



HOLY COMMUNION

The parable of the foolish rich man
August 1, 2010 + 10:00 a.m.

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

The wealth of Christians is the abundant presence of Christ

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"What Us This Place"
"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

setting, Anne Krentz Organ
setting, Mark Albrecht

*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

(hymn) 655

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

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

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

Pthrough Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

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

The book of Ecclesiastes
collects thoughts of a
philosopher who reacts against
the simplistic belief that the
good are rewarded and the evil
are punished.



WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

Search out wisdom Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

^{1:12} I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³ applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹ — and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord

AI Thanks be to God.

PSALM

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (49:3)

Psalm 49:1-12

L Refrain

AI Refrain



L Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

AI Refrain

L Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
the wickedness of those who trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?

AI Refrain

L One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,
in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

AI Refrain

- Ⓐ Their graves shall be their homes forever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation,
 though they had named lands after themselves.
 Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
 they are like the beasts that perish.

AD Refrain

SECOND READING

Clothed in Christ

Colossians 3:1–11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values.

Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

Paul writes:

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:3

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

- Ⓐ *Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL

Be rich toward God, your treasure

Luke 12:13–21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this:

The Gospel of Luke not only tells how Jesus brought good news to the poor, but also how he sought to seek and save those who were rich. Here he warns against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions.



I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"If Tonight Was the Night..."

silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 793

"Be Thou My Vision"

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.

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,

AI 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.

AI Amen.

God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ

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.

"O Not to Us, Good Lord"

Georg Philipp Telemann

O not to us, good Lord, but to thy name alone be praise and glory.

*Remove the selfish tyrant that keeps our hearts in bondage,
and after each achievement would self, not thee, acclaim.*

O not to us, good Lord, but to thy name alone be praise and glory.

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

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

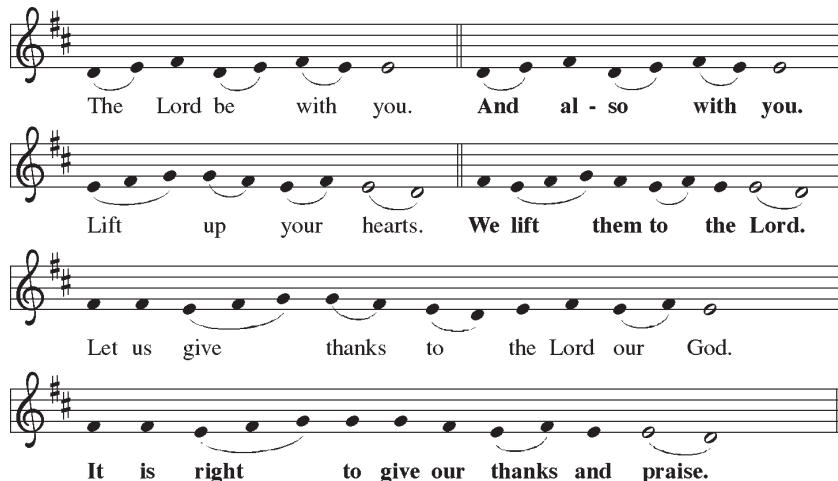
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

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,**

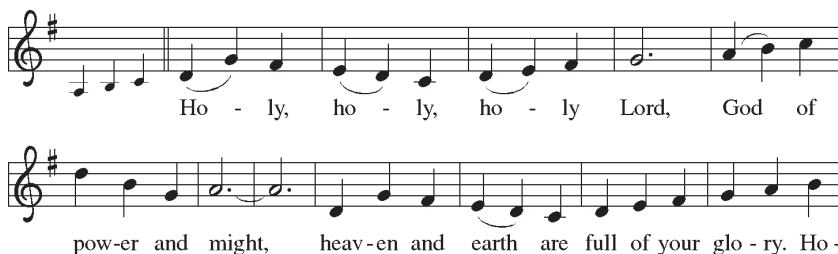
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The 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.

P 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 -



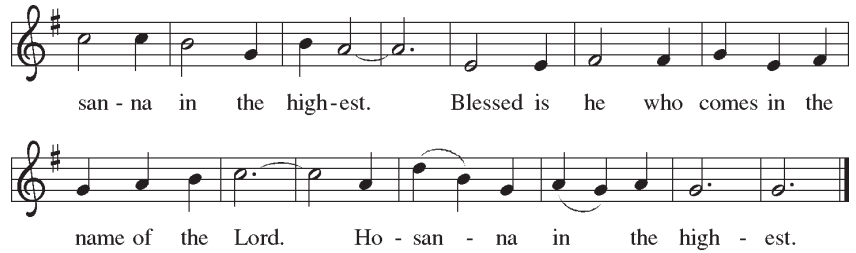
All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

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)

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

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

Hymn

"What Is This Place"

(hymn) 524

stanza 1 - solo; 2 & 3 - all

Movements from "Suite in a minor"

Georg Philipp Telemann

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.

A Amen.

silence for reflection

SENDING

BLESSING

A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

(hymn) 679

stanza 2 in harmony

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

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

*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

“Fugue in C”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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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*
Berit Aus *assisting minister*
Janet Winsand *reader*

Jane Lien *associate cantor/organist*
Polly Henderson *flute*
Jennifer Carozza *soprano*
David Molvik *sound operator*

Richard Stegall *sacristan*
Shirley Dahl *crucifer*
Steve Langmo *radio announcer*
Donald Moe, Susan & Tom Jorgenson *lead ushers*

Pramila Nelson, Barb Brown,
Barb Schommer, Shirley Dahl *communion ministers*

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson,
Judy Berge,
Bruce Bergeson & Carney Meekins *hosts and greeters*
Pat Forse *docent*



Chancel flowers today are given in memory of Warren Pomeroy, whose birthday was July 29, by his wife Betty Jean. If you wish to donate flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109 ten days in advance.

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.

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WORSHIP LIFE

None of Your "Busy-ness"

Our social introductions tend to have a fairly standard pattern: greeting, introduction by name, and labeling of ourselves by title, role, or profession. The innocent question, "So, what do you do?", often falls within the first minute of any first conversation where one is getting to know another. This societal obsession with "business" can put those who are unemployed (or underemployed) by choice or by chance in an awkward position. But does this question, "What do you do?", really help us get to know someone? What does it mean to be known by what you do rather than by who you are? According to today's parable, what we do might actually be the least important part of our identity, soul, gifts, and strengths—it is, as the writer of Ecclesiastes text writes, "vanity." Our toil, our stress, our daily grind—all is in vain. If "all is vanity," what is left? The texts today confront us with the uncomfortable, squirm-inducing, and radical proposition that nothing in this world can be called our own: possessions, legacy, inheritance, labor, fruits of the earth—even these bodily vessels on which we stake so much of our identity are on loan. Other translations of the Ecclesiastes text include, "everything is meaningless" (NIV), "everything is useless" (NCV), and "everything is futile" (Holman). Pair these shocking, seemingly nihilistic sentiments with Jesus' abrupt dismissal of an inheritance concern and we are left, quite literally, empty-handed. The challenge, the call, the cry of the gospel is to turn these vanities into values, these futile pursuits into fruitful passions, so that we may become "rich toward God." How can we challenge ourselves and each other to take our business, our "busy-ness," and put it in its proper place—as an earthly, temporal concern—and keep our eyes on that which is above?

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.





**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

Grace abounds.

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to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ*
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