



HOLY COMMUNION

The rebuke to Peter

August 28, 2011 + 10:00 a.m.

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

Christ is the stone upon whom we stand without fear

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Allegro" from Concerto in F Major (BWV 1055)

J. S. Bach

*At the sound of the carillon the assembly stands
to face the worship leaders at the back of the church.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the
presiding minister begins.*

The assembly responds to the invocation:

All Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence for reflection

P God of compassion,

**All we name before you the sin that enslaves us,
and confess the sin that wounds us and others,
the sin that scars our world.**

Forgive us and heal us.

Guard us from all evil.

**Give to us and the whole creation
the freedom that burns with love for you
and for all those in need.**

Amen.

The assembly responds to the absolution:

All Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"We Sing to You, O God"

(hymn) 791

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

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."

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** ... through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
A **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

God fortifies the prophet

Jeremiah 15:15–21

- O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
- ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
- ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
- ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
- ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
- ²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
- ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord.

- A** **Thanks be to God.**



Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

PSALM

Psalm 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

L Refrain
All Refrain



I have walked faith ful ly with you.

L Give judgment for me, O Lord,
 for I have lived with integrity;
 I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
 Test me, O Lord and try me; examine my heart and mind.

All Refrain

L For your love is before my eyes;
 I have walked faithfully with you.
 I have not sat with the worthless,
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.

All Refrain

L I have hated the company of evil doers;
 I will not sit down with the wicked.
 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
 that I may go in procession round your altar.

All Refrain

L I will sing aloud a song of thanksgiving
 and recount all your wondrous deeds.
 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
 and the place where your glory abides.

All Refrain

SECOND READING

Live in harmony

Romans 12:9–21

Paul writes:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,

live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ephesians 1:17, 18

*The assembly welcomes the gospel,
singing the ALLELUIA before and after the soloist sings the verse.*



- ☐ May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us.

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."



GOSPEL

The rebuke to Peter

Matthew 16:21–28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

☐ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The gospel of the Lord.

☐ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Get Behind Him"

silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 798

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

stanza 1 - all; 2 - women; 3 - all; 4 - men; 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.**

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

**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:

...Hear us, O God,

Al **your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, O God,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your abundant mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Music for English Horn

"Six Studies in English Folksong"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

I. Adagio II. Andante sostenuto III. Larghetto

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

Al **God of all creation, the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.

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:

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

Music during Communion

Hymn

"Day by Day"

(hymn) 790

Music for English Horn

"Larghetto" from *Concerto in F*

J. S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.
Gracious provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink,
and you open us up to the needs of others. Refresh us with your
Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim
your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.
AD Amen.

God blesses and sends us
in mission to the world



SENDING

BLESSING

P ...now and forever.

A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”

(hymn) 548

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

A Thanks be to God.

*Please gather on the north plaza for fellowship
and the carillon recital following worship.*

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

POSTLUDE

Concerto in C - Movement I

J. S. Bach

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>preaching</i>
Greer Cherney	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Emily Olson	<i>english horn</i>
Lynn Olson	<i>pianist</i>
Susan Troselius	<i>soloist</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>senior pastor</i>

Sharon Williams	<i>reader</i>
Shirley Dahl	<i>crucifer</i>
David Molvik, Mark Brodin	<i>sound operators</i>

Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
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Rod Richter, Earl Carson	<i>lead ushers</i>
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Kathy Fiscus, Greer Cherney, Shirley Dahl, Mons Teig	<i>communion ministers</i>
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Kathy Otis, Larry Angeles Cheryl Erickson	<i>hosts and greeters docent</i>
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Chancel flowers today are given in memory of Hannah Grinde, whose birthday was August 28, by her husband Lloyd. If you wish to donate chancel flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.



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



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.

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