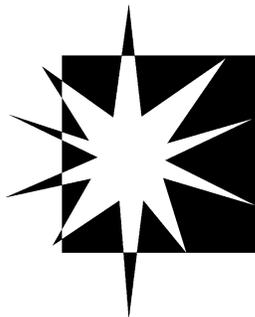


*The Holy Spirit  
gathers us in unity on the  
first day of the week.*

*Belgian composer, organist and teacher  
Flor Peeters (1903-1986) was director of  
the Conservatorium in Antwerp and from  
1923 until his death, organist at the  
Cathedral in Mechelen. Peeters' students  
include organist/composer Paul Manz and  
Kathleen Thomerson who wrote "I Want  
to Walk as a Child of the Light" (ELW  
815).*

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

*The hymn was written in response to a  
call by the Hymn Society of the United  
States and Canada for a new tune to  
accompany Dan Damon's text written in  
response to the killing of George Floyd.  
The tune name "Perry" is Floyd's middle  
name.*



# HOLY COMMUNION

*Sabbath to End Homelessness  
Isaiah: A Child is Born*

Sunday, November 21, 2021  
10:30 a.m. Eucharist

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*"Adagio" from Suite Modale*

Flor Peeters

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**A** Amen.

**P** If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our helper,

**A** we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**P** There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found.

For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**A** Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

*"You Value Each of Us the Same"*

(See end of bulletin)

*Stanza 1 – choir; 2 & 3 – all*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**Al** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Mighty God, grow your authority among us continually. Establish and uphold your justice with righteousness so that all people will have what they need. Increase our joy so that we all may live under your endless peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus and in all the holy names of God.

**Al** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*



## WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

Today's narrative reading is from the book of Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God. Word of life.

**AD** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL READING

John 8:12-20

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

<sup>12</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup>Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." <sup>14</sup>Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup>You judge by human standards I judge no one. <sup>16</sup>Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup>In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. <sup>18</sup>I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." <sup>19</sup>Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup>He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

### CHORAL RESPONSE

"There Are Children at the Door"

David M. Cherwien

*There are children at the door, thousands, millions, many more, and my Jesus makes me think, "Take them eat and take them drink." Jesus, Jesus, I will go when the heart is high and low. There are beggars the gate, waiting long and waiting late, and my Jesus makes me say, "Take them coat upon their way." There are lonely at the tree, resting there to talk to me, and my Jesus makes me stay, with him till the end of day. There are weary at my side, washed ashore in angry tide, and my Jesus makes me go where the storm and waters blow. Jesus, Jesus, I will go when the heart is high and low. - Herbert Brokering*

*(Please stand)*

*God feeds us with the  
presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Poet Herb Brokering (1926-2009) wrote this text during the height of the Vietnam War. Dave Cherwien, conductor of the National Lutheran Choir and Cantor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis created this setting in 2019. Herb's funeral was held here at Central as Herb was a friend and frequent visitor. Dave's father Walter was tenor section leader in the Central Choir under Fred Hilary.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** Let us pray for the church and for the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

*(Brief Silence)*

*Each petition concludes:*

For your love and goodness.

**We give you thanks O God.**

- P** Having gathered our prayers, we offer them to you O God, confident that they are received and held in your holy name.

**A** Amen.



## MEAL

### PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**A** And also with you.

*(Please remain standing)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.

**A** And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.

**A** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** Healing, restoring, hold God . . .

. . . In your church throughout the world, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Schütz (1585-1672) is regarded as the most important German composer before J. S. Bach as well as one of the most important composers of the 17th century – the time of transition from Renaissance to Baroque.

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

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“O Jesu, nomen dulce”

Heinrich Schütz

*(Sung in Latin) O Jesus, sweet name! Admirable name! Comforting name! What truly is sung more sweetly? What is heard more pleasantly? What is thought of more dear? Who but Jesus, God’s Son?*

*O name of Jesus, true food of the soul! Honey in my mouth, song in my ear, source of delight in my heart! Therefore your name, sweetest Jesus, I will carry in my mouth into eternity!*

*(Please stand)*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.

Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

**All** Amen.

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

**P** God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**All** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

*Hymn 655*

*Stanzas 1 – unison; 2 and 3 – harmony*

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

“Koraal” from *Suite Modale*

Flor Peeters

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Pastor Melissa Pohlman *presiding*  
Pastor Stephanie Friesen *preaching*  
Allison Eger *assisting minister*  
Tyra Thomas *reading*

Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio,  
Isaac Drewes *organists*  
Bill Pederson *soloist*  
Central Choir *ensemble*

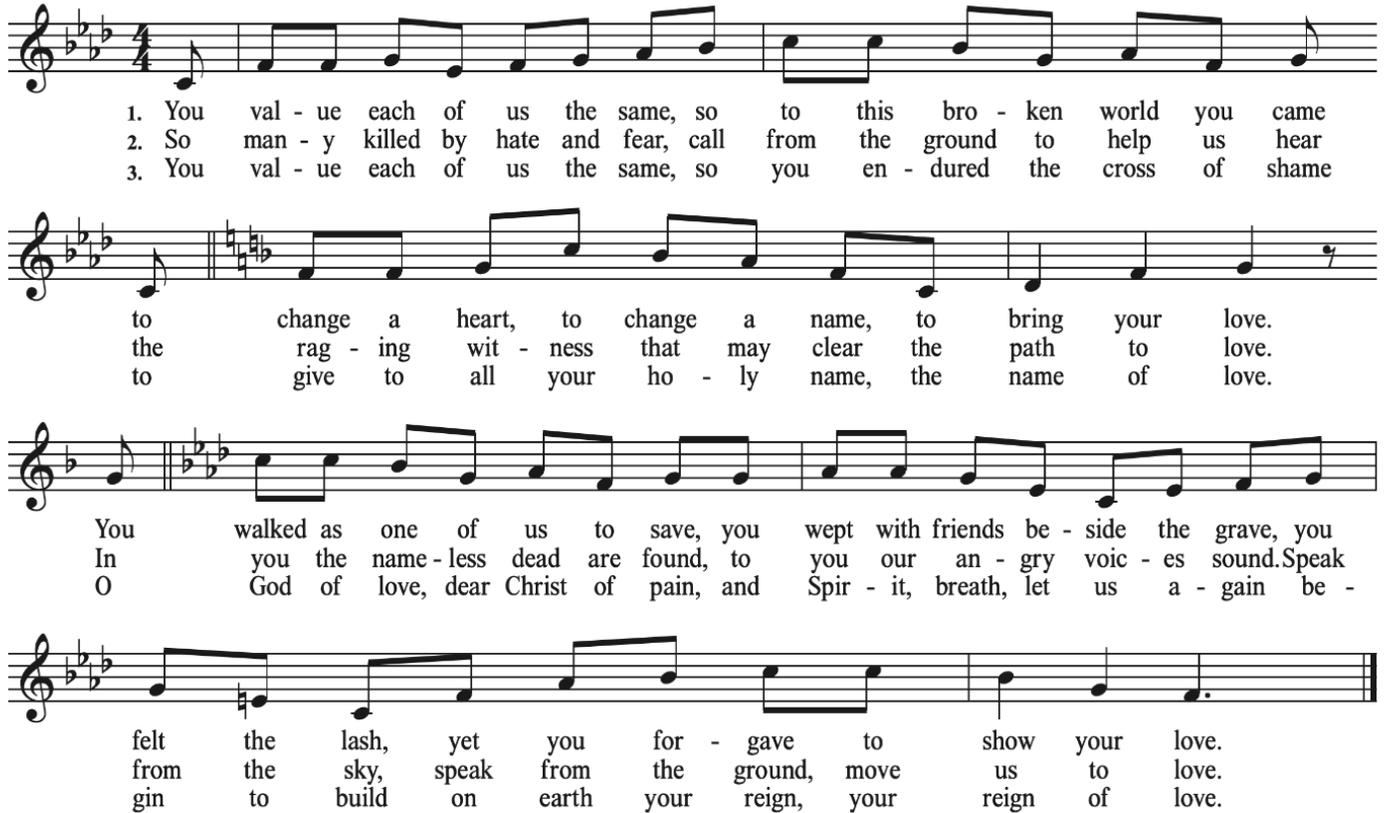
Mark Kieffer *sound operator*  
Richard Stegall, Diane Olson,  
Bill Masche *sacristans*  
*usher ministry team*

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***Chancel flowers this weekend are given by John Wetzel in loving memory of his wife Joy. If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288.***

# "You Value Each of Us the Same"

Stanza 1 – choir; 2 & 3 – all



1. You val - ue each of us the same, so to this bro - ken world you came  
2. So man - y killed by hate and fear, call from the ground to help us hear  
3. You val - ue each of us the same, so you en - dured the cross of shame

to change a heart, to change a name, to bring your love.  
the rag - ing wit - ness that may clear the path to love.  
to give to all your ho - ly name, the name of love.

You walked as one of us to save, you wept with friends be - side the grave, you  
In you the name - less dead are found, to you our an - gry voic - es sound. Speak  
O God of love, dear Christ of pain, and Spir - it, breath, let us a - gain be -

felt the lash, yet you for - gave to show your love.  
from the sky, speak from the ground, move us to love.  
gin to build on earth your reign, your reign of love.

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