

**Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church**



**Jesus was  
baptized  
by John in  
the Jordan**

MARK 1:9

**Baptism of Our Lord**

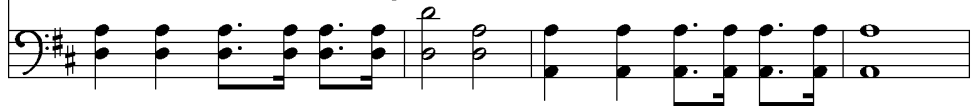
**First Sunday after Epiphany  
January 7, 2024**

***Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...***

# Gathering Song - Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



## *Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



## Confession & Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

## Greeting / Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed.

### Hymn of Praise - Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its-snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!



## Children's Time

### First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**C: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

L: May the Lord give strength to his people!

**C: May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

### Second Lesson: Acts 10:1-7

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11**

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

**P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## Hymn of the Day - When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000  
Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune  
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## Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

## Offering

*As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.*

### Offertory Song - O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

#### *Refrain*



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune

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### Offertory Prayer

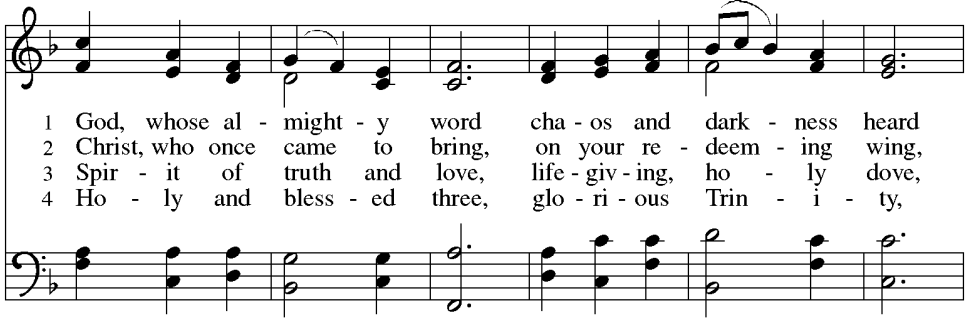
God our provider, by your merciful hand  
abundance springs up from the earth.

Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.  
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness  
for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

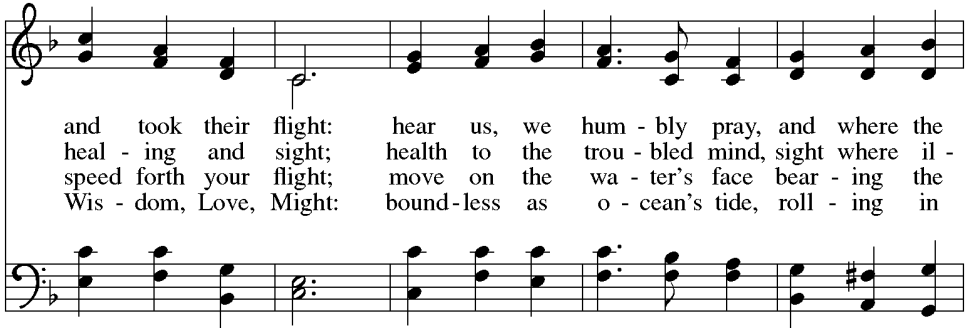




## Sending Song - God Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

## DISMISSAL

### Newsletter Submissions

Please email your submissions for  
 the January edition by January 8.  
 Thanks!

CHURCH  
*Matters*





**Laurene Kiel**  
**December 8, 1936 - December 29, 2023**

It is with great sorrow and thanksgiving for a life well lived that we announce the passing of our sister in Christ, Laurene Kiel.

**A memorial service will take place on  
January 13th, 2024, at 11:00am  
at Glory Lutheran Church.**

A livestream of the service  
will be available:

**[https://www.glorylutheran.ca/  
memorial-service-laurene-kiel.html](https://www.glorylutheran.ca/memorial-service-laurene-kiel.html)**

"Laurene, go forth from this world in the love of God who created you; in the mercy of Jesus Christ who died for you; in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, at one with all the faithful, living and departed. May you rest in peace and rise in the glory of your eternal home, where grief and misery are banished, and light and joy abide."

**Obituary:**

**[https://edmontonjournal.remembering.ca/  
obituary/laurene-kiel-1089246614](https://edmontonjournal.remembering.ca/obituary/laurene-kiel-1089246614)**

*"Lord, now let your servant go in peace for my eyes have seen your salvation." (Luke 2:29)*

## Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

### Worship Planners, Altar Guild, Choir, Musicians, AV Techs,

<b>Greeters:</b>	*
<b>Usher:</b>	*
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Maria Takenaka
<b>Reader:</b>	*
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Rhonda & Marie Berg
<b>Coffee Setup/Cleanup:</b>	Donna Dawson
<b>Counters:</b>	Tyler Steinbring, Debbie Kehn
<b>Lock-up:</b>	Jenny Takenaka

*\*To volunteer, please sign up [online](#) or on the easel in the Narthex.*

### Events This Week:

Praise Band - Tuesday 7:00pm  
Women's Group Bagged Lunch Wednesday 12:00pm  
Council Meeting - Wednesday 6:30pm  
Confirmation - Thursday 6:30pm  
Choir - Thursday 7:30pm

### Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
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### Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

**The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.**

This can be accessed on our website, [glorylutheran.ca](http://glorylutheran.ca).

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