

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ Advent 3 Sunday • December 11th, 2022 ✝

Worship Notes:

• Our Lector for today is Cheryl Carroll • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson •

PRELUDE

“Advent”

Everett Titcomb
(1884-1968)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as able and face the back of the church.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God’s name forever. Amen.

People of God, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings, **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 241

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

INTROIT FOR ADVENT: ELW 248 (v. 1)

People Look East
BESANÇON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, **Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: ELW240 (v.1-3) Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
TIF IN VELDELE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10



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⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**
the LORD | loves the righteous. R

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



*Alleluia. I am sending my messenger before you, * who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)*

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’” ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

After the Reading: This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

Please stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 239

Hark, the Glad Sound!
CHESTERFIELD

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes “*God, in your mercy,*” We respond: “**Receive our prayer.**”

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.

ANTHEM:

“Prepare the Way Before Him”

Joachim Von Burck

(1541-1610)

OFFERTORY: ELW 884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these our gifts and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN: ELW262

Wait for the Lord

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN: ELW262

Wait for the Lord

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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Wait for the Lord

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION - We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. The communion cups are in trays at the front of the church. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

LAMB OF GOD: W&P 76

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your
name; Je - sus, Lamb of God,
wor - thy is your name.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 726

Light Dawns on a Weary World
TEMPLE OF PEACE

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 266

All Earth Is Hopeful
TODA LA TIERRA

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
FRUET EUCH, IHR LIEBEN

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

Johann G. Walther
(1684-1748)

Please join us after Worship for coffee in the Fellowship Hall



December Worship at ILC

Advent 1: Wednesday, November 30th
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Advent 2: Wednesday, December 7th
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Advent 3: Wednesday, December 14th
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Advent 4: Wednesday, December 21st
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Christmas Eve: Saturday December 24th
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day: Sunday December 25th
10:00 am Christmas Day Service



Incarnation Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Times: 10:00 am – Worship

Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Prayer List

- Current: The family of David Wood, The family of Gerda Hallman, The family of Linda Taylor, The family of Sharon Manning, Delores Lee, Sharon Smith, Bruce Szelawa, Susan Kietel, Willie Mae Manning, Brenda Durkan, Sandy Richardson, David Kelly, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing: The family of David Seebauer, The family of Kit Regnery, The family of Claude Wiley, Carolyn Rast, Brandon Faust, Harry Evans, Meredith Schulz, Leon Hudson, Rachel Mock
- Military: Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).

Little Free Pantry

Thank you to all who have donated lately! We are doing great things for the community. Please continue to bring non-perishables to the office for drop off, especially as winter months approach.



Upcoming Events

Wednesdays through Dec. 21st:

5:00 pm Advent Craft & Learn,

5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Thursday, Dec. 8th: 6:00 pm

Mary Martha Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 11th: Ladies Advent

Drop-In from 4–6 pm at the

Sawicki Home

Tuesday, Dec. 13th: 5:30 pm

CDC Christmas Festival & 6:30

pm Council Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 18th: New Member

Sunday, Choir Dinner at 12:00

pm, Christmas Caroling at 2:30

pm, & Palmetto Chamber

Orchestra Concert at 6:00 pm

(Tickets Sold at Door – \$15)

Saturday, Dec. 24th: 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec. 25th: 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

Giving to ILC

Please consider giving to Incarnation Lutheran Church's ministries and projects. We are also accepting \$25 gift cards to Target and Walmart for those in need this holiday season.



Do you want to join Incarnation? If so, please contact the office at office@incarnationlutheran.com so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us December 18, 2022, 2:30 PM for caroling in the neighborhood, followed by hot chocolate and Christmas treats in the Fellowship Hall

ILC Ladies' Advent Drop-In

Sunday December 11th, 2022

❄️ Feel free to bring wine or a dish to share. All are invited!

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm | 321 Crown Point Rd.
Sarah Sawicki's Home | Columbia, SC 29209

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