

GATHERING MUSIC

Shepherd's Pipes - Pastoral by Hubbard William Harris 1868-1915

WELCOME

CONFESSION

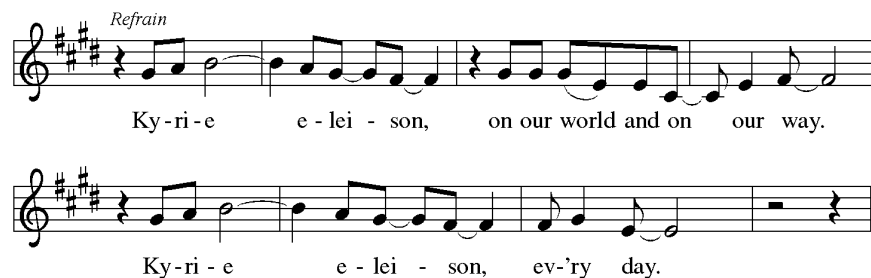
God of safe spaces, **we wish we were more like Mary, who in the face of great change, went and sought help. She did not wait for help to find her; she walked to the shelter she needed. Too often we wait silently for the world to change around us instead of speaking up for the things we need. Forgive us for failing to care for ourselves the way You would care for us. Give us the courage to be more like Mary. God of safe places, we wish we were more like Elizabeth, who greeted Mary with laughter and contagious joy. How many people have crossed our doorstep and how many times have we failed to see them? Give us the courage of Mary, and the grace of Elizabeth. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

Family of faith, even if we miss the person standing on our doorstep, even if we fail to care for ourselves the way God would care for us, even if we forget and ignore, turn away and shut down, God still loves. There is nothing we can do to lose God's love. Rest in this promise: If we get lost, we will be found. If we mess up, we are forgiven. If we withhold love, God is lavish in loving us. **We are claimed. We are loved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

KYRIE

ELW setting eight

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Verse: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

ADVENT VERSE

"Make Of My Heart A Stable"

by Amanda Udis-Kessler

**Make of our church a stable, a house for the Holy, a warm and sturdy place for love to live and grow.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Holy God, We come to Your Scripture today hoping that it will feel a bit like an open door, like Elizabeth welcoming Mary, like coming home. **We want to fall into it. We want to find sanctuary here. We want to breathe easier just hearing these words. And we want to find ourselves laughing because this good news is just too good to keep inside. So hover close to us now, we pray. Open the door to our hearts so that we might find sanctuary in Your words. Gratefully we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Confirmation Puppet Ministry

READING: Micah 5:2-5a

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-55

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**MESSAGE 2021 GLC Sunday School Program: *The Birth of Jesus*

GLC Sunday School

## OFFERING

*Through your donations we are able to support the ministries of GLC including Lutheran Disaster Relief. We give 10 percent of all offerings away to support our community locally, nationally and internationally. There are many ways you can give—place your offering in the plate at the back, put a check in the mail, text: 630-528-2407 with a dollar amount or give **online**.*

SPECIAL MUSIC “**The Friendly Beasts**” arr. by **Martha Lynn Thompson**

Confirmation Chimes

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Your church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.**

**It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them, even if they don't look like pews.**

**It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will be a place of forgiveness and grace, if I forgive and receive forgiveness. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, here and online, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you, if I am open to such growth and service. Therefore, with your help Lord, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things you want your church to be. Amen.**

## 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.**

PRAYERS After each petition: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

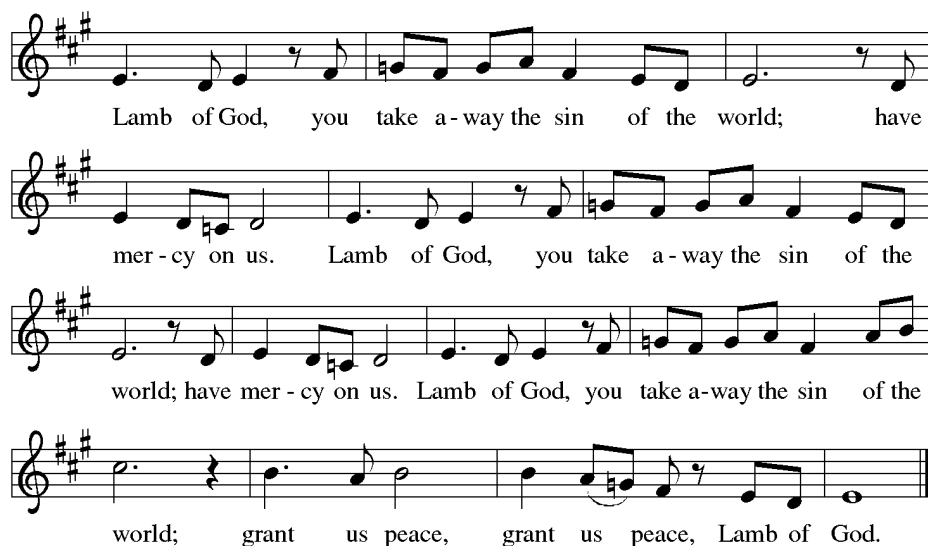
## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD

ELW setting eight

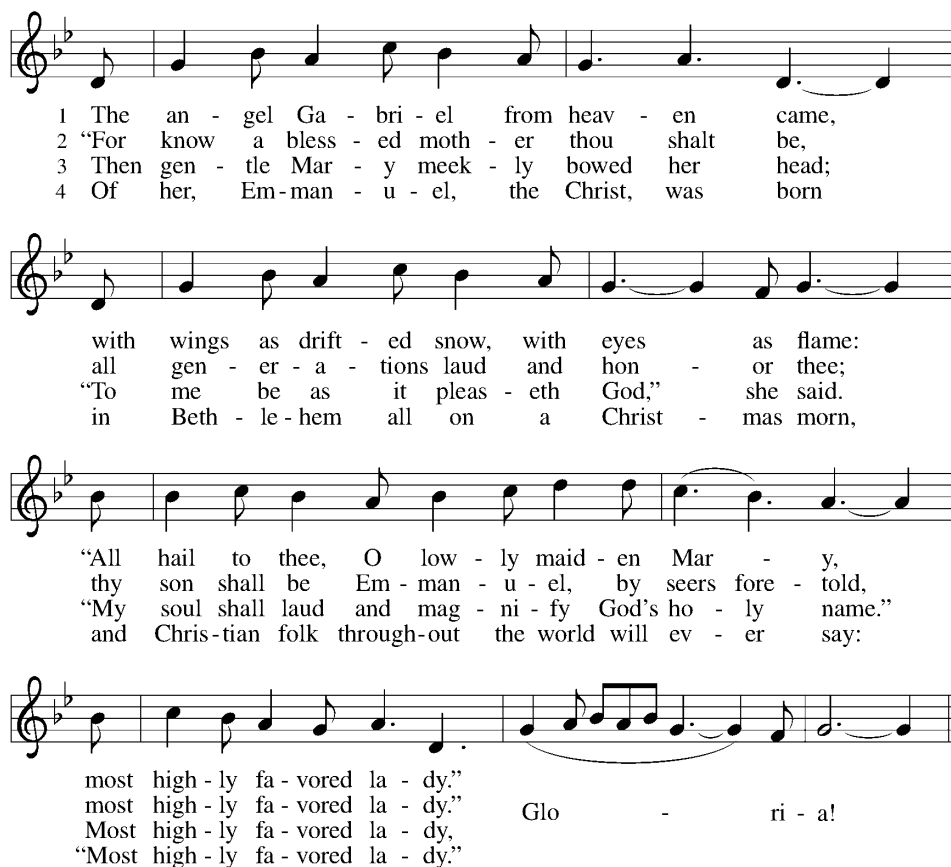


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### “The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came”

ELW, #265



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born

with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.  
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”  
and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.”  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.”

PRAYER  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

As you leave *this* service, *your* service begins: Comfort the homesick. Open your doors to others. Seek sanctuary. Be brave enough to go home by another way. And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed—so come back soon. In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son—go in peace. **Amen.**

HYMN “Awake, Awake, And Greet The New Morn” ELW, #242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.


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MUSICAL BLESSING (10:30 am) “Go On Your Way” GLC Sunday school

DISMISSAL Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC **The Fifers by J. Francois Dandrieu 1682-1738**

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