

HOLY COMMUNION



The parable of the wedding guests
August 29, 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 of Christ, no price is charged for this meal

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Allegro” from Sonata III

attributed to G. F. Handel

*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 Book of Proverbs is known
as wisdom literature. Proverbs
presents a view of life that is
orderly, simple, and practical.
The truth of the advice on
humility in the presence of the
ruler is self-evident.



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

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** ...Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord
A Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Blessing of Backpacks

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

FIRST READING

Do not put yourself forward

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord

- A** Thanks be to God.

PSALM

paraphrase of psalm 81

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

(hymn) 484

soloist sings the verses, congregation joins on the refrain:

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- L** As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice.

A Refrain

- L** With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food.

A Refrain

- L** Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord?

A Refrain

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains many suggestions for the conduct of life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

L You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity.

AD Refrain

SECOND READING

God is with us

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:29

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 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart.

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL

Invite the poor to your banquet

Luke 14:1, 7–14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus often tells parables about meals in order to illustrate God's unexpected grace and lead people to a faithful response. Here, we have two examples of these stories, one extolling humility and the other, inclusivity.



⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

"Table Talk"

silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, the One Who Tells the Tale"



Christ, the one who tells the tale like - ning earth and hea - ven,
 Christ, made light of by the guests, seized, mis - treat - ed, mur - dered,
 Christ, who fills the hall with guests, rich and poor to - geth - er,



Christ, the son for whom the king gives the wed - ding ban - quet,
 Christ, the death of death, the flame that will burn its ci - ty,
 Christ, the wed - ding robe to wear for the king's in - spec - tion,



Christ, the slave who tells the guests ev - 'ry - thing is read - y,
 Christ, sent to the streets to call ev - 'ry - bod - y found there,
 Christ, the one who tells the tale like - ning earth and heav - en,



Je - sus, rab - bi, son and slave, mer - cy! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus, vic - tim, vic - tor, voice, mer - cy! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus, net and robe and friend, mer - cy! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

*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:

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.

BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

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.

Duet

"Allegro" from Twelve Little Duets, Op 38 (No. 9)

J. F. Mazas

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.



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.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

Hymn

"Come, Let Us Eat"

(hymn) 491

"Romance & Danse" from Twelve Little Duets, Op 38 (No. 9) J. F. Mazas

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.

AD **Amen.**

silence for reflection

SENDING

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

BLESSING

A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"

(hymn) 651
stanzas 1 - 4

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.

POSTLUDE

"Praeludium in G"

J. S. Bach

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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 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.

SERVING TODAY



Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Allison Winblad	<i>assisting minister</i>
Dick Hilden	<i>intercessor</i>
David West	<i>reader</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor/organist</i>
Jennifer Carozza, Sarah Coltz	<i>soloists</i>
David & Sarah Coltz	<i>violin</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Shirley Dahl	<i>crucifer</i>
Verne Melberg	<i>radio announcer</i>
Donald Moe, Susan & Tom Jorgensen	<i>lead ushers</i>
Barb Schommer, Barb Brown, Leon & Deanne Tibben	<i>communion ministers</i>
Bob & Phyllis Whitney, Chuck & Joyce Anderson	<i>hosts and greeters</i>

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.

WORSHIP LIFE

The Ministry of the Presider



The word “presider,” like the word “assembly” in our worship life may be new to some of us. Perhaps we think of that word first in association with judges presiding in courtrooms. But it’s a good word. It gets at a specific function and duty in the liturgy. We all are “ministers” in one way or another (reader, preacher, assembly, usher, worshiper), and we all are “celebrants” of the event, but not all are presiders.

This word points to what is most basic in this ministry: the presiding minister is to focus the community’s prayer. The presider is to know the liturgy thoroughly, to be completely at home with its rhythms – not to take the part of a “master of ceremonies,” but to give the assembly confidence and inspiration by her/his presence. The presider serves the assembly in the way he/she does the greeting, keeps the silences, listens to the scriptures, leads the prayers.

Until the work of **LBW** (1978) the presider (“the minister” as my parents used to say) typically did several ministries. He (always “he” then) did the lay minister’s ministry, the communion minister’s ministry, the reader’s perhaps and sometimes a few others. Since then we’ve rediscovered the gifts and ministries of the assembly and the tasks and skills *proper* to the presider. Basically, the presider has few spoken parts: to greet everyone and call them to prayer in the **GATHERING**; to collect the prayers of intercession into a conclusion and invite the reconciliation of the Peace; to lead the Great Thanksgiving; and to bless the assembly in the **SENDING**. In our context the gospel reading and sermon are delegated to another ordained leader for the sake of their theological and biblical formation and call to ministry with us – the preacher.

The spoken parts of the presider are few – much of the liturgy is shared with a lay leader – the assisting minister, but the parts the presider maintains are important ones – like the host of a great meal – to serve in the place and stead of Christ as our Lutheran confessions say. But presiding must not be understood as spoken parts alone: the presider leads the assembly throughout the liturgy. The presider leads through ritual actions: the breaking of the bread and sharing of communion, sharing of the peace. The presider is who the assembly looks to for leadership throughout the service.

The qualities that make for a good presider include:

A sense that the presider is a member of the assembly – a baptized Christian come to praise and thank the Lord. The presider sings, plays, listens, reflects silent with the assembly in the manner of a friend or companion on a journey.

Grace in movement, reverence in gesture. The manners matter. The words might be the same, but what one is doing with hands and eyes and the whole body communicates that person's presence (or lack of it) and attitude toward the assembly. No movement, no gesture is neutral. The presider seeks grace in movement, reverence in touch, in the liturgy and in life.

A voice for prayer: grace and reverence in tone, volume, pace and cadences; finding a way to speak familiar words that fit this occasion of great thanksgiving, that catch the mood of the day.

A sense of pace. Timing can be everything. At prayer, it means a feeling, a sensitivity, for the involvement of the community: knowing the right moment to begin and end each part of the service.

The garment of the presider, the chasuble, is the garment of the head of the household from the Roman period. (The word means "little house" and is the same word from which we get "castle.") The presiding minister is the head of our household of faith for our gathering together on the Lord's Day.

At times in life, each of us is a presider. This might be at a party, a family meal, a holiday. Reflect on what it feels like, what qualities it calls forth.

*adapted by D. Foy Christopherson
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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) or pick up a brochure in the information racks.

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.

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.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Aug 29, Sept 5 (through Labor Day)

Worship Wednesdays at 7 pm (last Wednesday liturgy Sept 1)

Worship Sundays at 10 am

Beginning Sept 11/12

Worship Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Worship Sundays at 8:30 and 11 am

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to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ*
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