



Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA, Forest City, Iowa
Pastors Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson, Intern Elizabeth Carr
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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **“O Come Let us Adore Him”** Matt Redman

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

For You alone are worthy, For You alone are worthy

For You alone are worthy, Christ the Lord

We'll give You all the glory, We'll give You all the glory

We'll give You all the glory, Christ the Lord

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12 *Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha*

PSALM: 50:1-6 [read responsively]

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;

calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *God's light seen clearly in the face of Christ*

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9 *Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son*

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Steve Smith

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace,* **C: receive our prayer.**

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Joyce Kasper

Tim Schmidt

Kristy Anderson

Donna Kvale

Casey Sink (Audrey's daughter)

Liam Bartleson

Chris McCormick

Jennie Spencer

Hayden Despenas

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Lucky Truong

Parker Farland

Melvin Peterson

Missionary Karen Anderson

Ruth Gernetzke

Carroll Reines

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: **“Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. [repeat]

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say,
“I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us; [repeat]

Give thanks.

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OFFERING PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, Holy One,

C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION / POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“Awesome God”**

*Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow’r and love, Our God is an awesome God.*

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: God in peace. You are God’s beloved.
Thanks be to God.

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Baptized today: Beckam Neil Dakken, born Sept. 30, 2023 to Joseph & Danielle (Nygard) Dakken. Baptism sponsors for Beckam are Katie & Matt Hardy, Megan & Grant Fjetland, and Chet Chapin.

Worship Participants:

Ushers: Gary McCarthy, Jim Lund, Tina Berg

Altar Care: Joan Beebe

Song Leaders: Mark & Joy Newcom, Pastor Zech

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Band: Linda Ferjak-piano, Geno Lopes-guitar, Antonio Lopes-drums

Communion Servers: Nancy Westerberg, Elizabeth Bohl

Assisting Minister: Ken Korth

Scripture Reader: Joy Newcom

Comm Set Up: Ruth Melby

Sound/Video Techs: Brody Hopp, Jacob Beenken