

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

### *Baptism of Our Lord*

January 11, 2026 + 9:30 am  
*Christ revealed as God's servant*

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*Christ our river washes us with love*

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

#### *Epiphany's Revelations: Who is this Jesus?*

Epiphany Mon, Jan 6, 2026

Revelation of Christ to the nations

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## WE GATHER TO BEGIN THE DAY ANEW IN BAPTISM

### GATHERING MUSIC

“This Little Light of Mine”

*African American spiritual*

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

## ENTRANCE HYMN

(hymn) ELW 453

“Baptized and Set Free”

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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## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism may be made.*

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

*The leaders continue, concluding:*

C Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

(hymn) ELW 310

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

stanzas 1 & 4

- 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.**

**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.

## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.

**P** Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him  
your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make  
all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be  
your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit,  
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.*

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING**

*The servant of God brings justice*

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence,*

*nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

...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,

**C God shatters the cedars, shatters the cedars of Lebanon,  
makes Lebanon jump like a calf,  
[Mount Hermon] like a wild ox.**

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

**C [Kadesh] shudder in labor, deer writhe in labor.  
God strips the trees.**

A All shout "Glory" in your temple, Lord.

**C For you rule the mighty waters, you rule over all for ever.**

A 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

*Jesus' ministry after his baptism*

Acts 10:34–43

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to*

*Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]:

"I truly understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

...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

*Christ revealed as God's servant*

Matthew 3:13–17

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

<sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he consented.

<sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom 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 304*

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame,  
as urgent as a flame.**
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do,  
God's holy will to do.**

- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.**
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.**

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** ...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

*African American spiritual*

*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 plates as they are passed, at the usher desk 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....**
- 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...**
- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine...**

## 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: *(ELW setting 10 p. 207)*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heav'n 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)**

**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"

*ELW setting 10 p. 208*

**C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;**

you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*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 LOVE MADE REAL**

### **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 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.**

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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

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

*arr. J. Hintze*

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

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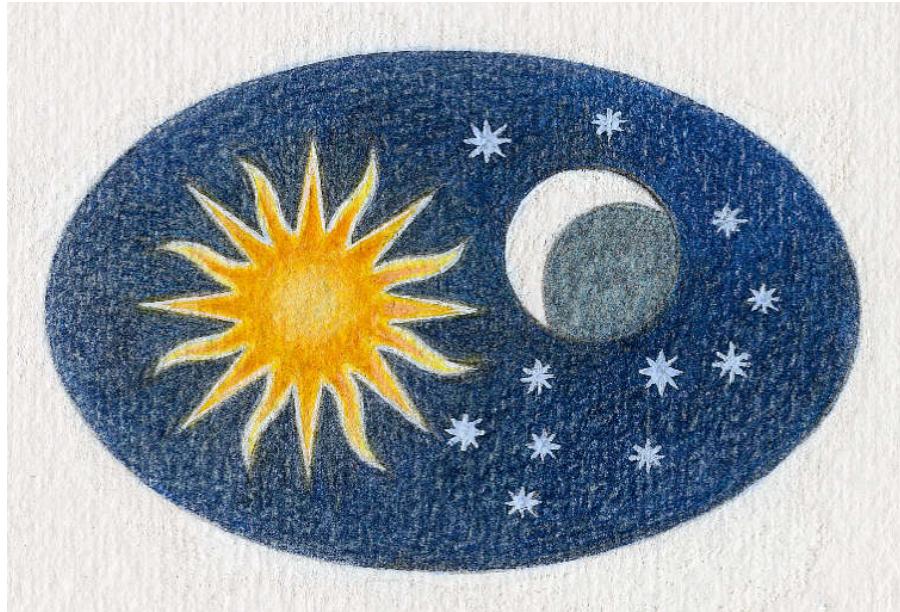
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

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Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*

Rich and Susan Feist, *webcast sponsor*

\_\_\_\_\_, *coffee hosts*



## **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. John the baptizer says. “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**

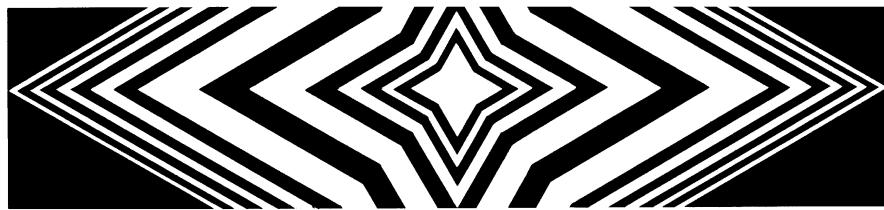
There are six Sundays between the Epiphany of Our Lord and the beginning of Lent this year. From week to week the scriptures reveal the person and work of Jesus. But they also reveal what it means to be a Christian today. Be salt, light, peacemakers, prophet... In our 100<sup>th</sup>

year we are sent to be God's love made real. The scriptures invite us to see Jesus and continue his ministry in our own age.

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# 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.

### **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](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.

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