



**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

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**Transfiguration Sunday**

**March 2, 2025**  
*Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am*  
*Lenten Supper 6:00 Vespers 6:30*  
*Richard L. Hartman - Pastor*

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## With One Voice

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the world and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.*



### PRELUDE

*You are invited to let this prelude turn your heart to the Lord and prepare you to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to all visitors, and thank you for coming to worship at Epiphany!  
If you have any questions, please feel free to ask anyone for assistance.  
Please sign our guest book by the front doors.*

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the ✠ Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**OPENING HYMN 650** *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* (Blue Hymnal)

**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.**

**2) We are dancing 3) We are praying 4) We are singing**

**APOSTOLIC 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**

**KYRIE** (*sing with Assistant*)

**A:** *Kyrie eleison*

**C: Lord have mercy.**

**A:** *Christe eleison*

**C: Christ have mercy.**

**A:** *Kyrie eleison*

**C: Lord have mercy.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain:* **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. Refrain**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,  
And peace to God's people on earth.**

**SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*unison*)

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity. Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN**

### **FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35**

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Create in Me from Psalm 52 music by John Purifoy*

### **SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the ninth chapter beginning with the 28<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

### **CAPTURE THE ALLELUIAS**

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-43a**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving

him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 89** *"How Good Lord to be Here"* (Green Hymnal)

**How good Lord to be Here! Your glory fills the night.  
Your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.**

**How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold.  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be.  
We hail your body glorified and our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come.  
We long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.  
How good Lord to be here! Yet we may not remain.  
But since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made, For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made  
man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with other. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially those who lead states, counties, and city councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those to our community and in our hearts, we pray especially for Epiphany Lutheran Church Family **Barb, Sara, George, Karen, Sandi, Steve, Vicki, Ayden....** God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people especially John Wesley and Charles Wesley, renewers of the church. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet each other with words of peace.*



**OFFERINGS** can be mailed, dropped off at church  
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our website at [www.epiphanyfw.com](http://www.epiphanyfw.com).

***Place offerings in basket on Baptismal Font***

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 him thanks and praise.**

P: *It is indeed right and salutary ...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**



***Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's Table!  
Those baptized who believe in the true presence of Christ  
in the bread and wine are welcome to receive the elements.***

**P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace  
C: Amen**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A: Let us pray,  
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the  
healing power of this gift of life. We pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this  
gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen**

### **BLESSING**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to  
you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father ✠ and Son  
and the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN 651 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Green Hymnal)**

***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 love and mercy.  
Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light.***

**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 me, shine on me. *Refrain***

**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 you story,  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain***

### **DISMISSAL**

**P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** - in celebration of Richard and Melissa Hartman's on March 3rd - 41yrs!

**March Outreach** - Fishes and Loaves for Associated Churches food bank. Canned goods, pasta, sauces, tuna, chicken, powdered milk, cans with pop tops, tuna helper, hamburger helper.

**Military Support** - Like to send some before Easter. The red bin is in the Library, personal hygiene items unscented if possible, snacks, lip balm, word puzzle books, hard candies, small paperback books that fit in your pocket, playing cards, flavored drink mixes for individual bottles, lifesavers.

**Lenten Supper Sign ups** - each Wednesday in Lent a different group from church will be furnishing dinner at 6:00 pm before the vespers service. Please sign up so we know how much food to prepare.

## Reminders

**Shrove Tuesday** - March 4th - Sign up for Pancakes! 6:00 pm

**Ash Wednesday** - March 5th - Service at 7:00 pm (No Dinner Before)  
Choir Singing

**Sunday** - March 9th - 1st Sunday of Lent

**Wednesday** - March 12th - 1st Lenten Devotion 6:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:00 pm provided by Council, please sign up  
for Deli sandwiches, sides and dessert.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Thank you for sharing your time and talents!*

<b>Pastor</b>	Richard Hartman
<b>Assistant</b>	Rebecca Norberg
<b>Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00</b>	Sue Johnson
<b>Lector 10:15</b>	Steve Haag
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15</b>	Nina Haag
<b>Pianist</b>	Amanda Pickett
<b>Technology Support</b>	Kristen Davis
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Rumfield's



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY 3-2**      **8:00 am & 10:15 am** **Worship Transfiguration Sunday**  
*12:00 - 3:30pm Zo Baptist Sunday School and Worship*

**MONDAY**            8:00 - 3:00 pm NHC

**TUESDAY**           6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes! Sign up

**WEDNESDAY**      10:00am-12:00pm Quilting  
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service - Choir singing

**THURSDAY**        8:00 - 3:00 pm NHC

**SATURDAY**        10:00am-12:00pm Quilting  
*11:00 am - 12:00 pm Zo Baptist Prayer Meeting/undercroft*  
*6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship*  
**Spring Forward-----1 hour**

**SUNDAY 1-26**      **8:00 & 10:15 am 1st Sunday in Lent**  
 8:45 am Council Meeting  
**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE TODAY!**  
*12:00 - 3:30pm Zo Baptist Sunday School and Worship*

February	Deposits	Bills Paid	Balance
2/2/2025	3,135.51	513.39	2,622.12
2/9/2025	3,847.51	5,157.64	(1,310.13)
2/16/2025	1,674.51	2,866.72	(1,192.21)