GREETING
Rejoice, for God is among us.
Give thanks, for in Christ we are a new people.
Let us sing praise, for we have gathered to worship God!

HOLY COMMUNION
The raising of Lazarus
Sunday ● November 4, 2012 ● 8:30 am

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year’s All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John’s gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of God’s feast to come.

GATHERING MUSIC
“Behold a Host” Three Norwegian Folk-Hymn Preludes John Ferguson
During the gathering music, all members of the assembly are invited to come forward to the chancel to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died in the faith. The carillon calls the assembly to worship.

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DIALOG AND PRAYER
Blessed be God who calls us together.
Praise to God who makes us one people.
Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.
Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
Praise to God who is revealed as love.
Blessed be God who alone has called us.
Therefore we offer all that we are, and all that we shall become.

Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord; in whose name we pray.
Amen.
The presider continues with words of welcome.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

READING
A new heaven and a new earth
Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God’s people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true. I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL
The raising of Lazarus
John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.
The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.
When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.
He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”
Jesus began to weep.

“See how loved him!”
But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”
Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”
So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.

Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

...The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
silence follows for reflection

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” (hymn) 424

ALLELUIA

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord’s Prayer (1975)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

Music during Communion

“Largo espressivo”  Gaetano Pugnani

SENDING

BLESSING

Let us go forth into the new seasons of our lives.
We go forth open to growth and change.
Let us go with caring awareness for the world and all that is in it.
We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.
Let us go in God’s continuing presence.
We go with the power to love and the strength to serve.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.
+ Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“For All Your Saints”  (hymn) 427

stanzas 1, 2 & 5

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Graveyard” from Fantasia in G Major  J. S. Bach

Chancel flowers today are given by the Central Lutheran Church Foundation in memory of all the saints; and by Karen, Lynn and Jan in honor of their mother Myrt Kettner’s 80th birthday.

If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.
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 nor 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.

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.

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Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Central Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you’re one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Central. Pick up a brochure or visit our website for more information or to join.

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.