

**Baptism of Our Lord  
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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" *arr. by J.S. Bach*

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

ELW #673

**+ Greeting**

ELW p.98

**+ Kyrie**

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**+Hymn of Praise**

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

ELW p.22

**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading** Genesis 1:1-5

**Psalm 29** ELW #29

**Second Reading** Acts 19:1-7

**+ Gospel Acclamation** ELW p.102

**+ Gospel Reading** Mark 1:4-11

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon** The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day** "Unstoppable God"

Heaven thundered, and the world was born.  
Life begins and ends in the dust You formed.  
Faith commanded, and the mountains moved.  
Fear is losing ground to our hope in You.

**Refrain:** Unstoppable God, let Your glory go on and on  
Impossible things, in Your name they shall be done

Freedom conquered, all our chains undone.  
Sin defeated, Jesus has overcome.  
Mercy triumphed, when the third day dawned.  
Darkness was denied, when the stone was gone.

Nothing shall be impossible. Your kingdom reigns unstoppable.  
We'll shout Your praise forevermore. Jesus our God unstoppable.

Chris Brown, Steven Furick, Wade Joy © 2014 Be Essential Songs

**+ Nicene Creed** ELW p.104

**Installation of 2024 Leaders**

People of God, I ask you: Will you support your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**+ Prayers of Intercession** ...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**  
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Offering**

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!

Electronic donations can be made at

<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=622d08be-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>.



**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

ELW p.107

**+ Proper Preface**

**+ Sanctus**

ELW p.108

**+ Thanksgiving at the Table (X)**

ELW p.69

**+ Lord's Prayer**

ELW p.112

**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Agnus Dei**

ELW p.112

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

**Distribution Song**

ELW #483

**+ Table Blessing**

**+ Post Communion Canticle**

ELW p.113

**+ Prayer after Communion**

**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**+ Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

TFF #241

**Refrain:** Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

**Refrain**

All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. **Refrain**

Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul. **Refrain**

African American spiritual

**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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