

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

January 18, 2026 + 9:30 am

*Revelation of Christ as the Lamb of God*

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All Are Welcome! Mt Carmel at 100 – Past Present Promise 1926 - 2026

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*Christ the lamb walks with us each day*

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word, meal and neighbor. We are sent forth as God's love made real to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

<b>Epiphany's Revelations: Who is this Jesus?</b>		
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## WE GATHER TO BEGIN THE DAY ANEW IN BAPTISM

### GATHERING MUSIC

"Lamb of God/Interlude 6"

*Paris/Hayes*

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

## GATHERING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 574

“Here I Am, Lord”

1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

### Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” Refrain  
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” Refrain

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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## 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  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit....

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.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, 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

*The servant brings light to the nations*

Isaiah 49:1–7

*Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength —

<sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

...Praise to Christ, the Word.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 40:1-11 (ICEL)

*I love to do your will, O my God. (40:8)*

A I waited and waited for God.

**C At long last God bent down to hear my complaint,  
and pulled me from the grave, out of the swamp,  
and gave me a steady stride on rock-solid ground.**

A God taught me a new song, a hymn of praise.

**C Seeing all this, many will be moved to trust in the Lord.**

A Happy are they who trust in God,  
not seduced by idols nor won over by lies.

**C You do so many wonders, you show you care for us,  
Lord my God; You are beyond compare.**

A Were I to name them all, no one could keep track.  
You did not seek offerings or ask for sacrifices;  
but you drilled ears for me to hear.

**C "Yes," I said, "I will come to live by your written word."  
I want to do what pleases you; your teaching is in my heart.**

A I celebrate your justice before all the assembly;

**C I do not hold back the story. Lord, you know this is true.**

A I did not hide in my heart your acts of rescue;

**C I boldly declared to all your truth and care, your faithful love.**

**L Your maternal love surrounds me, Lord.**

**C Your sure and tender care protects me always.**

A You do so many wonders, you show you care for us.

**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

*Paul's greeting to the church at Corinth*

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Paul begins his letter to the church at Corinth:*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth,  
to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,  
together with all those who in every place  
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you  
because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him,  
in speech and knowledge of every kind —  
<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you —  
<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift  
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on  
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup>God is faithful;  
by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

...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 the Lamb of God*

John 1:29–42

*John the Baptizer's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

The holy gospel according to John.

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

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What

are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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 336*

"Lamb of God"

**1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

### **REFRAIN**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**2 You gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. REFRAIN**

**3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. REFRAIN**

Text: Twyla Paris.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** Living together in trust and hope, we proclaim ....

**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.*

“Come Follow Me”

*E. and S. Kupferschmid*

## 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.**

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:*

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.**

**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"**

*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

(in English)

(hymn) ELW 866

## “We Are Marching in the Light”

*stanzas 1, 3, 4*

**1 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:*

### 3 We are praying . . .

## 4 We are singing . . .

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984  
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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 Are Marching”

arr. V. Shields

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*  
Trina Benedict, *assisting minister*  
Patrick Kutzer, *reader*  
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Erika Ruser, Matti Gurney, *tech desk*  
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*  
Al Erickson, Steve Ristuben, *ushers*  
Rick Labandz, *bus ministry*  
Bob & Barb Hollister, *webcast sponsor*  
Pastor C, *coffee treats*  
\_\_\_\_\_, *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.  
If you wish to sponsor a webcast 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.*



**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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