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HOLY COMMUNION

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Christ revealed as God's beloved son

Learn Live and Share God's Word

We are sisters and brothers of Christ the son

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Epiphany	Dec 31 (Jan 6)	Christ revealed to the nations
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5 Epiphany	Feb 4	Christ revealed as a great teacher and healer
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GATHERING

*The disciples urged Jesus strongly, saying,
"Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."
So he went in to stay with them.*

PRELUDE

“Shine Jesus, Shine:”

arr. G. Kendrick

At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.

ENTRANCE HYMN (in English)

(hymn) ELW 866

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

...praying ...singing

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.**

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

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DIALOG & GREETING

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C Blessed be God forever.

A The light shines in the darkness,

C And the darkness has not overcome it.

P The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C And we have beheld Christ’s glory

A A voice from heaven said,

“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

C In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

P Grace to you, and peace, from God who shines among us.
C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(hymn) ELW 525
twice, in canon

“You Are Holy”

You are holy, you are whole.

You are always ever more than we ever understand.

You are always at hand.

**Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from
dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God,

the resplendent light of your truth
shines from the mountaintop into our hearts.

Transfigure us by your beloved Son,
and illumine the world with your image,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Blessing of noisy offering for God's Global Barnyard

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

FIRST READING

Elijah taken up to heaven

2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company

of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

... Praise to Christ the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 50:1-6 (ICEL)

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (50:2)

A The Lord, greater than all gods, summons the earth
from east to west, makes light shine from Zion,
beauty beyond compare.

**C The Lord will not be silent but comes in fire and storm
to summon earth and heaven as witness to our trial:**

A "Gather the faithful who seal my covenant with sacrifice."
He heavens will testify that Go, our judge, is just.

**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;
both now and forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

God's light seen in Christ

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

Paul writes to the church in Corinth:

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

... Praise to Christ the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(hymn) ELW 535

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:
"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"*

stanza 1

Refrain

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat***

1 Christ the Lord to us said:

**I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain***

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GOSPEL

Christ revealed as God's beloved Son

Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(hymn) ELW 535

This hymn bookends the proclamation of the gospel.

stanza 2

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Refrain

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat***

- 2 Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain***

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 838

“Beautiful Savior”

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

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.

C 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.

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.

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL AND FOUNDATION BOARD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.
each petition concludes:*

... in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

MEAL

*When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread,
blessed and broke it and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.*

PEACE

P The light and peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.

"Go Up to The Mountain of God"

M. Helman

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C God of time and eternity,

you have given your only Son,

born of Mary, to save and redeem us.

**Bless us with all good things, that the works of our hands
through all the years of our lives may proclaim**

the news of your redeeming love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C it is right to give our thanks and praise.

P ... and join their unending hymn: *(setting 3, p. 144)*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna .
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1789)

C Our Father who art heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"

setting 3; page 146

C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the presence of Christ. Use us as beacons of light and bearers of Christ's love for the sake of the whole world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.

They told what had happened on the road and how he had been made to known to them in the breaking of the bread.

BENEDICTION

P May the love of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, fill your hearts and illumine your path.

Almighty God, Father, + Son,
and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 671

"Shine Jesus, Shine"

REFRAIN

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; s
end forth your Word, Lord and let there be light!

**1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on us, shine on us: REFRAIN**

**2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on us, shine on us. REFRAIN**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“We Are Marching”

arr. V. Shields

You are welcomed to be seated and enjoy the postlude if you wish.

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SERVING TODAY

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Myrna Flatland, Julie Larson, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Dave Sameltzka, Fred Chinquist, *ushers*

Al Erickson, *bus ministry*

Karen Moeller, Pastor C, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God.

If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lower level following worship.

Souper Bowl of Caring

On this SuperBowl weekend, our children conclude their noisy offering for God's Global Barnyard, an ELCA hunger and sustainability initiative. Please fill their soup bowls and soup pots with love.



WORSHIP LIFE

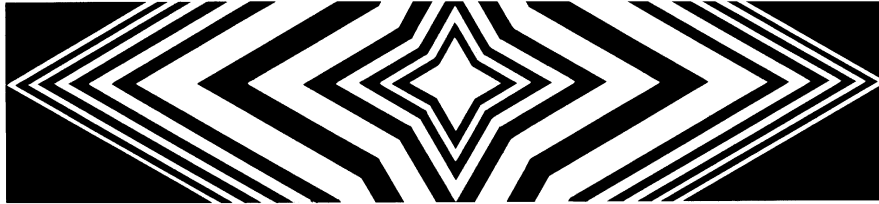
Farewell to Alleluia

Alleluia. It is our worship word. It is a gift word; a thanksgiving word. It is our Easter word. It is God's Easter word. It is a celebration word; a praise word. It means Praise God! Deo Gratia! Allelu Yahweh! Yahoo Yahweh!

Alleluia. It is a word we don't deserve. It is a word we can use only because of what God has done for us. And so, that we might not forget, we banish this remarkable proclamation from our lips for a time. We remember the time when we could not sing Alleluia; - when we were without hope; without joy. And we remember the times when we could do nothing but sing Alleluia; when we were amazed, dumb-founded, fumbling over ourselves in bewilderment: - when God painted a rainbow after a flood and we survived! Alleluia! - when God made good on the promises to Sarah! Alleluia! - when God made a covenant with us! Alleluia! - when God lead us into a promised land! Alleluia! - when God raised up dry bones to life! Alleluia! - when God was there in the fiery furnace! Alleluia! - when God was there, even when we strayed! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from the bonds of slavery! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from the Red Sea and the wilderness! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from Goliath and from the den of lions! Alleluia! - when God sent the prophets, holy men and holy women, to speak of his love, to call us home, and to promise us a savior! Alleluia! - when God sent not just a savior but a beloved Son! Alleluia! - when God walked with us, shared our joys and our sorrows, taught us to forgive each other, showed us how to love, showed us how to serve each other, left his supper, gave his life! Alleluia! - when God raised him to live and promises to raise us too! Alleluia! - when God breathed the breath of the Spirit into us! Alleluia!

ELW hymn 318 "Alleluia, song of gladness" explores this idea of saying farewell to Alleluia this week – either today or on Shove Tuesday.

WELCOME



Everyone is welcome. We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus 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 you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

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