the Music



Johan Helmich Roman (1694-1758), an almost direct contemporary of Bach and considered by musicologists to be the “Father of Swedish Music,” composed “Drottningholms Musique” for the marriage of Crown Prince Frederick of Sweden and Lovisa Ulrika of Prussia in 1744.

Stephen Paulus (b. 1949) is no stranger to the music world in Minnesota. A resident of St. Paul, Paulus has written in virtually every musical form including opera, works for symphony orchestra/chamber ensembles, voice and music for the church. His work, “When Church Bells Are Ringing” was commissioned by Central Lutheran for our bell tower/carillon dedication in 2006.

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) originally wrote his *Messe basse* (“low mass” resembling a *Missa brevis* – in which not all the parts of the mass are set to music) in 1881 as a collaborative venture with his colleague Messenger, but revised it himself into the existing four movement work for a choir of three-part treble voices in 1906.

Finn Skottner’s (1907-1983) “Marche Triomphale” often serves as a wedding march at ceremonies throughout the composer’s native Norway.

SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson *presiding*
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson *preaching*
Kris Stedje *assisting minister*
Jamey Grafing *reader*

Mark Sedio *cantor/organist*
Bethany Telschow,
Rochelle Milbrath, Debbie Richman,
Laura Holst, Sarah McLaren,
Jennifer Carozza *women's ensemble*
Mark Brodin *sound operator*

Richard Stegall *sacristan*
Joan Hilden *crucifer*
Harold Clough *radio announcer*

Greer Cherney, Barb Hoernemann,
Karin Lilleodden, Phil Ranheim *communion ministers*

Lloyd Grinde, Sara & Lily Gunsch,
Shanti & Anika Austvold *hosts and greeters*
Pat Forse *docent*



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. To join this ministry contact the church office.



MEET THE PREACHER

Pastor Christopherson, today's preaching 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.

Just visiting? Stay connected! You are invited to join *Friends of Central*. All across the country - and beyond - many people have a spot in their hearts for Central Lutheran - people who are members of congregations elsewhere but who feel a connection both to our history and our ongoing mission. Join *Friends of Central* by visiting our website, or drop us an e-mail.

Want to know more? Visit Central's website for the latest word in our life together. The website is your source for the most current calendar. Missed a sermon? Want to hear it again? Go to the audio sermon archive. There's also a bulletin archive, newsletter archive and lots of interesting facts about our life together. Visit www.centralmpls.org.

Sunday worship is broadcast locally on WDGY 740 AM at 11 a.m.; or listen online from anywhere at 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.



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.

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.



CARILLON CONCERT

John Widmann

Sunday, July 25, 11:10 a.m.



- I. Calendar *Geoffrey L. Cook (b. 1948)*
Petite Preludes for Carillon – No. 7 – “July”
- II. From *Notenbüchlein für Anna Magdalena Bach J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*
arr. Bernard Winsemius (b. 1945)
So oft ich meine Tobackspfeife BWV 515
Bist Du Bei Mir BWV 508
- III. Carillon Originals
Image No. 2 *Emilien Allard (1915-1977)*
Paraphrase on a Siciliana of Pasquale *Ronald Barnes (1927-1997)*
- IV. Late Nineteenth Century Hymn Tunes *arr. Richard Giszczak (b. 1948)*
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine *Mrs. Joseph D. Knapp*
O Master, Let me Walk with Thee *H. Percy Smith*
The Old Rugged Cross *George Bennard*
- VI. Romantic Transcriptions
Cantique de Jean Racine *Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*
arr. Don Cook (b. 1956)
Für Elise *Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)*
arr. Leen 't Hart (1920-1992)
- VII. Preludio Nr. 6 *Matthias van den Gheyn (1721-1785)*

Each section will be marked by the ringing of a single bell.

John Widmann is the City Carillonneur for the City of Frederick, Maryland, where he plays monthly recitals on the first Sunday at Noon, year round, on the Joseph Dill Baker Carillon in Baker Park. Mr. Widmann graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and is nearly complete in his pursuit of his Master of Music degree from Towson University. In addition to his Sunday recitals, he is employed by Frederick County Public Schools as a General/Vocal Music teacher. He also teaches private piano, organ, voice and carillon lessons. He is the Director of Music and Organist at Frederick Presbyterian Church. He maintains an active concert schedule, and was a featured performer at 2007's International Carillon Festival in Springfield, IL. In 2008 he played concerts in Dokkum, The Netherlands and also in Willemstad, Curacao, in the Netherlands Antilles. He lives in Frederick with his wife and their two children.

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