

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Christ the King Sunday • November 26th, 2023 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector is Mary Kehl • Our Crucifer is Bill Williamson • Our Banner Bearer is Teresa Boykin • Our Bible Bearer is John Sawicki • The flowers on the altar are given by Bill Lamb and the Lamb family in honor of Christel Lamb's 80th birthday on November 23rd.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Robert Hobby

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Holy One, we confess our brokenness before you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. **Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Savior, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 634

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
CORONATION

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 157

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

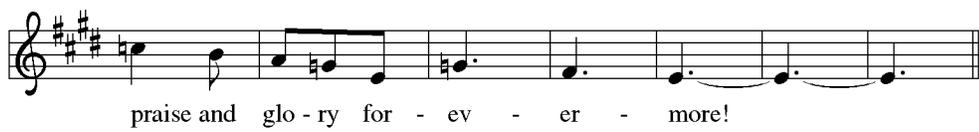
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NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION: ELW 167

Refrain

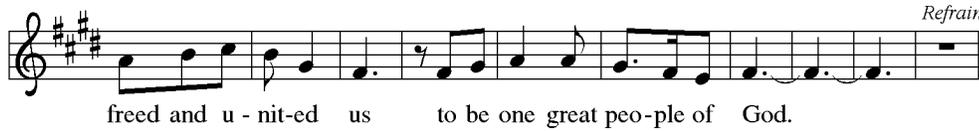
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
 sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the

countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

PSALM: Psalm 95

Mark Sedio

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Refrain 2

Assembly

We are the peo-ple of God's pas - ture_ and the sheep of God's hand.

³For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Refrain 2

Assembly

We are the peo-ple of God's pas - ture_ and the sheep of God's hand.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. ⁶O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Refrain 2

Assembly

We are the peo-ple of God's pas - ture_ and the sheep of God's hand.

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! ⁸Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

Refrain 2

Assembly

We are the peo-ple of God's pas - ture_ and the sheep of God's hand.

⁹when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

Refrain 2

Assembly



We are the peo-ple of God's pas - ture... and the sheep of God's hand.

"Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ACS 1035

Though the Earth Shall Change



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,
 though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.
 Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,
 though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Please stand as able.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you

gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?’³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 954

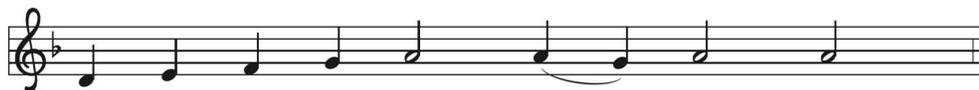
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



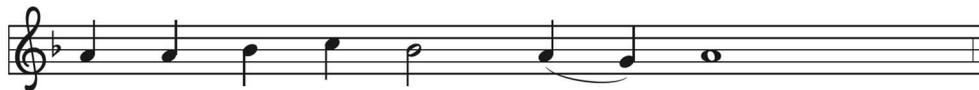
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



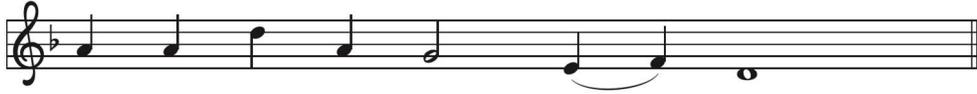
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as able.

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.**"

PEACE

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

MEAL

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.

ANTHEM:

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Susan Eltringham

Please stand as able.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: p.129

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW 191

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

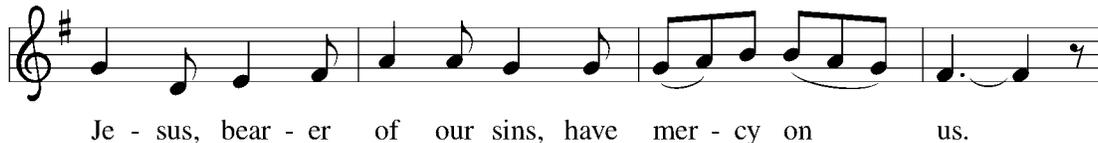
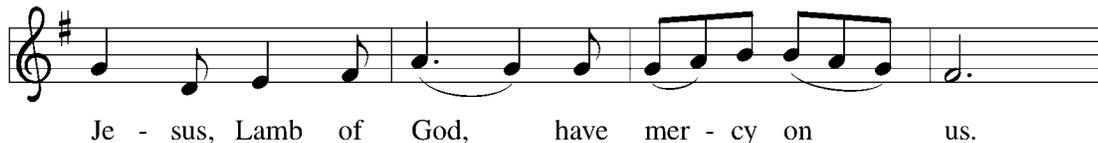
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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. Please take an empty communion glass from the trays at the front of the church. The innermost ring of glasses are pre-filled with grape juice for those who prefer juice to wine. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW 199



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COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 502

The King of Love my Shepherd Is
ST. COLUMBA

ELW 431

O Christ, What can It Mean for Us
ALL SAINTS NEW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 432 (v. 1-3, 6)

The Head That Once Was Crowned
ST. MAGNUS

DISMISSAL:

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Prelude in C Major

Johann L. Krebs

Please join us for lunch and Hanging of the Greens after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult and Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm M-F

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Prayer List

- Current Concerns: The family of Daisy Mae Davis, Luzie Arnold, Jeff DeJames, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Thom Williamson, Bill Behymer, Grady Lindler, Bill Lamb, Peace in all places experiencing conflict, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing Concerns: Susan Burris, Olivia Spires, Karen Howell, Debbie Sawicki, Sue Anderson, Daphne Rushe, Joe DeMichael, Harry Evans, Meredith Schulz
- Military: Hilary Compton, Kim Yerrick's niece; Tyler Owens, Kim Yerrick's nephew.

Hanging of the Greens

Time to put up the Chrismon trees and prepare for Advent! Hanging of the Greens will take place this Sunday, November 26th following the church service. We will decorate the Chrismon trees and put out the wreaths and other greenery. A simple lunch will be provided. Come help on this festive day!

Financial Update - General Fund

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$7,517	\$5,000	\$2,517+
November	\$17,527	\$15,000	\$2,527+
Year-to-Date	\$233,534	\$230,000	\$3,534+

Children's Choir

If you or your child is interested in participating in children's choir, please contact Sarah Sawicki at sarahsawicki@gmail.com.



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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 26th:

Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, November 28th:

Free USC Choral Concert at 7:30

Wednesday, December 6th:

6:00 pm St. Nick's Festival and Dinner

Giving to ILC

Please consider giving to Incarnation Lutheran Church's ministries and projects.



ILC Directory

Now is a great time to send us any information you may have such as email addresses, phone numbers, and home addresses that may not be on file or are dated.

Picture Dates:

Fri, Dec. 15: 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Sat, Dec. 16: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mon, Dec. 18 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Scheduling

(www.ucdir.com)

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Please contact the office if you need assistance scheduling.

December AT INCARNATION



DEC	6	6:00 PM	St. Nick's Festival and Dinner
WED			
DEC	07	6:00 PM	USC Concert
THURS			
DEC	08	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Parents Night Out
FRI			
DEC	13	6:00 PM	Dinner and Cookie Swap
WED			
DEC	16	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Ladies Christmas Drop In
SAT			
DEC	17	6:00 PM	Palmetto Chamber Orchestra Concert
SUN			
DEC	20	6:00 PM	Christmas Concert and Dinner
WED			
DEC	24	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship
SUN			
DEC	31	10:00 AM	Moravian Lovefeast
SUN			