



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
320 WEST CENTRAL AVENUE  
ARKANSAS CITY, KS 67005-2637**

**[www.rlcarkcity.com](http://www.rlcarkcity.com)**

A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod – lcms.org  
Adopted mission: West Africa – Pastor Tim and Beth Heiney  
Mexico – Pastor Daniel and Kathy Conrad

**Church Office - 620-442-5240**

**[secretaryrlc320@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryrlc320@gmail.com)**

**Pastor David D. Herald Cell – 620-660-0150**

**[david.herald@gmail.com](mailto:david.herald@gmail.com)**



**Divine Service III  
First Sunday after Christmas  
December 26, 2021**

## **Good morning and welcome to the House of the Lord.**

We pray: May the Words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

(Psalm 19:14)

† To God Be the Glory †

### **Hymn of Invocation**

**No. 375**

### **“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”**

*Stand*

### **Confession and Absolution**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

P: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

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

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

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

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

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

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

**C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**ALL: 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.**

P: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

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

## Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>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."

<sup>3</sup>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. . . .

<sup>11</sup>"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, <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.'"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Memory Verse

*Zechariah 9:9a, b*

**"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation."**

### Epistle

*Colossians 3:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:22-40*

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

<sup>40</sup>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.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day "Let All Together Praise Our God" No. 389**

**Sermon**

**"Salvation Has A Face"**

*Luke 2:22-40*

*Stand*

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sit*

## Offering

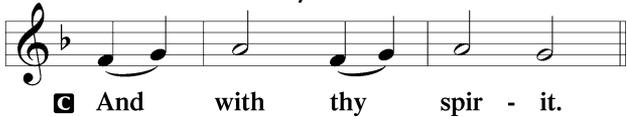
*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



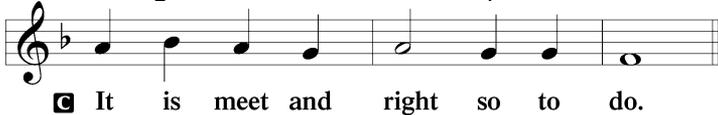
And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

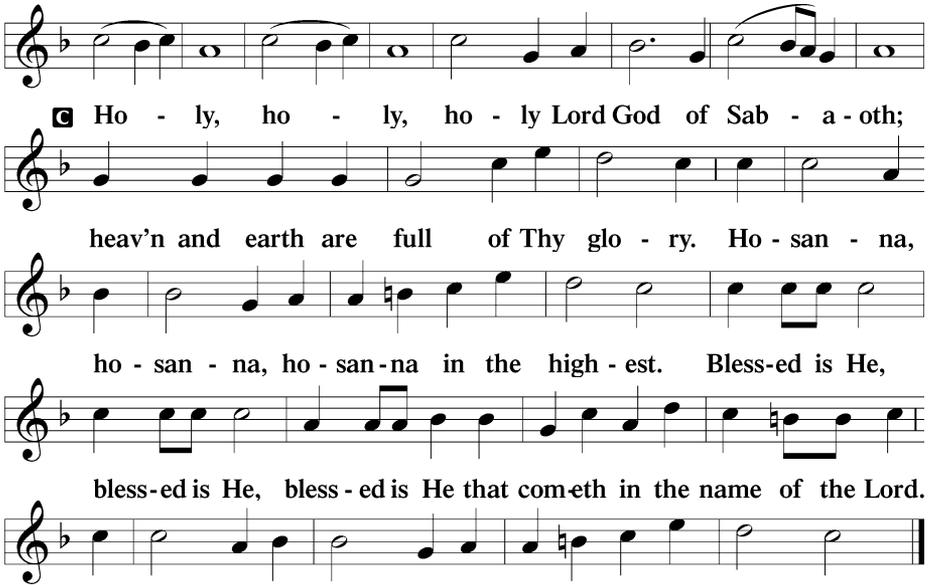
P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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

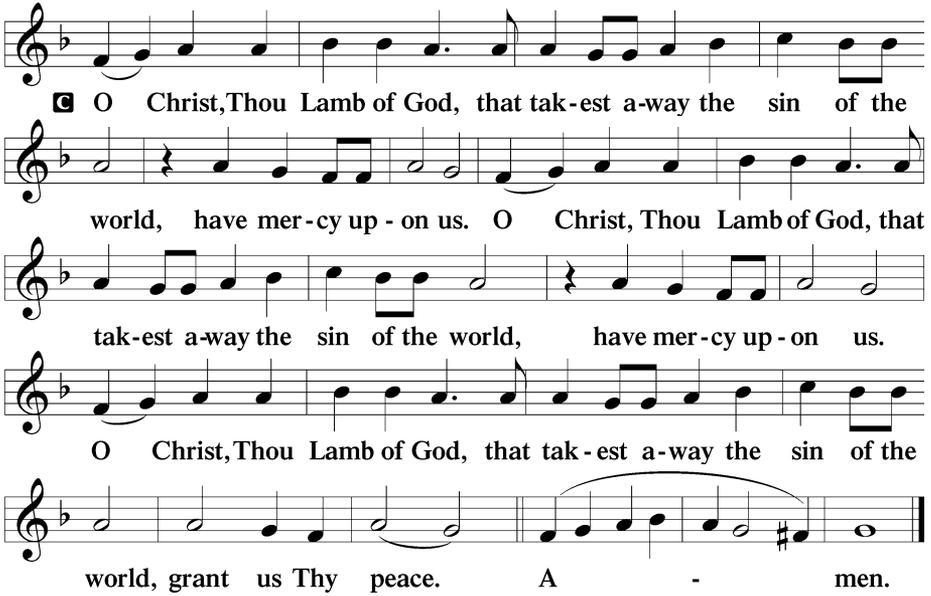
### Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

## Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sit*

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *As we come to the altar, we come confessing our sins, looking to Christ for forgiveness, asking the Holy Spirit to change our sinful lives, and recognizing Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine.*

*In faithfulness to God's Word, our congregation practices close communion. We invite to our altar all who have confirmed their faith with us before a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation or who have met with Pastor. Our practice in no way implies that people of other denominations are not Christians but allows us to maintain a clear confession of our faith and affords proper pastoral care of individuals.*

## Distribution Hymns

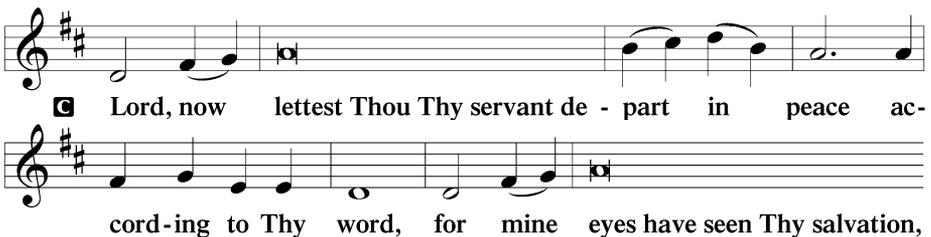
**"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"** **No. 624**

**"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"** **No. 352**

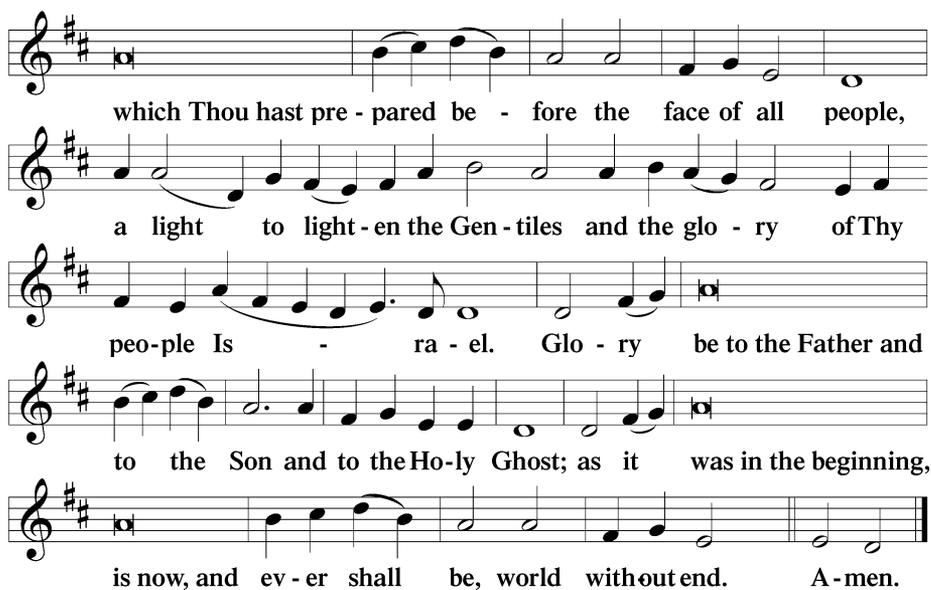
**"What Child Is This?"** **No. 370**

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis



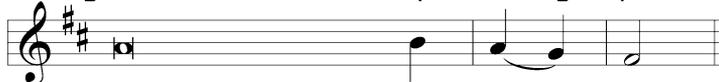
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: 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.**

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Sit*

## Closing Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" No. 924

† † † † †

✠ **THE ALTAR POINSETTIAS** are given to the glory of God by Raymond & Jody Rahn, The Squires, Jim & Joyce Holloway, Jim & Teresa Holloway, Martin & Judy Ray, Bill & Linda Headrick, Rose & Larry Anstine, Jane Osburn, Nancy Pond, Valerie Rush, Sue Krueger, Bob & Joyce Feasel, and the Altar Fund.

✠ **IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Gladys Brack, Hunter Bushnell, Fern Knocke, Sue Krueger, Diana Trent, Craig Turner, Buni Snyder, Barb Sweet, Eddie (Pattie Oestmann's brother), Pattie Oestmann, Lisa Cook (Joyce Scott's ex-daughter-in-law), Baker Coon (grandson of a friend of the Ponds), Mark Eckstein (Nancy Pond's brother), Victor Trillo (Nancy Pond's brother-in-law), Andy Paton, Marilynn Marrs, Brayli Stewart (Diana Trent's niece), Stephanie Anderson (cousin of Val Rush), Helen Hill (Charlie Theas' sister), JC Duncan-Eaton & Anthony Wiley (Sheryl Harper's friends).



Margaret & Lloyd Trent would like to say thank you to those who came and sang Christmas carols at their house last Sunday. It was a special treat and beautiful singing. Thank you so much!

## **THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<b>TODAY:</b>	9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>No Catechism Class</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>7:00 pm New Year's Eve Service</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b>	9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion 8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM 10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM

## **THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER**

<b>Officiating Elder:</b>	Raymond Rahn
<b>Altar Committee:</b>	Jody Rahn, Karen Goatley, Teresa Holloway

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**December 15, 2021** – Worship – 14

Lutheran Hour - \$90.00

**December 19, 2021** – Worship – 47

**Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,009.54**

**Home Budget Offering - \$4960.00**

Lutheran Hour - \$30.00

FLH - \$5.00

**\* JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER** – online giving is available at  
[faithlife.com/rlcarkcity/give](https://faithlife.com/rlcarkcity/give)

**OR**

[rlcarkcity.com](https://rlcarkcity.com)

(left side of screen, bottom of menu list – Give)