

Baptism of Our Lord - Praise  
January 11, 2026 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanists

Praise Band

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*ELW= the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.*

*† indicates stand as able*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**† Call to Worship: We Are Called**

We are called, we are claimed,  
we are loved, by the holy name.  
We are healed, we are whole,  
the Savior ransomed our souls. We're singing,  
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh  
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

We are here to proclaim,  
God is here, calls us each by name.  
We are here to give praise,  
the Love of God will not change. We're singing,  
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh  
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

**† Confession and Forgiveness**

We confess our sins before God and one another.

God of grace and mercy,

**We who have seen the signs of Jesus' presence in the world still fall into doubt and despair. We put our trust in ourselves and in**

the powers of the world, in material goods and in finite and fallible people. In our fear we act out against our neighbors, and hurt those most in need of our help. Restore our faith, O God. Forgive us for our failings and make us one with our beloved siblings throughout creation.

Your God hears and answers, beloved children, and with love and tenderness washes away all your sins. Know that you are always whole, always loved, and always held, even in your doubts and failings. Go forth with joy in this knowledge. Amen.

*† Song of Mercy*

Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness  
that sees beyond our blindness.

Mercy, oh mercy,  
we're calling on you Lord  
for us to be restored.

Oh mercy.

*† Gathering Song: Wade in the Water*

ELW 459

*Refrain:*

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(See that host all dressed in white,)

God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(the leader looks like the Israelite.)

God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

(See that band all dressed in red,)

God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(looks like the band that Moses led.)

God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

(Look over yonder, what do I see?)

God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)

God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

(If you don't believe I've been redeemed,)

God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.)

God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

## Liturgy of the Word

### *† 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*

Holy God, this is the day that you have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it, for you are present in our joys as well as our sorrows, and your desire is for the blessing of all creation. May our joy spill over into every moment of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **READING:**

<sup>14</sup> You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth

**R: On God's green earth**

<sup>15</sup> and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.

**R: On God's green earth**

<sup>16</sup>The trees of the field are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

R: On God's green earth (2x)

*† Gospel Verse: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*† GOSPEL: John 2: 1-11*

The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

*Children's Sermon*

Kelly Ahrens

*Sermon*

Pastor Beth Wartick

## *† Hymn of the Day: The Water of Change*

### *Chorus:*

I've been washed by the water,  
I've been cleansed by the sea,  
I've been touched by the river of eternity.  
Though I don't understand it,  
I have never been the same.  
I can't turn back the water,  
the water of change.

The rivers they run,  
the rivers they roll away.  
The voice of life whispers ev'ryday.  
At the heart of it all  
ev'ryone wants to be free  
free to live, free to love for eternity. (*Chorus*)

I wonder aloud  
where in the world I might be  
had the cross not been shown to me.  
It's opened my heart,  
made me look outside and see.  
I can no longer live for only me. (*Chorus*)

### *† Celebration of Baptism*

Joined to Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism,  
Clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,  
Source of abundant life, grace upon grace,  
You became human and dwelt among us.

You bring life and light to all things.

**You bring life and light to all things.**

Living Water, your light is the life of the world.

You came to the world so that whoever trusts in you may live.

You revealed God's glory, full of grace and truth.

You made abundance from emptiness.

You fed the hungry and healed the sick.

You welcomed the outcast and raised the dead.

From you we have received grace upon grace.

**From you we have received grace upon grace.**

We thank you, Father, that you have chosen us to be your children. We thank you, Jesus, that you have drawn us into relationship with you. We thank you, Holy Spirit, that you have acted through water and the word to make us new.

We thank you, God, for the gift of baptism.

**We thank you, God, for the gift of baptism.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Those who would like to receive individual anointing may come forward to the font. Pastor will mark the cross on your forehead with the water of the font and pray for the Holy Spirit to fill and guide you.*

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

**Amen.**

***† Prayers of Intercession***

Trusting in your power to transform all things, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord, you are capable of turning the ordinary into something miraculous. Bolster our faith and give us confidence to do whatever it is that you require, that your glory might be shown through the humblest of acts. God of light, **Hear our prayers.**

Your creation is a perfect marriage between animal, vegetation, and mineral. Make us to honor its interdependence, which includes ourselves, that we might work for its long-term flourishing. God of light, **Hear our prayers.**

Sometimes we need encouragement to follow where you call. Use us and others to call forth the best and highest purpose in each other, even when we don't feel so inclined. God of light, **Hear our prayers.**

You have fed us with the best, and blessed us with life abundant. Bring healing to all who suffer infirmity or lack of any

kind, especially Gene and Vera. God of light, **Hear our prayers.**

Your saints keep constant company around your throne, with joy surpassing any earthly celebration. Encourage our faith through their example, and save us a place at your heavenly table. God of light, **Hear our prayers.**

With confidence in your mercy, we lift these prayers and those of our hearts into your care, through Jesus Christ our light and our life. **Amen.**

**† Peace**

### **Liturgy of the Meal**

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### ***Offering Prayer***

As guests at a wedding, we bring to you our gifts, that they might enrich the life of the whole world. Bless them for the sake of the one who brought joy to the wedding at Cana, Jesus Christ, your son, our savior. **Amen.**

### ***† Great Thanksgiving***

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### ***† 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.

### ***Communion***

*If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words “The Body of Christ given for you” and the cup with “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

### ***Lamb of God***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

### ***Communion Hymn: Down in the River to Pray***

*Leader:*

*As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way!*

*All:*

O sisters let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sisters let's go down

Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe & crown?  
Good Lord show me the way

O brothers let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on brothers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way

O fathers let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O fathers let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord show me the way

O mothers let's go down  
Come on down, don't you wanna go down?  
Come on mothers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way

O sinners, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down

O sinners, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord show me the way

## Sending

### *Announcements*

#### *† Blessing*

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit  $\mp$  bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

#### *† Sending Song: Go Now*

Filled with the Holy Spirit  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Into the world as a servant  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

Waters of mercy have found us  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Grace on the journey surrounds us  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

#### *† Dismissal*

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

### *Postlude*

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