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Words of Assurance and Pardon

Leader: In Jesus, those who lived under the law are redeemed. Let us give thanks and praise to God for this unspeakable gift of grace and new life! Brothers and sisters, this day and always, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Anthem *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* A. Pace/F. Boyce

Scripture Readings

† **Epistle** Galatians 4:4-7
† **Gospel** Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 2:1-12

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord ~
People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Christmas: The Continuing Story" Rev. Lisa Webb

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 56** (verses 4-6) *The First Nowell*

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!

The 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Glory Be to the Father # 579** *(words at left of page)*

Prayers of the People of God

Sharing Our Gifts with God and Neighbor

Offertory *My Gift for Him* S. Pethel

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication** *(words at left of page)*

***Communion Hymn 53** *What Child Is This*

Sacrament of Holy Communion (bulletin back)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn 27** *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

***Benediction**

***Congregational Benediction** *Away in the Manger*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

***Postlude** *Glory To God!* Price/Besig



The Sanctuary flowers and a donation to the Building Fund are given in loving memory of Donald H. Garman, Sr. on the 23rd anniversary of his death by Herbie, Dianne, and Jessica Garman.