



# HOLY COMMUNION

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

*Mary exults in the Lord*

August 15, 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 hope that is born within us**

*Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.*

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

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"Prayer of St. Gregory"

*Alan Hovhaness*

*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

"For All the Faithful Women"

For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
We hon - or faith-ful Ma - ry, fair maid - en, full of grace.  
All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!

to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
She bore the Christ, our broth - er, who saved our hu - man race.  
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!

They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave.  
May we, with her, sur - ren - der our - selves to your com - mand  
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,

To you their lives bore wit-ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.  
and lay up - on your al - tar our gifts of heart and hand.  
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.  
Music: AURELIA, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

## GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☞ **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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

*The prophet proclaims a  
hopeful message: The Lord  
loves justice and will make an  
everlasting covenant with  
Israel and her descendants. In  
response, the prophet sings a  
joyful song, like Mary many  
generations later, about God's  
mercy and salvation.*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:7–11

*God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations*

Because their shame was double,  
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore they shall possess a double portion;  
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord

**AD** Thanks be to God.

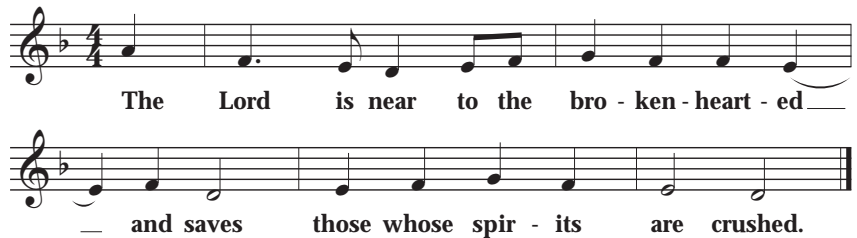
PSALM

Psalm 34:1-9, 11

*The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed. (34:18)*

**L** Refrain

**AD** Refrain



**L** I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.  
I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.  
I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.

**AD** Refrain

**L** Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.  
I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD,  
and delivers them.  
Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!

**AD** Refrain

**L** Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.  
Come children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

**AD** Refrain



*In the promise of the Incarnation, Jesus Christ embodies God's mother-father heart, in love claiming people as adopted children.*

**SECOND READING** *We are no longer slaves, but children* Galatians 4:4-7

*Paul writes:*

When the fullness of time had come,  
 God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,  
<sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law,  
 so that we might receive adoption as children.  
<sup>6</sup>And because you are children,  
 God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,  
 crying, "Abba! Father!"  
<sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child,  
 and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord

**AI** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Luke 1:28, 35

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



**L** *Greetings, O favored one! The Lord is with you.  
 The Holy Spirit will come upon you.*

*The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.*

**GOSPEL**

*Mary exults in the Lord*

Luke 1:46-55

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

*Mary's song, the Magnificat, serves as a thematic anthem for God's work in the world and therefore for the ministry of her son, Jesus. In Mary's praise we hear of a saving God who remembers the humble, scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fulfills all things.*



Mary said,  
 "My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
 from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
 and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
 and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
 in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Magnificat, Mary's song  
of praise, is one of the great  
canticles of the church.*

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

## SERMON

*silence for reflection*

Pastor Kristen Jacobson

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

(hymn) 251

## 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.**

**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,
- 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.*

### Music for Bells

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

*arr. Cathy Moglebust*

### 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

**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:



*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:*

**Lord's Prayer (1975)**

**AD** 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.



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.

French composer Charles Gounod created this Ave Maria by combining his melody with Bach's first prelude from the Well-Tempered Clavier.

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world

## Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

☞ The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Communion

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Ave Maria"

Bach/Gounod

"Andante" from *Concerto in E Flat*

Franz Joseph Haydn

### 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

### BLESSING

☞ Amen.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 424

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

### 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 the north doors for fellowship on the north plaza.*

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

### POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

John Stanley



**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.

**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.

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## Discovering Central's Heritage

*Special summer presentations by the Docent Ministry Team*



### **Today**

Discovering Central's history & sanctuary.  
Fifteen minute visual presentation followed by Q & A.  
Held in the sanctuary following worship.

### **August 22**

Discovering Central's artistic heritage.

## SERVING TODAY



Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>preaching</i>
David West	<i>assisting minister</i>
Ann Oyen	<i>reader</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Lynn Deichert	<i>trumpet</i>
Campanas Central	<i>bell choir</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Shirley Dahl	<i>crucifer</i>
Steve Langmo	<i>radio announcer</i>
Donald Moe, Susan & Tom Jorgensen	<i>lead ushers</i>
Allison Winblad, Pramila Nelson, Leon & Deanne Tibben, Barb Hoernemann	<i>communion ministers</i>
Dave & Pat Forse, Patti Brestrup & Jane Panzer	<i>hosts and greeters</i>

### **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, ([www.centralmpls.org](http://www.centralmpls.org)), or pick up a brochure in the information racks.

## WORSHIP LIFE

### *Mary, Mother of Our Lord*



Each year on August 15, which happens to fall on a Sunday this year, the church remembers Mary, Mother of Our Lord. The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title *theotokos*, meaning “God-bearer,” for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the *Magnificat*, our gospel for today, speaks eloquently of God’s lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

*For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*  
(from the Magnificat)

Luther wrote: The “great things” are nothing less than that she became the Mother of God, in which work so many and such great good things are bestowed on her as pass [our] understanding. For on this there follows all honor, all blessedness, and her unique place in the whole of [humanity], among which she has no equal, namely, that she had a child by the Father in heaven, and such a Child. She herself is unable to find a name for this work, it is too exceedingly great; all she can do is break out in the fervent cry: “They are great things,” impossible to describe or define. Hence [people] have crowded all her glory into a single word, calling her the Mother of God (*theotokos*). No one can say anything greater of her or to her, through [they] had as many tongues as there are leaves on the trees, or grass in the fields, or stars in the sky, or sand in the sea. It needs to be pondered in the heart what it means to be the Mother of God.

*Luther’s Works*, vol. 21, ed. Jaroslav Pelikan (St. Louis: Concordia, 1956) 326.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is traditionally believed to have died on this date. Faithful to the last, Mary has been important to Christian devotion throughout history because in her, the God-bearer, is seen a representation of the church itself.

Mary’s song is a powerful statement of justice, still apt for us today as we come with our own neediness to experience God’s justice and mercy in word and sacrament. How will we announce this news about God to others who are also in need?

## 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.





**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

*Grace abounds.*

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