

GATHERING MUSIC "Carl Loch Garmen" Irish Carol, 12th century arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben
 WELCOME
 CONFESSION

Holy God, When John was born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that You do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us. Gratefully we pray, in Jesus' name, amen.

Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: "You are loved; you are forgiven." That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news: **We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. 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: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, 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 my life a stable, a house for the Holy, a warm and sturdy place for peace to live and grow.

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

God who speaks a good news language — we admit, listening has never been our greatest gift. We are easily distracted, our minds run a million miles a minute. We doubt Your faith in us, and take the easy way out when it comes to hope. So today we bow our heads and ask for help. Settle our hearts. Quiet our minds. Steady our breathing. Help us to rest in You. Help us to listen for Your good news. Gratefully we pray, in Jesus' name, amen.

ACCLAMATION

ELW setting eight

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.

READING: Philippians 1:3-11

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

PREACHING TEXT: Luke 1:57-80

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

SERMON

Pastor Trudy Stoffel

OFFERING

Through your donations we are able to support the ministries of GLC including installation of Hearing loop system. 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

“Rejoice, Rejoice!” arr. by Cathy Moglebust

Joyful Ringers

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.

COUNCIL INSTALLATION / PEACE (9AM)

We welcome Colton Maddux Kloss son of Michael & Nicole Kloss, who joined us through the waters of baptism on December 4.

People of God, do you promise to support Colton and his family and pray for his new life in Christ? **We do.**

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

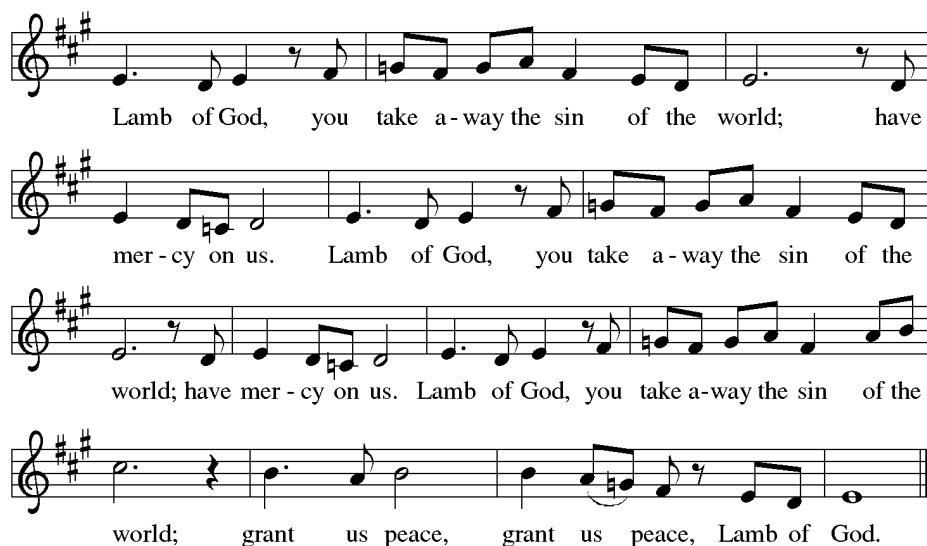
LORD'S PRAYER

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

“Blest Be The God Of Israel”

ELW, #250



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,
and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.
So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease
God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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

“Now The Heavens Start To Whisper”

ACS, #901



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: SŪO GĀN, Welsh melody
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DISMISSAL

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

SENDING MUSIC

“Baloo, Lammy” Scottish Carol, 16th century arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben

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