

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Advent 4 Sunday • December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ✠

**Worship Notes:**

• Our Lector for today is Nancy Buchan • Our Crucifer for today is John Sawicki • Today we are welcoming new members to our congregation. •

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Dillon Ekle

**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 264**

Prepare the Royal Highway  
*BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN*

**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 your power, **Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: ELW240 (v.1-4)** Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah  
*TIF IN VELDELE*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

<sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

### PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.  
<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?  
<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.  
<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.  
<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

### SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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



*Alleluia. The virgin shall conceive and | bear a son,\* and they shall name | him Emmanuel. Alleluia. (Matt. 1:23)*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

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

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*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 257**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
VENI, EMMANUEL

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*During the intercessory prayers, the congregational response is “hear 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:**

“We Are Waiting”

William T. Paxton

**OFFERTORY: ELW 884**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
OLD HUNDREDTH

## 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.

**HYMN:** ELW262

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 252

Each Winter As the Year Grows Older  
*CAROL OF HOPE*

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 260

The King Shall Come  
*CONSOLATION*

**DISMISSAL:**

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

**POSTLUDE**

“Two Preludes on Advent Hymns”

Stephen Gabrielsen

*Please join us after Worship for coffee in the Fellowship Hall*

# Advent and Christmas Worship at Incarnation

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

Moravian Lovefeast: Sunday January 1st  
10:00 am Moravian Lovefeast Service



## General Fund Update

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$5,041	\$5,000	\$41+
December	\$23,997	\$10,000	\$13,997+
Year-to-Date	\$224,543	\$250,000	\$25,457-

Please remember your love offering for our wonderful clergy and staff.

Incarnation Lutheran Church

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Times: 10:00 am – Worship

Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

## Prayer List

- Current: The family of Gerda Hallman, The family of Linda Taylor, Delores Lee, Sharon Smith, Bruce Szelawa, Susan Kietel, Willie Mae Manning, David Kelly, Owen Hernandez, Beverly Shealy, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing: The family of David Wood, The family of Sharon Manning, The family of David Seebauer, The family of Kit Regnery, The family of Claude Wiley, Sandy Richardson, 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.

## Palmetto Chamber Orchestra

Join us tonight at 6:00 pm for a Palmetto Chamber Orchestra concert. Tickets sold at the door: cash or check. General admission-\$15, VIP \$25 (two for \$45)

Join us today for Christmas Caroling!



## Upcoming Events

- 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
- Sunday, Jan 1st:** 10:00 pm Moravian Lovefeast 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](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com) so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.



The background of the page is a light green color with a pattern of stylized, hand-drawn leaves and stems. The leaves vary in size and shape, some are simple outlines, while others have internal vein details. The stems are thin and curved, creating a natural, organic feel.

# WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Connie and Dick Hinson

Tim and Joan Meachum

Ken, Sabra, and Callie Custer

Matt, Tricia, Rhett, Sibley,  
and Mira Seal

Joanne, Vincent, Baylee, and  
Toby Shaw

Susan Burris