

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 15, 10:45 AM
Baptism of Our Lord

**“I NEED TO BE
BAPTIZED
BY YOU,
AND DO YOU
COME TO ME?”
MATTHEW 3:14**



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Welcome to Elim Lutheran Church

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- 2) Elim belongs to the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). To learn more, visit <https://www.spselca.net/>

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Pastor: 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?

All: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

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

All: Amen.

OPENING SONG: HOLY SPIRIT CCLI

Verse 1

**There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence**

Verse 2

**I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord**

Chorus

**Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord**

Bridge

**Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)**

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CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Reader: O God our Father,

All: **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.**

**Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling
to be your daughters and sons,
and empower us all with your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 *(Please read responsively)*

Reader: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**All: ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Reader: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**All: ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

Reader: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

All: **⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Reader: ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

All: **⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Reader: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests
bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

All: **¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

Reader: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Please stand as you are able

ALLELUIA

Words and Music by
Matt Maher, Tam Le
and Ike Ndolo



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



lu, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

Please stand as you are able

HYMN: COME TO THE WATER

Verse 1

**Oh come come to the water
All who are thirsty
Come and be filled
Oh come come to the river
Brothers and sisters
Come and be healed
Come and be healed**

Chorus

**We believe in the Kingdom come
We believe in the risen Son
You bring our hearts to life
Lord we come with our hands up high
We believe You will satisfy
You bring our hearts to life
You bring our hearts to life
We are alive
We are alive**

Verse 2

**Oh see the people returning
The love of the Father
Drawing us in
Oh see salvation coming Jesus our Savior
Light of the world
Light of the world**

CCLI

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

**Let revival come
Let the people sing
The glory of Your name
Repeat 4 times**

The glory of Your name (oh)

Repeat Chorus

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**All: We believe in one God, who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
To reconcile and make new,
Who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:
To celebrate God's presence,
To live with respect in creation,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, and in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Reader: Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Reader: Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Reader: Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Reader: Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are ill, grieving or experiencing crisis. We especially pray for Joanne, Leenie, Renate, Christina, Robin, Ray, Karen, Dave, Nancy, Lillie, Lou, Vicki, Martha, Tom, Jim, Irene, Karl, Diane, Richard, and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Reader: Accompany the ministries of this congregation in the coming year, abiding God. Inspire those who lead worship, teach, visit, pray, administer, and serve. Keep us mindful of the needs of others in our communities and neighborhoods. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Reader: For all who are mourning the loss of a loved one, especially Pastor Kathryn and family on the passing of her mother, Shirly, we pray for your comfort. Assure them of your promise that all will be united in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Reader: Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Reader: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance, Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Holy Spirit, Rain Down” performed by Elim Band

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OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Liberating God,

**All: you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.**

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving

for all your works of merciful power,

and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

Please stand as you are able

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(You can hold up the peace sign and look into one another's eyes!)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed...
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pastor: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

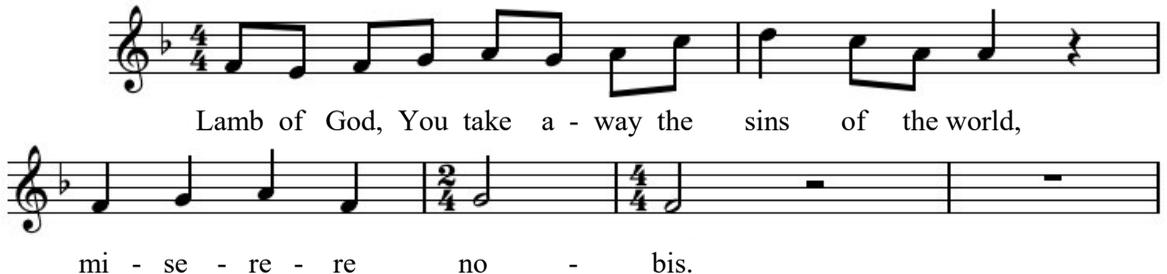
LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the prayer. The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the second line of the prayer. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world,
mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, mi - se - re - re
no - bis. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sins of the world, do - na no - bis pa -
-cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table and so we offer to everyone, without exception, to share in Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion with us today, please come forward and hold out your hands. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let the server know. When you receive the wine (darker in color) / juice (lighter in color) you may discard the cup after drinking. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please leave your hands folded in front of you. If you are a visitor and would feel more comfortable, you are welcome to remain seated. If you would like to receive communion but cannot come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION SONG: WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS ELW 445



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, 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!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Holy One,

All: we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you. Amen.

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT ACS 942

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



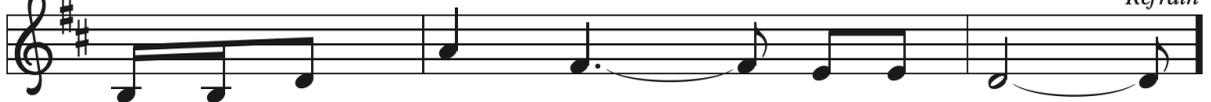
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . . Jor-dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



Refrain

asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Week: Two Worship Services 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

January 22, Third Sunday after Epiphany

Intro: Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

Read Ahead: Isaiah 9:1-4 / Psalm 27:1, 4-9 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 / Matthew 4:12-23

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who helped with our worship service**

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