## Advent 2 December 5, 2021 Divine Service 1

## Confession and Absolution





- P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your

present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

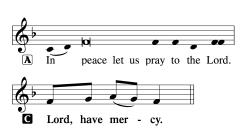
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

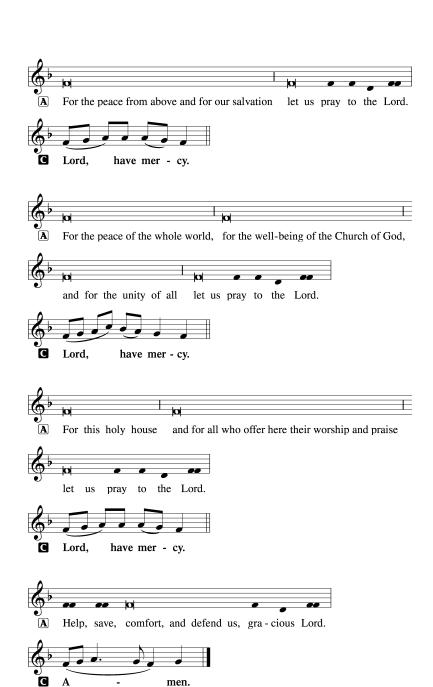
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"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Kyrie



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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **Old Testament Reading**

Malachi 3:1–7b

"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

#### **Robbing God**

"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle**

Philippians 1:2–11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Thanksgiving and Prayer

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



**Holy Gospel** 

Luke 3:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



#### John the Baptist Prepares the Way

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of

whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

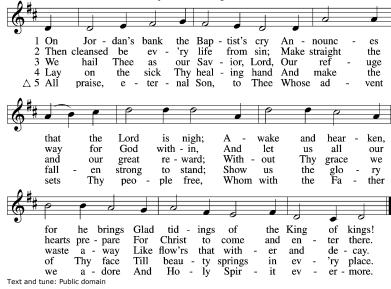
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.

#### Children's Sermon

#### 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



#### Sermon

#### Offering





courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

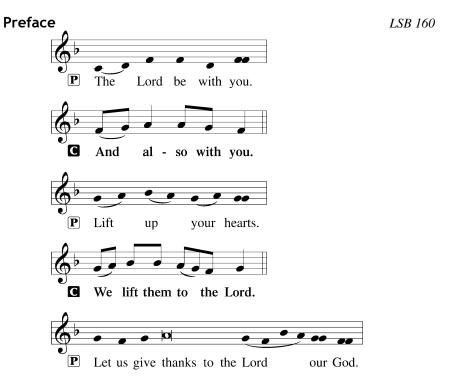
#### Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That the Lord who was once long-suffering toward Israel, calling them to repentance, would open our hearts to hear His Word, receive His gifts and gladly submit to His will, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For pastors, that God, who called Isaiah and John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, would bless them with every good gift as they prepare His people for Christ's coming in glory, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the Church, that the Lord who cleanses and gathers us would cause our love to abound more and more, give us knowledge and discernment of what is excellent, and preserve us blameless for the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For families, that our Father who gathers us into His household would bless the households of this congregation; and that He would bless all within them so that their love may abound with knowledge, discernment and the righteousness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who serve in the military, that the Lord of hosts, who through John the Baptist counseled soldiers to conduct themselves according to His Word, would remember, protect and guide them to serve honorably, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

who is mightier than all, God would deliver them according to His will and assure them of His faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, that as John prepared all flesh to see the Lord's salvation, so God would prepare our hearts to worthily receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament





It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His

body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

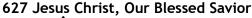
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

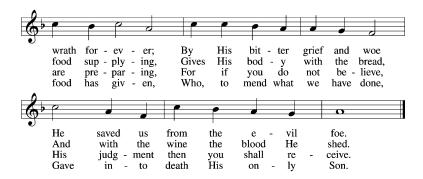
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:



#### Distribution



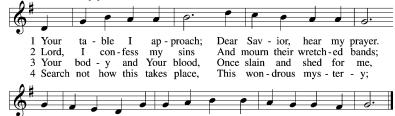




- Firmly hold with faith unshaken
   That this food is to be taken
   By the sick who are distressed,
   By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- Agony and bitter labor
   Were the cost of God's high favor;
   Do not come if you suppose
   You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying? And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

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Let not an un - re - pen-tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.

A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands.

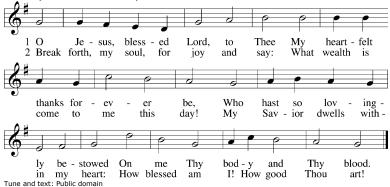
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.

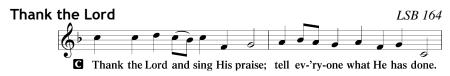
God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

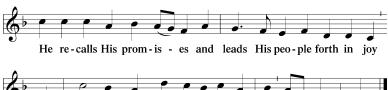
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#### 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee









with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

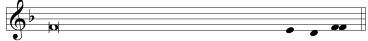
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Benediction** 

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



#### 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### CHURCH SERVICES:

#### **ADVENT MIDWEEK:**

**December 8th, 15th** at Noon and 6:00pm

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24,2021 at 6:00pm

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25,2021 at 9:00am

**Come join us** for Bible Study today at 10:15 am in the Followship Hall. We are studying the Book of Acts

**Sunday School** is today at 10:15 am at the Lutheran student center.

**Tuesday LSF Bible Study:** Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm Pastor has a Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran Student Center. We are currently studying Jeremiah.

**Thursday Noon Bible Study:** will meet in Fellowship Hall. We are studying The Book of Ezekiel.

**Confirmation –** Confirmation classes Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Large print bulletins** are now available. Please let an usher know if you need one.

#### DORCAS/LWMI

LWML/DORCAS will collect mites on Sunday, December 5. Mite offerings are designated toward district and national LWML mission projects for the 2021-2022 bi-annium. There will be no Servant Worship or Monday Bible Study in December



#### **December 5 Mite Collection** we

hope you have saved your change for our mite collection box. It is located near the entry to the sanctuary. For a complete list of grant projects visit LWML.org and click on the

Mission tab. Checks should be written to Immanuel Dorcas LWML Society. Mites - January thru June: \$441.23. Mites received: July \$39.61 Aug \$39.00 Sep \$70.00 Oct \$111.34 Nov \$48.01

**There will be no Servant Workshop in December**. Workshops will resume January 18. Monthly Bible Study will resume January 24.2022

**Don't Forget:** The Ladies Christmas Tea is Today, Sunday, December 5, at 2p.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. There will be refreshments, a cookie exchange, packaging cookie boxes for the homebound, a sketch, and caroling. **Bring a guest!** 

**Don't Forget**: The LSF Lunch is December 12, at 11:30 in the Student Cafeteria Center.

#### The Flower Chart

For 2022 is now up on the wall

New Sign-Up Sheets for 2022, are on the wall Communion Attendants, Jan to March Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks, Jan to March College Refreshment Tuesday, Jan to May Altar Guild Schedule, Still need people for March, June, September, November, and December.

**Leisure Lutheran** Cards and Games every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate.

## Lesson Summaries Unit 7 Jesus Comes For Us:

#### Lesson 10:

"The Matthew Matter" is the title of today's lesson. Jesus encounters Matthew sitting at his tax booth. He tells Matthew to follow Him, and Matthew responds immediately, inviting Jesus to his home. There, Jesus and His disciples dine with other tax collectors and sinners despite the criticism of the Pharisees. When Jesus hears their comments, He reminds them that only those who recognize the sickness of their sin rejoice in the healing He alone can provide.

### **Junior Youth Sunday School:**

We'll be learning about the greatest story told as shared by

#### The Chosen T.V. Series: This Week's Episode:

The Wedding Gift (2)

Jasmine & Taye were winners of Attendance Prize Gift Cards

Tylin, Taye & Caleb had Perfect Attendance for November.

Also, huge thanks to the Sunday School kids for making ornaments & decorating the tree in the Narthex!!

# Immanuel Lutheran Church Website: <a href="http://ilcrolla.org">http://ilcrolla.org</a> "Member's Only" Section

#### To Register for the Member's Only Section:

Here, you will be able to view private documents such as the membership directory, church council meeting minutes, the church constitution, and more. If you would like to register for access to this information, please follow these steps:

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- Click on "Register" and complete the information.
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- You do have to check the box "I agree to receive marketing and promotional materials" in order to register. There is no way around it. We do NOT give or sell your information to anyone.
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- A box should now show that says "My Account" and should show "Members" under "Choose a Page to Access"
- This should take you to the Members section where you can see the following: 

   Church Constitution
  - Membership Directory
  - Church Council Minutes
  - Birthdays for the Month

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