

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

January 26, 2025 + 9:30 am

*Christ revealed as the fulfillment  
of the prophets' words*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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### *Christ the reader proclaims a time of favor*

*The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

### ***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
<b>3 Epiphany</b>	<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Revelation of Christ as fulfillment of the prophets' word</b>
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

“Hark, The Glad Sound/ Blest Be the God of Israel” *Oines/Wold*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Camp Wapo singers

“Yes, Lord Yes”

*Keesecker*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross 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.**

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,

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,

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,

for the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost,

A for the water that illumines us with your Word,

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

A for the water that bathes the church,

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,  
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 314

“Arise Your Light Has Come”

- 1 Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**
- 2 Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**
- 3 Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**
- 4 Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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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

“Thy Strong Word”

*(hymn)* ELW 511

*stanzas 1 & 3*

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
at thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee,  
while thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
  
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
bright with thine own holiness,  
glorious now, we press toward glory,  
and our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

*Ezra reads the law*

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength*

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

...Praise to Christ, the Word.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

*The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (19:7)*          Psalm 19 (ICEL)

A The sky tells the glory of God, tells the genius of God's work.

**C Day carries the news to noon,  
night brings the message to midnight,**

A without a word, without a sound, without a voice being heard,

**C Yet their message fills the world, their news reaches its rim.**

A There God has pitched a tent  
for the sun to rest and rise renewed

**C like a bridegroom rising from bed,  
an athlete eager to run the race.**

A It springs from the edge of the earth,  
runs a course across the sky to win the race at heaven's end.

**C Nothing on earth escapes its heat.**

A God's perfect law revives the soul.  
God's stable rule guides the simple.

**C God's just demands delight the heart.  
God's clear commands sharpen vision.**

A God's faultless decrees stand for ever.  
God's right judgments keep their truth.

**C Their worth is more than gold, the purest gold;  
their taste richer than honey, sweet from the comb.**

A Keeping them makes me rich, they bring me light;  
yet faults hide within us, forgive me mine.

**C Keep my pride in check, break its grip;**

**I shall be free of blame for deadly sin.**

A Keep me, thought and word, in your good grace.

Lord, you are my savior, you are my rock.

**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

*You are the body of Christ*

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

*Paul writes to the church at Corinth:*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are

indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

...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**

*Jesus reads the prophet Isaiah*

**Luke 4:14–21**

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He



began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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 710

“Let Streams of Living Justice Flow”

**1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,**

**the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.**

**2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your  
sun.**

**3 Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.**

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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.*

*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.*

**"Taste and See"**

*F. P. O'Brien*

### **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**

## MUSICAL SENDING

“He’s a Radical God”

Camp Wapo singers

*anon.*

## 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 239

“Hark, The Glad Sound”

- 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.**
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.**
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.**
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.**

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751.

## 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

“Hark, The Glad Sound”

*Oines*

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*

Tessa, Kea & Frida, *first readers*

Allison Gurney, *second reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Camp Wapo youth, *singers*

Julie and Dave Larson, *tech desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Al Erickson, Wayne Halverson, *ushers*

Name, *salty Carmel hospitality*

Rich Feist, *bus ministry*

Carolan/Kutzer Family, *coffee hosts*

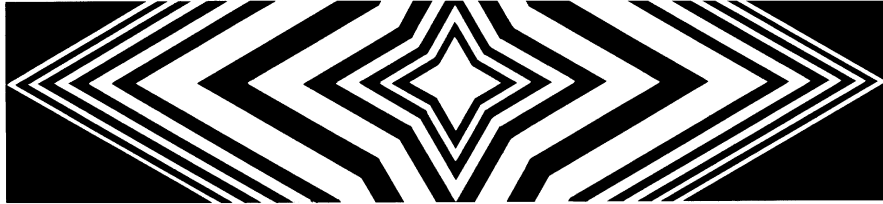
**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Kevin Ziegler in memory of Zigmund Ziegler’s birthday and Bonnie and Nellie.

*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.*

# 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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