



HOLY COMMUNION

Give up your possessions
September 5, 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 Holy Spirit gathers
us in unity
on the first day
of the week, the day of
Christ's resurrection*

*Today's prelude consists of
four settings of our final
hymn: Italian composer
Gastoldi's (1556-1622)
original madrigal-like version,
a setting by German composer
Max Drischner dating from
1954 and Sebastian Bach's
famous version from the
Orgelbüchlein.*

In baptism, marked with Christ's cross for all time

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life" — to choose life in God as our own.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude Variations on "In Thee Is Gladness"

Giovanni Gastoldi, Mark Sedio, Max Drischer, J. S. Bach

*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) 880

“O God beyond All Praising”

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

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

A Amen.

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

*Life and blessing are the
benefits of keeping the law
God has given through Moses.
In this passage, Moses
presents the consequences of
choosing between
life and death.*

*While Paul was in prison, he
was aided by a runaway slave
named Onesimus. The slave's
master, Philemon, was a
Christian friend of Paul's. Paul
told Onesimus to return to his
master, but encouraged
Philemon to receive Onesimus
back as a brother.*

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING

Walk in the way of life

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord

AI Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Paul says: Receive Onesimus

Philemon 1:1–21

Beginning his letter, Paul writes:

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The word of the Lord

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly welcomes the Gospel.



Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that they will have to renounce allegiance to all competing concerns.



GOSPEL

Give up your possessions

Luke 14:25–33

The holy gospel according to Luke.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

Large crowds were traveling with [Jesus]; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence for reflection

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

(hymn) 583
sung in English

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.

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

During his lifetime, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) was acclaimed as the greatest keyboard player in his native England. For 21 years he served as organist at the Chapel Royal and became organist at Westminster Abbey in 1623.

**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.

"Voluntary"

Orlando Gibbons

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.**



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.

Dahl, Professor Emeritus at Pacific Lutheran University where he taught for several decades, modeled his "English Suite" after those composed by English composers of the Baroque era. He recently retired after four decades as the organist at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Tacoma, Washington.

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)

AI 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

"Lamb of God"

"An English Suite"

David Dahl

Sarabande - Air - Pastorale for Flutes - Cornet Voluntary

Prayer after Communion

P O God, we give you thanks... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AI Amen.

God blesses and sends us
in mission to the world

German composer Michel is the Kantor (Cantor) at the prestigious Christuskirche in Mannheim (Germany) and teaches organ at the University of Church Music in Heidelberg. Michel frequently employs jazz idioms in his compositions and improvisations - like this one he dedicated to Leonard Bernstein (for obvious reasons).



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. 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.

SENDING

BLESSING

A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"In Thee Is Gladness"

(hymn) 867

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

"In Thee Is Gladness"

arr. Johannes Matthias Michel

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson *presiding*
Kris Schoephoerster *assisting minister*
Brian McKinley *reader*

Mark Sedio *cantor/organist*
Mark Brodin *sound operator*

Richard Stegall *sacristan*
Harold Clough *radio announcer*

Bob Tufford,
Jean Matheson, Bob Ylvisaker *lead ushers*

Shanti and Anika Austvold,
Harris & Maryon Lee,
Phil & Eve Overby *hosts and greeters*



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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sept 11/12

Worship Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Worship Sundays at 8:30 and 11 am

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ*

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