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### Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church, ELCIC A Reconciling In Christ Congregation

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You are **CREATED** by God, **LOVED** just as you are and  
we **WELCOME** you

**We are delighted you are here today to share in worship!**  
**Please sign our guest book if you are a visitor.**

*We acknowledge and thank the Lkwungen and WSÁNEĆ Peoples,  
also known as the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations communities,  
for allowing us to live, worship, work and play on their ancestral lands*

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## JESUS' BAPTISM A LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION January 12 — Pastor Linda Douglas



Prelude  
*Announcements*

### GATHERING WORDS

Water. Refreshing, cleansing, nourishing, life-giving . . .

**Water. Dangerous, life-threatening, powerful . . .**

The waters rush over us in our baptism.

**And we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!**

**GATHERING HYMN** (We Are Baptized.....)

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### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirits moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen**

### GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen**

### **KYRIE**

**155**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father,  
With joy and awe we praise you for claiming us as your sons and daughters, and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all your faithful children, for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE** (On Jordan's Bank.....)

**249**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND DISTRIBUTION

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and give you eternal life. **Amen**

### **HYMN** (Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus)

**501**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. **Amen**

### BLESSING

May God, for whom nothing is impossible restore you and bless you. May Christ, in whom is the dawning of grace, carry you and gently lead you. May the Spirit, whose song is gladness, fill you with peace and comfort. **Amen**

### **SENDING HYMN** (Baptized in Water)

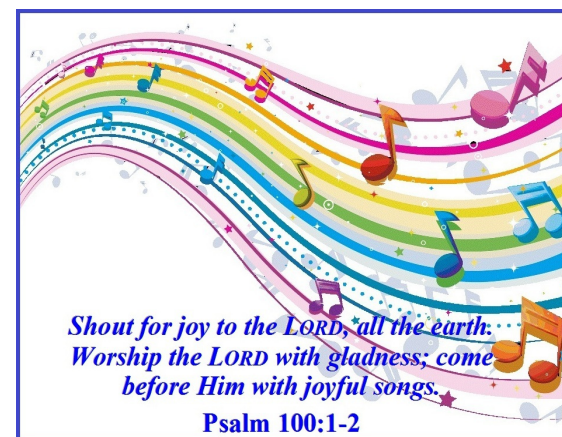
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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please remain seated for the Postlude*



We have often been swept away by the floods of our own making,  
**polluting your creation, neglecting to be faithful stewards of the earth.**

In this moment of worship we embrace Your presence again,  
O God.

**And we offer You our love.**

In this moment of prayer we proclaim again Your dream for the world, O Saviour.

**And we offer You our resources.**

In this moment of giving we hear Your call again, O Lord.

**And we offer You ourselves.**

Use us – all that we have and all that we are to touch the world with the message of love:

**God is love. God is with us. God will never leave us.**

So, we remember Jesus' birth and life, His suffering and victory. On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus shared His last meal with His friends; He took the loaf of bread and blessed it, then breaking it, He offered it to them saying:

**This is my body broken for you. Eat this in memory of me.**

After the meal, He took the cup of wine and blessed it, then He offered it to them saying:

**This is my blood shed for you. Drink this in memory of me.**

So, we eat and we drink and we remember.

**With hope and joy in the new life which comes here and now in God's kingdom.**

God of Grace, Come to us again in this meal, and as we share this bread and wine, may we share in Christ's sacrifice; May we offer ourselves to you again, and may we become one with Christ and with each other – a single, unified body.

**Amen**

**HYMN** (Come to the Table)

**481**

## WORD

Psalm 51:6-17

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**ACCLAMATION** (*Stand*)

**172**

The Holy Gospel according to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of Luke  
**Glory to you , O Lord**

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-22

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**GOSPEL HYMN** (Baptized and Set Free)  
Sermon

**453**

**SERMON HYMN** (In Christ Called to Baptize)

**575**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith with these words.

We believe that Jesus took the form of a slave  
**so we commit ourselves to serve others.**

We believe that God is love,  
**so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.**

We believe Jesus gives us his Spirit,  
**so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.**

We believe that God is the light of life, **so we commit to bearing God's light in our world.**

We believe the Spirit speaks through us  
**so we commit to proclaim the good news of abundant life in the world God loves. Amen**

# The Lord's Prayer

Music: Ralph P. Merrifield

♩ = 80

Our Fa-ther, which art in hea-ven, hall-o-wed be Thy name.  
Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Our  
hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread and for-give us our debts, as  
we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from  
e-vil. For Thine is the King-dom, and the  
pow-er, and the glo-ry for-ev-er, a-men, for Thine is the  
Kingdom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry for-ev-  
er, a-men. A-men! A-men!!

## PRAYERS

(Jesus, Living Water.....Hear our prayer)

### Lord's Prayer

See Insert

PEACE and OFFERING (May be left on the plate at the back)

The light and hope of Christ lives in each of us. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

Let us greet each other as a sign of God's peace, love forgiveness and grace. *(Please share a gesture of peace with those around you)*

**OFFERTORY** ( As the Grains of Wheat)

**465**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Giver of all good things, as we offer these gifts to you, open our eyes to see more clearly all that we have been given and all that we have to give. Stretch our capacity to give of ourselves: our love, our companionship, and our material resources, wherever they are needed. **Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We thank You, Lord God,

**For breaking into our world, our lives and our experience.**

We thank You, O Christ,

**For this meal of remembering, and the stories of love and grace that it tells.**

We thank You, O Spirit,

**For Your Presence and Your challenge for us to become agents of God's compassion.**

God of Endless Mercy, we have often been swallowed up by our greed and selfishness,  
**desiring that which we do not have, filling our lives with things that do not save us.**