

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

The Baptism of Jesus

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025 + 9:30 am

John's preaching and baptism of Jesus

Learn Live and Share God's Word

The river of life flows from Christ to all the world

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our own adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters... the rivers... fire." On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

Epiphany's Revelations: Who is this Jesus?

Epiphany	Jan 5 (Monday)	Revelation of Christ to the nations
Baptism	Jan 12	Revelation of Christ as God's servant
2 Epiphany	Jan 19	Revelation of Christ as a miracle worker
3 Epiphany	Jan 26	Revelation of Christ as fulfillment of the prophets' word
4 Epiphany	Feb 2	Presentation of Our Lord
	or	Revelation of Christ as God's patient love
5 Epiphany	Feb 9	Revelation of Christ as master fisher of people
6 Epiphany	Feb 16	Revelation of Christ as a great preacher
7 Epiphany	Feb 23	Revelation of Christ as a great teacher
Transfig	Mar 2	Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son

WE GATHER TO BEGIN THE DAY ANEW IN BAPTISM

GATHERING MUSIC

"This Little Light of Mine"

At the sound of the bell please stand if you are able and face the worship leaders.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presider begins.

P We begin the day anew in baptism in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit....

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 445

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart’s delight.**
- 2 We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.**
- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!**

**We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God transform!**

Text by Ruth Duck, b. 1947

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(hymn) **ELW 318**

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

stanza 1

**1 Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.**

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

*When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you
Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home.
They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called
them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them
precious and honored, and God loves them.*

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth –

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

...Praise to Christ, the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 29 (ICEL)

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (29:3)

A Give the Lord glory, you spirits! Give glory!
Honor God's strength!

C Honor the name of the Lord!

Bow when the Lord comes, majestic and holy.

A God's voice thunders above the massive seas;
powerful, splendid, God shatters the cedars,

**C God's voice shatters the cedars of Lebanon,
makes Lebanon jump like a calf, Mt. Herman like a wild ox.**

A God's voice strikes fire, makes the desert shudder,

C Kadesh Syria shudders, deer writhe in labor.

God strips the trees.

A All shout "Glory" in your temple, Lord. For you rule the
mighty waters, you rule over all forever. Give strength to your
people, Lord, and bless your people with peace.

**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

Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit

Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

...Praise to Christ, the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

ELW #172

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

GOSPEL

John's preaching and baptism of Jesus

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His

winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly repeats the ALLELUIA following the gospel reading.

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 407

“O Living Breath of God”

**1 O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;**

Refrain

**Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.**

**2 O living Breath of God,
by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew;**

REFRAIN

**3 O living Breath of God,
bearing us to life through baptismal waters;**

**O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth;
REFRAIN**

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
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APOSTLES' CREED

A Living together in trust and hope,
we proclaim the faith that we share.

**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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.

A Rejoicing in the Word made flesh,
let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's
creation.

each petition concludes:

...in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

WE FEAST AROUND THE TABLE OF THE LORD

PEACE

P Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

And his name is Prince of Peace.

The light and peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ 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.

"This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677 arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine... 3x
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine....**
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine...**

Text: African American spiritual

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,

shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

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 2, page 130)*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1789)

P As Christ teaches, we pray:

C Our Father who art in 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 2; page 135

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.

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD’S HANDS IN THE WORLD

BLESSING

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.

SENDING HYMN

“Baptized and Set Free”

(hymn) ELW 453

stanzas 1, 3, 4

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

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Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
worship Christ, the newborn king.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

DISMISSAL

Please face the worship leaders for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hintze/Skogan-Soldner

“Thankfulness and Praise/Baptized and Set Free”

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Karen Moeller, *assisting minister*

Nancy Felicetta, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Erik Ruser, Matti Gurney, *tech desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Al Erickson, Wayne Halverson, *ushers*

Name, *salty Carmel hospitality*

Al Erickson, *bus ministry*

Myrna Flatland, *coffee host*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Karl Breitbarth
in memory of Rick Nye.

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.

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

WORSHIP LIFE

Epiphany Revelation

The word “Epiphany” translates as *manifestation* or *revelation*. It refers to the unfolding of the identity of the Messiah or Christ, “anointed one.”

SEASONAL THEME

We walk in the brightness of the beloved Son. In that spirit we gather under the star and in the growing light of the sun as

the days lengthen. We heard John the baptizer say this year. “John testified to him and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’” (Jn 1:15) and so after Christmas and the solstice, the days lengthen, the nights shorten, and Jesus increases as John decreases. The sun outshines the moon. Jesus Christ, the morning star, the light of the world.

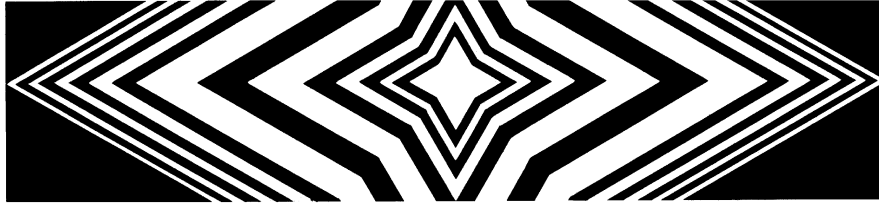
PROGRESSION OF REVELATIONS of who Jesus is

There are six Sundays between the Epiphany of Our Lord and the beginning of Lent this year. From week to week the scriptures reveal the person and work of Jesus. But they also reveal what it means to be a Christian today. The scriptures invite us to see Jesus and continue his ministry in our own age.

REVELATION PATTERN FOR YEAR OF LUKE CYCLE C EPIPHANY (2025)		
Epiphany	Jan 6	Revelation of Christ to the nations as magi from the East seek him
Baptism	Jan 12	Revelation of Christ as God’s servant at his baptism
2 Epiphany	Jan 19	Revelation of Christ as a miracle worker at the wedding at Cana
3 Epiphany	Jan 26	Revelation of Christ as fulfillment of the prophets’ word as he reads Isaiah
4 Epiphany	Feb 2*	Revelation of Christ as God’s patient love as the prophet Jesus is not accepted
5 Epiphany	Feb 9	Revelation of Christ as the ultimate fisherman as he calls the disciples to fish for people
6 Epiphany	Feb 16	Revelation of Christ as a great teacher as he teaches Beatitudes
7 Epiphany	Feb 23	Revelation of Christ as the merciful redeemer who calls us to love our enemies
Transfiguration	Mar 2	Revelation of Christ as God’s beloved Son in the Transfiguration

*February 2 is also the Presentation of Our Lord in 2025.

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 worshiping 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.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel 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 Mt. Carmel. Email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org for more information or to join.



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