

The Circumcision of Jesus

January 1, 2023

Divine Service 4

Confession and Absolution

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by

news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of
sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your
God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,

joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 40:6–8; antiphon: 40:16

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

**Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
I desire to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**

**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.**

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22–27

Aaron's Blessing

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you
peace.

“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 3:23–29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 2:21

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

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

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C 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

386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
 3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
 Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
 Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
 Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
 May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. The heavens are the work of Your fingers, yet You willed to save us in the most humble and sacrificial of ways. Already eight days after being born of the virgin Mary, Your Son was at work for our salvation by fulfilling Your Law and shedding His blood. Receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed God, You sent Your Son into our flesh, and as an infant He first shed the blood that would cleanse us from our sin. Accept our thanks for the loving kindness shown to us sinners. Grant us a steadfast faith, that we would not forget all of Your benefits or lose sight of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, You declare that in Christ Jesus there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Him. Preserve us from all ungodly prejudice, yet instill in us a deep appreciation of our distinctive callings. Grant that we would not resent what You have called us to be and to do, but rejoice to serve as You have ordained. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You have shown Your power by establishing governments and leaders to serve Your people in Your name. Grant to our president, governor, Congress, legislators, judges and magistrates the wisdom and courage to act with integrity on behalf of all people, especially those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, bless and keep us by Your grace. Remember those in need who cry out to You [*especially* _____]. According to Your will and wisdom, lift up Your countenance upon them and give them peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Holy God, You invite Your children to the table of Your Son. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would discern Christ's body and blood in this Sacrament and come with joyful and repentant hearts to receive the foretaste of the eternal feast. Strengthen us by this blessed communion, that we would love You above all and love one another in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Father, in Your steadfast love You have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of Your elect is complete. Keep Your people watchful, vigilant and awake with Your gift of faith until that day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

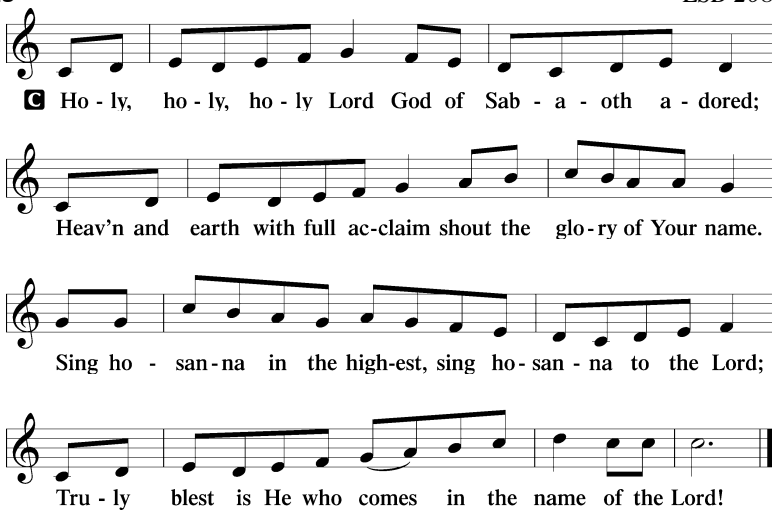
LSB 208

- P** The Lord 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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word;
 and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

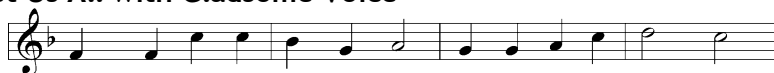
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man
sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness
sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright
cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

Text (sts. 1-2): tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.; (sts. 1-2, 4): German, 16th cent.; (st. 3): Friedrich L. C. Layritz, 1808-59; (st. 3): tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845-1925; (st. 4): tr. John C. Mattes, 1876-1948

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390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



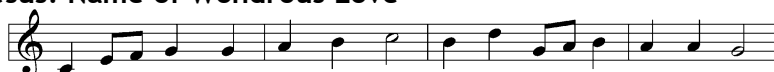
1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
 2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
 3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
 4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



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 ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
 Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

Text: German, 17th cent.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: Ander Theil Des Dresdzenischen GesangBuchs, 1632, Dresden
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900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,
 2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth - er told,
 3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth
 4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Kneel-ing in her low-ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.
 For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo-ple save."
 When the cup of hu-man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
 Under all the mighty heav'n
 Whereby those to sin enslaved
 Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
 Human name of God above;
 Pleading only this, we flee
 Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.
 Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.
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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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.
- C** Amen.

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
at the birth, Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820–85
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: At 10:15 am in the Lutheran Student Center.

Bible Study: 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying Book of Ecclesiastes

Thursday Bible Study: Noon in the Fellowship Hall we are studying, Book of Ephesians

LSF Bible Study: Will resume January 17th in the Lutheran Student Center at 7:00 pm

Confirmation Classes: Will resume January 4th in the Lutheran Student Center from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Pastor Swyres and Kelle would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts and cards this Christmas, and hope that everyone had a good Christmas.

From your secretary: Sue Nardi I would also like to thank everyone for the nice gifts and cards this Christmas, and hope that everyone had a good Christmas.

The Altar Committee:

The Altar Committee will be taking down Christmas decorations Saturday, January 7, at 10:00 am – All help is welcome. Any questions contact Martha Cox.

If you have any changes to the information listed in the membership directory, please contact Christy at treasurer@ilcrolla.org to correct this information. An updated membership directory will be available in January.

Offering envelopes for 2023 are now available on the table in the Narthex. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. If you did not receive envelopes and wish to have a set for the new year, please contact Robert at financialsecretary@ilcrolla.org.

January Newsletter: there are copies on the table in the narthex for you to take.

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

New sign-up Sheets for- 2023- are now the wall:

Communion Attendants: Jan to Mar, 2023

Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks: Jan to Mar, 2023

College Refreshment Snack: Jan to April, 2023

Altar Guild Schedule Jan to Dec, 2023

We still need people for (April, Easter Month)

August, September, November.

Lutherans for Life: Messages from: Mary Wittmaier, LFL
Rolla Chapter President.

Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, December 25,

"There is no more clear-pointed, rest-giving demonstration of the love of God for you than the gift of His Son"

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life * lutheransforlife.org

Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, January 1

Our Lord became incarnate to give all humankind the privileges of His name (Numbers 6:27). He means to make the littlest of us into His sons and daughters (Galatians 3:26). The designation of baby Jesus as divine Child demonstrates the Father's delight in declaring infants (Psalm 8:2), eight-day-olds, and even unborn ones (Luke 2:21) as infinitely precious. Receiving them as gifts celebrates Him as God!

Servant Workshop in January: Servant Workshops will be Tuesday, January 17, 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm in the church basement.

Thrivent members: The beginning of a new year presents the opportunity for all Thrivent members to request two new \$250 Action Team Grants to fund the non-profit project of choice. Action Team Grants fund many LWML Servant Workshop projects. To request an Action Team Grant log on to www.thrivent.com. Please contact Sue Kamprath with questions regarding the Back Pack Program; Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier regarding quilts, pillowcase dresses, and/or Bags for Babies.

Packaging Back Packs for area school children has resumed. Please contact Sue Kamprath to participate in this project by requesting a Thrivent Action Team Grant to purchase weekend food items.
To God be the Glory.

Plastic Bags: Plastic bags are again needed for the backpack program.

Life Week is January 15-21. Will Life Sunday be observed at Immanuel on January 21? The LFL chapter is providing bulletin inserts for use on Life

LWML/Dorcas



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 collected from Dec 2022 \$43.51

Total mites for 2022 was \$633.35 To God be the glory.

DORCAS/LWML activities for January include Mite Collection on Sunday, January 1. Start the new year with a resolution to contribute to the district and national mission projects of the LWML. All mite contributions are sent directly to fund local, national and international LWML mission projects. Pick up a mite box to collect your mites during the month for the next collection Sunday in February

WHAT ABOUT LEISURE LUTHERANS???? Since the Covid Pandemic, Leisure Lutherans has remained dormant until several members have inquired about revitalizing more activities of Leisure Lutherans. Currently, Thursday afternoon Game Day is sponsored by Leisure Lutherans, inviting anyone interested in playing cards and games of other types to participate. Game Day is held on Thursdays in the church fellowship hall at 1:00 p.m. (following Bible Study).

But what about additional activities for "Seniors" of Immanuel? Please join other interested and inquiring members to a "Revitalizing" meeting of Leisure Lutherans on Wednesday, January 18, 10:00 am, in the church fellowship hall.

Please contact Kathy Nickason or Mary Wittmaier with any questions or suggestions for this effort.

**We would like to thank the following people who
order Poinsettia's either in Honor Of, or Memory Of:**

Pastor & Kelle Swyres:

In Memory of Robert & Karen Sandcork

*Mary Wittmaier: In Memory of family members in
Heaven*

*Tim, Christy, & Nikki Rush: In Memory of Mary
Goddard & Dan Rush*

*Garrett & Serena Langston: In Honor of Jesus's
Birthday*

Wayne & Kay Beasley: In Memory of Patrick

*Albert Malone & Family: In Memory of: Laura I.
Malone*

*David & Carla Roedemeier: In Memory of: Milton &
Virginia Roedemeier, and Carl & Mignon Webb*

Jim & Sue Perry: In Honor of: Grandchildren

*Richard & Berniece Strandberg: In Memory of: Mel &
Andy Strandberg and Edwin & Clara Kirch*



Showing God's Love and Making a Difference

**Showing God's Love in the International District,
Albuquerque, New Mexico — God Cares About You Mission — \$98,000**

Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land' (Deuteronomy 15:11).

The International District is in southeast Albuquerque, New Mexico and is home to an ethnically diverse and disadvantaged people. The population is multicultural representing more than ten nations. Forty percent live below the poverty level. Crime, drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, prostitution, teen pregnancy, poor living conditions, low education levels, low paying jobs, and health issues put the well-being of adults and children at risk.

In 2009, a mission outreach was initiated in Albuquerque. The pastor and members of Christ Lutheran Church had a passion to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to help people. They reached out to show God's love in the International District and started God Cares About You, a mission to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of those in the community. By sharing Christ's love, they are transforming lives now and for eternity.

Mission volunteers embrace and work through cultural differences knowing that God is using them to further His kingdom and help people in their daily life. As they serve, they build relationships and meet people where they are. God Cares About You uses various programs to reach people in the International District. Some of the programs include children's ministry, tutoring, helping with homework, Bible lessons, adult Bible study, supplying meals, fellowship, providing groceries and clothing, teaching life skills, supporting a Back to Work Program, and guidance to connect with community resources. Volunteers help them learn how God cares about them and that God is real as they grow in faith and learn about His promises.

God Cares About You is currently open three days a week. This grant will provide funds to hire a services coordinator and a kitchen manager. With the increase in staff, services can be offered six days a week with extended hours. The needs of the community are great and the funds from this grant will help improve the lives of people physically and spiritually. It is estimated that 2,000 people are touched by God Cares About You each month.

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants

Lutheran Hour Ministries Project Connect:

Messages from: Bill Wuenscher:

Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, December 25,

Project Connect Booklets can help people with relevant, Christ- centered messages connecting with them wherever they are. These free booklets cover a variety of topics and can be found on the rack in the Fellowship Hall. One booklet you will find there.

Live the Six (6BE153)

Learn how to be an everyday missionary. Inviting God into the Life you're already living.

Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, January 01,

Learning to Pray (6BE158)

In this booklet, children will find a colorful story that reminds them God is always available as it encourages them to pray.

COPIES OF "LIFE DATE", a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life, are available for the taking on the table next to the church office door. This publication is filled with life issue articles. Feel free to take one and add it to your reading list this fall.

Parking Lot Special Fund: The new parking lot project is underway. In addition to the parking lot itself, we will need to fund (at the minimum) the following as part of the parking lot project: landscaping, parking lot lighting, and a new shed (to replace the one that is currently located where the parking lot will be). If you would like to make a donation toward this project--above and beyond your normal offering, please list "Parking Lot Fund" on your donation and place it in the offering plate. Any questions can be directed to Christy Rush (treasurer) or any Council member.

College Refreshment Tuesday,
College Refreshment Sign-up sheet for 2023 is now up on the Wall for Tuesday's at 7:00pm, January to April 2023.

The Flower Chart:

For 2023 is now up on the wall.
Please sign up for what Month and Day that you would like to do. Thank You.

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card.

This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you



Tylin Davidson was winner of attendance prize. John, Josie & Jasmine Bennett, Oaklyn Crawford, Roslyn & Rodrick Perry, Caleb McClelland & Joshua Holzerland had perfect attendance for December.

Sunday School: Will start at 10:15 in the lower lever of the Lutheran Student Center. We'll learn about creation; man's fall into sin & that God promised to send a Savior:

On January 8th we will start with lesson 1 in Unit 5