

PRESIDER EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026 + 9:30 am

Christ revealed as God's beloved Son

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

In baptism, Christ clothes us in a robe of light

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some congregations put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Epiphany's Revelations: Who is this Jesus?

Epiphany Mon, Jan 6, 2026	Revelation of Christ to the nations
Baptism of Jesus Jan 11	Revelation of Christ as God's servant
2 Epiphany Jan 18	Revelation of Christ as the Lamb of God
3 Epiphany Jan 25	Revelation of Christ as a prophet
4 Epiphany Feb 1	Revelation of Christ as a great preacher: Beatitudes
5 Epiphany Feb 8	Revelation of Christ as a great teacher: salt & light
Transfig Feb 15	Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son

WE GATHER TO BEGIN THE DAY ANEW IN BAPTISM

GATHERING MUSIC

“As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus”

M. Nystrom/M. Hayes

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

(hymn) ELW 671

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

REFRAIN

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; s
end forth your Word, Lord and let there be light!**

**1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on us, shine on us: REFRAIN**

**2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on us, shine on us. REFRAIN**

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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 † Son, and of the Holy Spirit....

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever.
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, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

Moses enters the cloud of God's glory Exodus 24:12–18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

The LORD said to Moses,

"Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said,

"Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

...Praise to Christ, the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 2 (ICEL)

You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (2:7)

A Why this strife among nations? Why this pointless scheming?

C Kings stand against God,

nobles plot together against the Lord's anointed:

"Let us defeat these fetters, let us cast off these chains!"

A High above the earth God laughs in mockery,
speaking in anger, striking them with terror:

C "On Zion, my holy mountain, I anoint my king."

A I repeat the Lord's decree:

C "You are my son, today I give you birth.

Ask and the nations are yours, even the far-off lands.

You will strike them with an iron rod,

shatter them like clay pots."

A Kings, come to your senses; rulers take heed.

Serve the Lord with joy, tremble in awe, bow at God's feet,
for if you provoke God's anger, you will perish in a flash.

C How much better to find shelter in God!

A You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

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

Shining with the glory of God

2 Peter 1:16–21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you

the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

...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 beloved Son

Matthew 17:1–9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

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The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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 838**

"Beautiful Savior"

**1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;**

**Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

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

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.

"Go Up to the Mountain of God"

M. Helman

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.

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)

P As Christ teaches, we pray:

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

“Jesus Christ is Waiting”

- 1 Jesus Christ is waiting, Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour, All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, Fit to wait on you**
- 2 Jesus Christ is raging, Raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals And real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom’s causes Let me rage with you.**
- 3 Jesus Christ is healing, Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer, Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, Healing just like you.**
- 4 Jesus Christ is dancing, Dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion’s graveyard Let me dance with you.**
- 5 Jesus Christ is calling, Calling in the streets,
“Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.”
Listen, Lord Jesus, Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.**

Text: John Bell, Iona © WGRG, Iona Community, 1988

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

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

G. Kendrick

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

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Nora, Tessa, Frida, Marty, *first reading readers*

Roger Peterson, *second reading reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Matti Gurney, Anna Matthes, *tech desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Marty Benedict, *confirmation sacristan*

Steve Ristuben, Justin Fischer, *ushers*

Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*

Fischer family, *webcast sponsor*

Karl Breitbarth, Diane Langer, *coffee hosts*

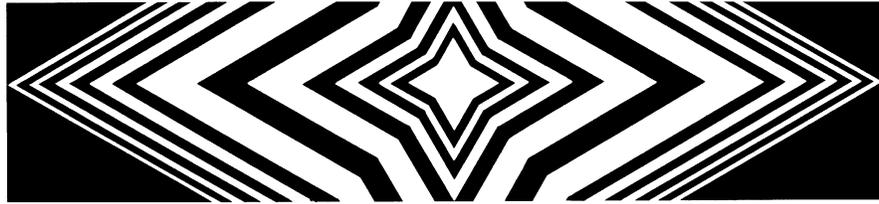
Chancel flowers this weekend are given by the Fischer family
for peace and love.

*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.

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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Lent and Holy Week schedule

7 pm March 18 Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion worship service

Includes confession and optional participation in imposition of ashes

Wednesday Suppers in Lent (including Ash Wed)

5:30 – 6:30 arrive any time; serving until 6:30 pm

Hosted by ministry teams

Midweek lenten offerings designated for five of our hunger ministries

6:45 Wednesday evenings (2/25, 3/4, 3/22, 3/18, 3/25)

Old Testament salvation stories accompanied by a psalm and a hymn presented by Pastor C & our confirmation class; followed by Holden evening prayer

Midweek lenten offerings designated for five of our hunger ministries

7 pm April 2 Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion worship service

Includes commemorating the first Lord's Supper, corporate and individual absolution/forgiveness, and foot or hand washing (optional).

7 pm April 3 Good Friday

Good Friday Prayer around the cross - worship service

Includes a contemplative reading of the passion from John, prayer for the world, and prayer around the cross with optional participation in votive candle lighting

The faith practices of Lent



Pray



Fast



Serve