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*\*Indicates those who are able, may stand.*

*P = Pastor speaking; AM = Assisting Minister speaks; C = Congregation speaks*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### The Invitation of the Bell

**\*Gathering Song— “O Come All Ye Faithful”** *ELW 283*

### \*Greeting

**P:** Greetings from the one who is born into our midst, and who brings, grace, light, and peace be with you all. Joy to you all in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C:** **and also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

**C:** Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Dec. 27, 2015

## The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle—This week Stateless people and migrants

**Give thanks for:** The creativity, resilience and courage of uprooted people (refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants and stateless people). The human capacity to distil pain into something positive and beautiful. People who try to alleviate in various ways the hardship of people who have had to flee from their communities or countries because of war, civil conflict, human rights violations, genocide, natural disasters, and severe economic hardship. Churches, other institutions, and individuals who “adopt” a person or family and who help the newcomers to integrate into their new home. Those joining hands to create a world built on values of peace and love with justice.

**Pray for:** Registration officers and other administrative staff that they find the courage to look beyond statistics and documents to fill in and to see the person in need for a solution and assistance. Refugees who are on the way to a safer destination: may they encounter people who welcome them with a smile and show readiness to share. Those who have had to flee: may they find strength and perseverance to rebuild their lives, to overcome trauma and to grow roots in their new environment.. Wisdom and insight for the political and economic leaders that their decisions can prevent to “produce” uprooted people. Those who advocate for the right to live in safety and human dignity and enable people to lead productive personal and public lives.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Dec. 27, 2015

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**Youth/Children's Sunday School**—8:30 AM, Room 2  
**Lord's Pantry** deliveries are made every Monday

## Financials/Attendance for Dec. 20th

Attendance: 22  
Offering: \$1935.00  
Lord's Pantry: \$105.00  
Social Concern of the Month: \$52.00  
Jesse Tree Contributions: \$145.00



## Welcome and Praise Reports

### Service of Baptism

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Nazanine and Mackai and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

P: I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of the sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**



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Term Pastor: Pastor Anne Carlson  
Organist: Catherine Ellacer  
Ushers: Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy  
Reader/Intercessions: Eva Woodall  
Refreshments:  
Altar Care:  
Greeter:  
Flowers:

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### ***In Our Prayers...***

- Nathan Balcomb/Crall
- Sharon Biller
- Elizabeth Krc
- Marie Hughes
- Pastor Kimm
- Lira Kingston
- Connie Zimmerman
- Helen McCrocklin
- Harvey and Arlene Wyckoff
- Elwailly Family

### **Baptismal Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: and also with you.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your spirit 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, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. Your son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given the honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Mackai Alexander Stewart Bain, I baptize you in the name of the Father...  
and of the Son...  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen—You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P: Nazanine Mousavi Bain, I baptize you in the name  
of the Father...  
and of the Son...  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen—You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P: Nazanine, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Sustain Nazanine with 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 now and forever. Amen.

P: Mackai, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Sustain Mackai with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the

## **Offering Song: “Now Thank We All Our God” ELW 840 vs. 1**

Now Thank We All Our God  
Now thank we all our god  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers’ arms,  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

### **Invitation & Announcements**

#### **\*Blessing**

P: As you go, make a joyful noise to God with all the earth, sing joyous songs of praise, let the trumpets ring, the seas roar and the mountains sing, for God has come among us and love is born within us—Hallelujah!

**C: Amen**

#### **\*Sending Hymn—“Hark the Herald”**

ELW 270

#### **\*Dismissal**

*P:* Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Postlude**

## Invitation to the table

P: Come to the banquet, for nothing and no one can take your place. This is God's table, and Jesus is the host of this meal. It is a table of grace and it is all we will ever need.

Come, for all are welcome.

Communion Songs:

“Away in a Manger” ELW 277

“What Child is this” ELW 296

## Distribution

## Post-Communion Blessing

P: The life and covenant of Jesus, our companion, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## SENDING

## Offering

P: In response to all that God does for us, it is appropriate that we give in return . . .

We will now receive our offering.

spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence now and forever. Amen.

## New Member Welcome

P: Alex Stewart Bain, Now that you have made public affirmation of your faith, I ask you:

- Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Baptism
- To live among God's faithful people
- To hear God's Word and share in Communion
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus;
- And strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Alex: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P: Alex Stewart Bain, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

P: Let us rejoice together in our life of baptism.

**ALL: Together we will give thanks and praise to God, and proclaim the good news to all the world.**



**\*Sharing of God's Peace**

P: Peace of the Lord be with you

C: **And also with you**

**Meal**

**Communion Prayer**

P: God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.

God of all time and space, you touch us with your Spirit in this time of Christmas, asking us to notice your wisdom and love made human among us. You set us alight with your Spirit asking us to become your hope and your joy promised to all creation. You set us alight with your Spirit, asking us to nurture your realm of peace, already alive—around, among, and between us.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to all who were

**Psalm/Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW 279**

**The Holy Gospel according to John 1: 6-14**

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**Pastor Carol Been**

**\*Song of the Day - "What Child is This?" ELW 296**

(During the hymn, hand the usher any prayer request cards.)

## Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

AM: Let us pray for evangelists and pastors; for teachers and storytellers; for seminarians and those discerning their call to ministry; and for all who proclaim the gospel in word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

AM: For the earth and all its creatures; for those seeking refuge from damaging storms; for those who work outdoors in weather that is hard to bear, in winter cold or summer heat; and for all whose labor provides us with food, clothing, shelter, and transportation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

AM: For all nations and their leaders; for those who bring harmony within division; for those who challenge injustice and prejudice; and for those who are sent far from home to serve and protect others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

AM: For parents of missing children; for youth who have no safe place to call home; for travelers; for those who are anxious; for those who grieve and all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

AM: For this assembly; for musicians and poets; for elders and youth; for those who ask questions and those who mentor others to deeper faith and compassionate service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

AM: We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Stateless people and migrants. May they live in your peace and protection. Hear us, O God.

**C: hear our prayer.**

AM: Bless the ministry of Hope Lutheran, Santa Clara, our sister congregation in our parish and we lift them up in prayer. Hear us, O God.

**C: hear our prayer.**

AM: With thanksgiving, we remember all who have died, especially... those whose lives have helped us to see your love and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer**

Pastor: Pondering the mystery of your love, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, the Word made flesh.

**C: Amen.**