

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

January 19, 2025 + 9:30 am

*Christ revealed at the wedding at Cana*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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### *Christ our good wine gives himself freely*

*The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus — today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

### ***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
<b>2 Epiphany</b>	<b>Jan 19</b>	<b>Revelation of Christ as a miracle worker</b>
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
Transfiguration	Mar 2	Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son

## **WE GATHER TO BEGIN THE DAY ANEW IN BAPTISM**

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

“All Are Welcome/Rise, Shine, You People”

Haugen/Wood

*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.*

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.**

P We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water--  
for the oceans that surround the earth,

A for the rivers that nurture the land,

P for Minnesota and Mississippi, for Bda Maka Ska,

A Minnehaha and Minnetonka--

**C we bless you, O God, for the waters of earth.**

P We honor you, merciful God, for showering us with water--

A for the rain that nourishes the plants and trees,

P for the floods that restore the fields,

A for the dew that freshens dry places--

**C we honor you, O God, for the waters you send.**

P We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism--

A for the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus,

P for the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost,

A for the water that illumines us with your Word,

P for the water that pours out the gifts of the Spirit,

A for the water that bathes the church,

P for the water that cleanses our sin,

A for the flood that washes us home,

**C we glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.**

P We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

almighty, merciful, and gracious.  
A Well of forgiveness, you revive us,  
P Cup of cold water, you refresh us,  
A Pool of rebirth, you renew us.  
**C To you comes the worship of all your people,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*(hymn) ELW 641*  
*stanzas 1, 3, 4, 5*

*"All Are Welcome"*

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**Refrain**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

**3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: Refrain**

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;**

**let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain**

**5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain**

**Refrain**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## **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.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by

the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him,  
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**

*God like the bridegroom and the bride*

Isaiah 62:1–5

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,

so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

...Praise to Christ, the Word.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 36:5-10 (ICEL)

*We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (36:8)*

A Your mercy, Lord, spans the sky;  
your faithfulness soars among the clouds.

**C Your integrity towers like a mountain;  
your justice runs deeper than the sea.**

A Lord, you embrace all life: How we prize your tender mercy!

**C God, your people seek shelter,  
safe in the warmth of your wings.**

A They feast at your full table,  
slake their thirst in your cool stream,

**C For you are the fount of life, you give us light and we see.**

A Grant mercy always to your own, victory to honest hearts.

**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**

*A variety of gifts but one Spirit*

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all*

*perfectly for their mission together.*

*Paul writes to the church at Corinth:*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

...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**

*The wedding at Cana*

**John 2:1–11**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative*

*power and joyful presence into the world.*

The holy gospel according to John.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

<sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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 310

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885. alt.

## 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.  
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.*

**“Bind Us Together”**

*B. Gilman*

## **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

*(hymn)* ELW 576

“We All Are One in Mission”

- 1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**
- 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**
- 3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

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# 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

“We All Are One in Mission”

*R. Edwards*

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Dave Olson, *assisting minister*

Stephenie Labandz, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Myrna Flatland, Anna Matthes, *tech desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Al Erickson, Wayne Halverson, *ushers*

Name, *salty Carmel hospitality*

Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*

Audrey and Al Erickson, *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.*

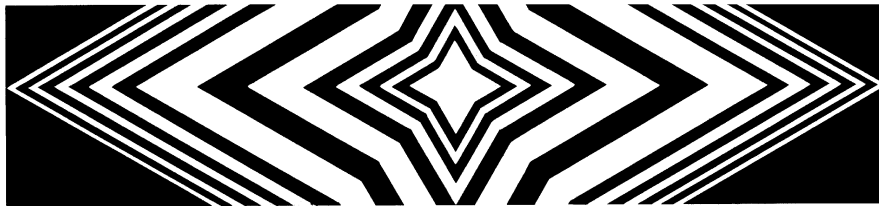
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REVELATION PATTERN FOR YEAR OF LUKE CYCLE C EPIPHANY (2025)

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\*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](mailto: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.

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