

Incarnation Lutheran Church
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2020

Welcome to Incarnation Lutheran Church in the name of Christ. To facilitate our safe worship together, please follow all guidelines set forth by church staff; remain six feet away from others at all times, please wear a mask, and if you are considered high-risk, or have an immediate family member in isolation or quarantine, please stay home and join us via Facebook for Worship at 10 am. Bulletins, Communion cups, hand sanitizer, and extra masks are available at the entrance.

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY I am black but comely, O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem Marcel Dupré
(Song of Solomon 1:5)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Gottes Sohn ist kommen (The Son of God is Come) Marcel Dupré

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving and forgiving God,
we confess that we are held captive by sin.
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another.
Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ.
Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free
to live in the peaceable realm of God.

May you be strengthened in God's love,
✝ comforted by Christ's peace,
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.**

KYRIE

ELW 151

Grace Sawicki

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 126

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 248: People Look East! (verse 1)

GOSPEL READING: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

MEDITATION

Gottes Sohn ist kommen, *Fughetta BWV 703*

Johann Seb. Bach

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL AND FOUNDATION MEMBERS

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 "Hear us, O God." We respond: **Your mercy is great.***

SHARING THE PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

MEAL

OFFERTORY

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Helmut Walcha

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season.
Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 191

Grace Sawicki

Maty Haugen

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE 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

Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here.
Come, eat and drink.
Thanks be to God

LAMB OF GOD

ELW 195
Jeremy Young

Grace Sawicki

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Now, Lord ELW 201
Plainsong

Grace Sawicki

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice.
In this bread and cup you give us life forever.
In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✝ now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Ushers will dismiss the congregation by row.
Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Worship Note

Did you know our faithful quilters designed and stitched the quilts lining the pews of our sanctuary? For years, they have met weekly to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, a ministry sponsored by the ELCA.

Right now, the quilters cannot meet during the pandemic, but the quilts are serving to help with the acoustics in the sanctuary as we continue to work with our new sound system. When that is resolved, all of these quilts will be dedicated and then shipped to LWR and sent to people in need around the world. Quilts serve as bedding, as tents, as floor coverings and in many other ways. We thank our faithful quilters!



Announcements

Advent Evening Worship: Evening Worship will be taking place on Wednesdays, December 16th and 23rd at 6 pm. In addition, these services will be live streamed on Facebook.

Worship and Music will be meeting today, December 13th after worship.

Palmetto Chamber Orchestra Concert: Sunday, December 20th at 4 pm on the Richland County Library Facebook page. We will also share this to the ILC Facebook page.

Christmas Eve Services on Thursday, December 24th:

- 5 pm: Festival Service with Holy Communion. In addition, this service will be live streamed on Facebook.
- 7pm: Service with Holy Communion

We will again ask you to sign up for worship. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding!

Faith Formation will be having an interest meeting on Sunday, January 17th.

December is Pledge Month: Please remember to turn in your pledge cards!

A time for Self-directed Worship will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. We ask that those who attend please wear a mask and remain socially distant from others.

Wednesdays at noon, Incarnation will be hosting a short devotional Bible study. Bible study will be held over Zoom and the office will email out the link for the meeting each Wednesday morning.

Handbell Team A & B will be meeting Wednesdays after Advent evening service.

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.

Prayer List

Current: Ed Skinner, Lily Hoffman, Alex McArver, Ivey Smith, Diane Smith, Sam Hall, The Pratt Family, The Norton Family, The Family of Mary Thompson, The Family of Sara Carroll, The Family of Rylan Rogers, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

Continuing: Thomas Ulmer, Jesse, Emily Prince, Emily Wright, Gary Todd, Linda Blazek, Maren Milbourne, Ann Ford, Judy Moody, and Jenny Gantt.

Military: Michael Willhide, Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).

Online Giving!

We look forward to the day when we can worship together as a family again, but until then, please continue to support the mission of the church. You can use this image below by scanning the QR Code with your smart phone's camera which will lead you to our Website for Online Giving or look for our new Paypal button on our Facebook page!



Poinsettia Order Form

Please share in gracing our Nave this year with a Poinsettia in memory of loved ones or to honor family or friends. Names will be printed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Submit this form and \$18.00 for each dedication. Place in the offering plate or drop off at the office. Feel free to email your request to the office as well.

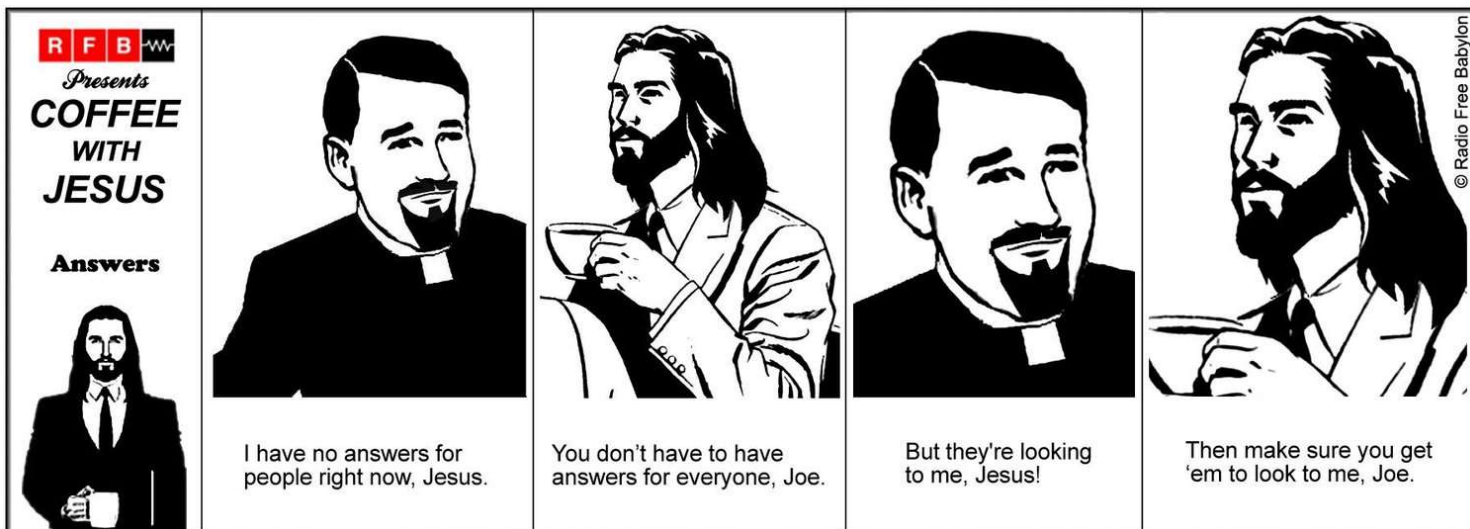


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