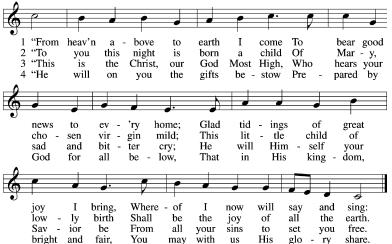
Confession and Absolution

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



- 5 "These are the signs that you shall mark: The swaddling clothes and manger dark. There you will find the infant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."
- 6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
 Then with the shepherds let us go
 To see what God for us has done
 In sending us His own dear Son.
- Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
 And see what in the manger lies.
 Who is this child, so young and fair?
 It is the Christ Child lying there.
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest, Through whom the sinful world is blest! You came to share my misery That You might share Your joy with me.
- 9 Ah, Lord, though You created all, How weak You are, so poor and small, That You should choose to lay Your head Where lowly cattle lately fed!

- Were earth a thousand times as fair And set with gold and jewels rare, It would be far too poor and small A cradle for the Lord of all.
- 11 Instead of soft and silken stuff You have but hay and straw so rough On which as King, so rich and great, To be enthroned in royal state.
- 12 And so it pleases You to see This simple truth revealed to me: That worldly honor, wealth, and might Are weak and worthless in Your sight.
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled, A quiet chamber set apart For You to dwell within my heart.
- My heart for very joy must leap; My lips no more can silence keep. I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradlesong:
- 15 Glory to God in highest heav'n, Who unto us His Son has giv'n! While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

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- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the

 Holy Spirit.
- 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.
- P 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.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 98:1–4; *antiphon: Isaiah* 52:10

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations.

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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

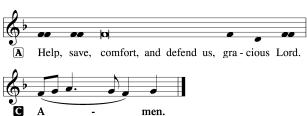
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations.

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.







Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Consecration of the Firstborn

The LORD said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

"When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when

Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem."

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

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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



Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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



Jesus Presented at the Temple

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said.

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Nicene Creed

Oh, that we were

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

there!

Oh,

that we were there!

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

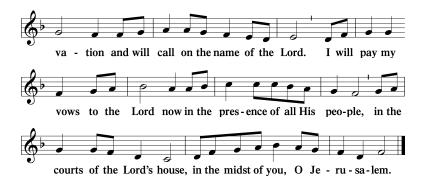
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

Offering



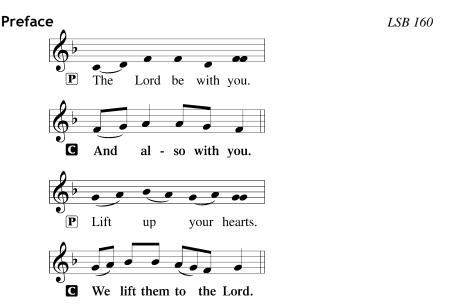


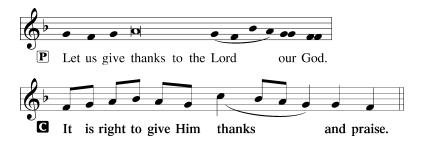
Prayer of the Church

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the Church, that all who have been baptized into Christ may embrace the Christ Child by Word and faith, and so be ready to depart whenever they are called, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For our families, that they would be harmonious in God's love and ruled by Christ's peace; that the Word of Christ would dwell richly among us; that fathers and heads of the household would teach and admonish their families in all wisdom; and that our songs, words and deeds would be done in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For delight in the fear of the Lord, that we may entrust ourselves only to Christ, who alone judges all matters in equity and righteousness; for princes and leaders of this world, who must judge by what they see and hear, that they would be blessed with health and wisdom; and for discernment, that we may honor them for the sake of conscience before our Lord, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

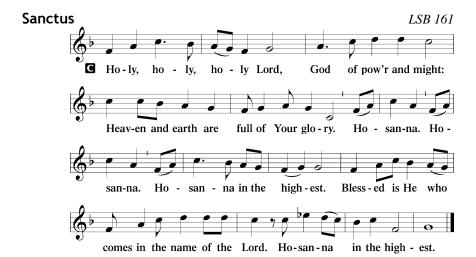
- their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who commune this day, that they would see their salvation in the very body and blood of Christ given them to eat and to drink and thus, with Simeon, be prepared to depart in peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- In thanksgiving for our brothers and sisters who have departed in the peace of faith; and that with them, we may behold the light of the nations and the glory of Israel in eternal life, 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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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.

Amen.

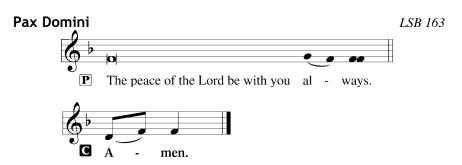
Lord's Prayer

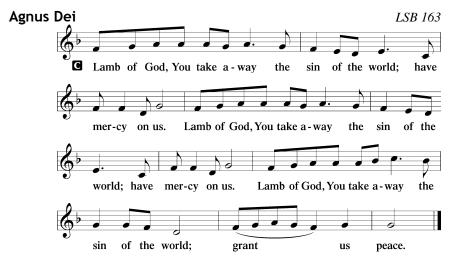
Allowed be Thy name,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and 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."



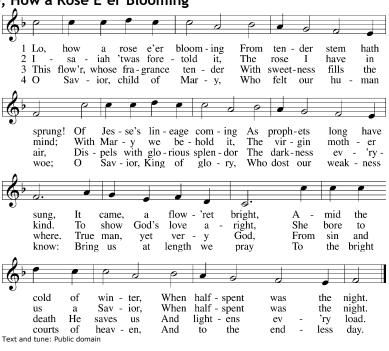


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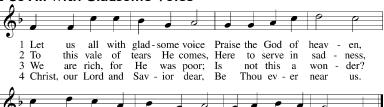




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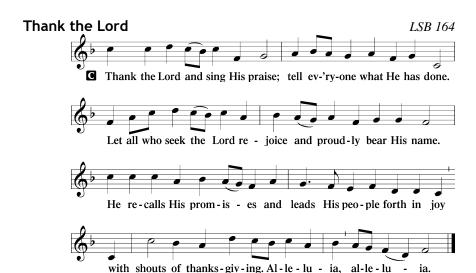


390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



Who, to bid our hearts re-joice, His own Son hath giv - en. That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness. There-fore praise God \quad ev - er - more \quad Here on earth and \quad yon - der. Grant us \quad now \quad a \quad glad \quad new year. \quad A - men, \quad Je - sus, \quad hear \quad us.

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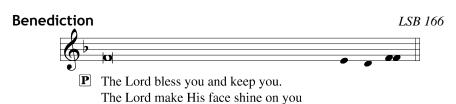


Post-Communion Collect

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.





and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/LWML

DORCAS/LWML mite collection will be held Sunday, January 2. The mite collection box will be located on a table in the narthex. Mites are designated for district and national LWML mission projects.

The next Servant Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm. Tying quilts, marking Bibles and making pillowcase dresses will resume. Please contact Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier if you are interested in requesting a Thrivent Action Team Grant to fund any of these projects.

The back pack committee will continue to assemble backpacks of weekend food items for children in the Rolla school district. Please contact Sue Kamprath if you are interested in requesting a Thrivent Action Team Grant to support this project.

The Mission is accepting gently used, washable blankets for use in their warming shelter. Please contact Sue Kamprath or Mary Wittmaier for more information or deliver donations to 708 North Main Street.

Dorcas is also starting a new project to benefit Orphan Grain Train by converting gently used T-shirts into baby diapers. Cotton T-shirts without plastic graphics are preferred. Contact Mary Wittmaier for additional information. To God be the glory

There will be no Servant Workshop in December.

Workshops will resume January 18. Monthly Bible Study will resume January 24,2022

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 June,

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

Poinsettia's

Would you please be so kind to come and pick up your Poinsettia but please leave the bowl.

From your Church Secretary, just a little note to say thank you to everyone for being so nice.

For this Sunday, December 26, all the children will meet in one class.

The Sunday School lesson will be

"To <u>Us a Child is Born & He will be called Wonderful</u> <u>Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."</u>

Immanuel Lutheran Church Website: http://ilcrolla.org "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:

- On the internet, go to our website at: http://ilcrolla.org
- Click on the "Log In/Register" text at the top of the webpage.
 - Click on "Register" and complete the information.
 Please enter your first and last name in the first field, even though it is optional. This will help us identify members and grant access to the member's only portion of the website.
- 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.
- Once you register, a notification will be sent to the ILC office to be approved. You will receive an email to the address you registered with once your status has been approved. You will then be ready to log into the member's only section of the website.

To Access the Member's Only Section:

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- Enter your email address and password you used when you signed up and click "Login"
- 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
 - o Church Council Minutes
 - Birthdays for the Month

If anyone has trouble, please feel free to contact me at

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