A festive Christmas scene featuring a lit candle, pine branches, and gold ornaments against a bokeh background. The text is overlaid on the image.

Joy
TO THE
World,

THE LORD
IS COME!

BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY,
WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.

LUKE 2:10

Be Born in Us: Bringing Salvation

Christmas Day 2022
Immanuel Lutheran Church

*Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation. -Psalm 85:7*

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 379

O Come, All Ye Faithful

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Today we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The prophet Zechariah foretold the coming of the promised King, who would bring salvation to his people: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he” (Zechariah 9:9).

C **Jesus, you are our righteous King. Through your birth, life, death and resurrection, you have brought to us the gift of salvation.**

P The name we love, the name of Jesus, means “God saves” or “salvation.” An angel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife saying, “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

C **Jesus our Lord, you came to save us. Hear our prayers and accept our praise as we rejoice today in your birth.**

P The apostle Peter, on trial for preaching the good news about Jesus, said, “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

C **Jesus, you alone are the way of salvation.**

P The apostle Paul wrote about Jesus’ saving work: “And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

C **So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:8-11).**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.
- C** **Almighty God, we confess that we do not always live according to your Word and will. We do not walk in love as Jesus did. And even though we have received your gracious gift of salvation, we often hesitate to share the good news of Jesus with others. Forgive us our sins, and lead us by your Spirit to walk in your ways.**
- P** Today we celebrate the grace of God, revealed in the gift of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. The Holy Child of Bethlehem was born among man to suffer, die, and rise again to bring us forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Upon this, your confession, therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, I announce the grace of God unto all of you. And I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. We rejoice in the birth of Jesus our Lord! There is no other name by which we can be saved.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Almighty God, on this joyful day we offer our thanks and praise for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. The Holy Child of Bethlehem was born among us to bring us salvation through his humble birth, his perfect life and his suffering, death and resurrection. We confess Jesus as Lord and we love his holy name, the name by which we are saved. As we celebrate his birth, help us to walk in love as our Lord walked and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to share with others the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus. Hear our prayers and accept our praise in his holy name.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Hymn #LSB 370

What Child Is This

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:2-4

²“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:8–11

⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn #LSB 380

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sermon

Title: Jesus: Brining Salvation

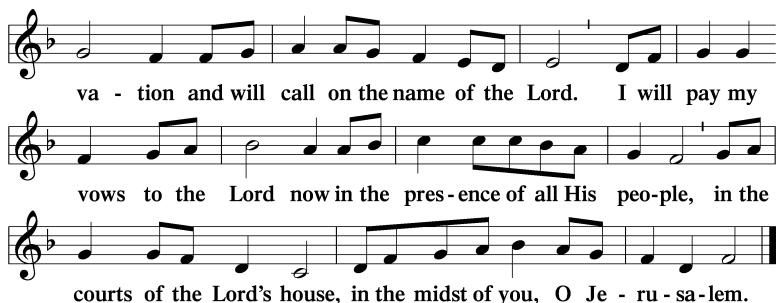
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Offering

Stand

Offertory

**What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-**



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayers of The Church

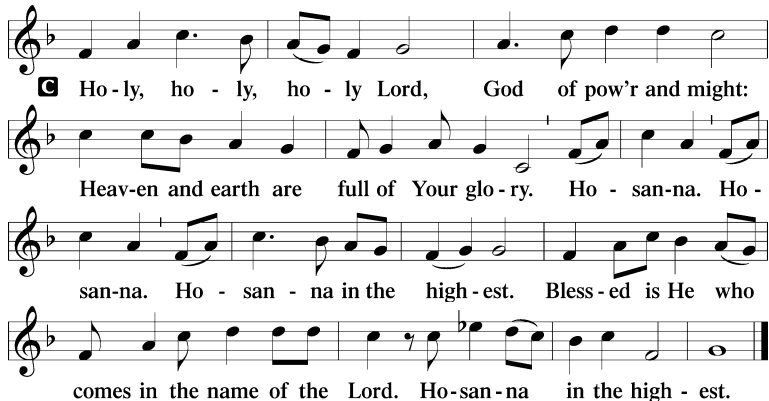
Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament (From service setting 1)

Preface

- 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your 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:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

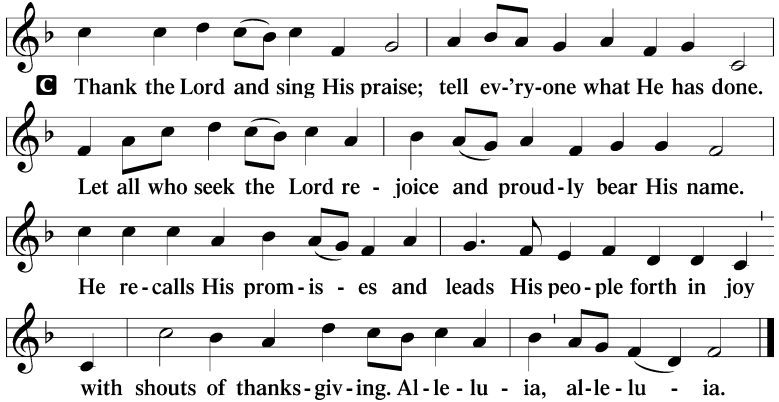
Distribution Hymn #LSB 367 *vv.1-4 Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Distribution Hymn #LSB 366 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

Distribution Hymn #LSB 388 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Stand

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
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.

C Amen.

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.

Hymn to Depart 524

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

The Lord's Week

- Sun. 9:00am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**
No BC/ SS
- Mon. 1:00pm Finance Board
- Wed. No Women's Bible Study
- Sun. 9:00am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**
No BC or SS

Celebrating



Years

Don and Judy Vogelsmeier are sponsoring the radio broadcast this morning. They are thankful for God's blessings during 60 years of marriage. As a congregation we thank them for sharing God's word to our listeners and for their years of service and love to our church family. Our prayer is for more blessings from God bringing to you and your family love and health.



The Board of Properties is looking for someone to fill the **vacancy of a custodian/lawn keeper**. If you are interested in this position please contact Dave Gieselman at 660-815-7470.

Those Serving

- Musicians:.....Judy Teufel
Acolyte.....Ty Higgins
Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
Ushers:.....Ken Hughson, Jerry Reid, Bill Renken, Matthew Vogelsmeier
Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel
Church Custodian.....
Pastor.....Pastor Alan Mueller



Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:



Person/Persons Remembered:

Received from:

Mildred Banks.....	Kassandra Falls
Lawayne Bredehoeft.....	Phyllis Bredehoeft
Verdus Brunkhorst.....	Bill & Barb Renken
Bob Eichholz.....	Janet Eichholz
“Mema” Carolyn Fiedler.....	Chloe Ann Hall
Linda Gallagher.....	Andrew & Claïressa Renken
Raphael & Ernestine Hall.....	Don & Judy Vogelsmeier
Roberta Hillebrenner.....	Bill & Barb Renken
Loved Ones.....	Lois Gieseke
Helen, Verna & Wilbert Nienhueser.....	Corky & Ruth Roscher
Ledru & Esther Kothe.....	Truman & Janet Kirschner
Millicent & Leland Roscher.....	Corky & Ruth Roscher
J.C. & Margie Vogelsmeier.....	Mary Yokley
Irvin & Haphie Vogelsmeier.....	Don & Judy Vogelsmeier
Sam Ed Yokley.....	Mary Yokley
Sam & Ruth Yokley.....	Mary Yokley
Harvey & Thelma Ziegelbein.....	Steve & Debbie Vickrey
Harvey Ziegelbein.....	Chad & Christa Ziegelbein
Thelma Ziegelbein.....	Chad & Christa Ziegelbein

To The Glory of God for Blessings Received

Given by:

Allen & Sandy Boehmer	Pete & Dana Melies
Janet & Randy Brandt (2)	Lee & Ronda Nienhueser
Allen & Sharon Bredehoeft	J.R. & Tina Reid
Nelson & Susan Guier	Andrew & Claïressa Renken
Lester & Louise Harms	Jim & Judy Teufel
Roy & Dolores Hemme	Kevin & Brenda Wulff
Judy Holland	Chad & Christa Ziegelbein

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Members of Immanuel: Cari Higgins.

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Cindy Bernard, Brad Bredehoeft, Larry and Eileen Winfrey.

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents: Dolores Fischer, Lester & Louise Harms, & Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH) Dorothy Krause (The Villa); Thelma Nienhueser (The Essex of Concordia)

Mission Workers: Josh, Coco, John, and Sophia Lange (China): Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO

Military: Owen Dobbins, and MaKenna Eckhoff

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Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at: 660-335-4141.*

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