INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

♣ Pentecost 20 Sunday • October 23rd, 2022 ♣

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Carrie Wood • Our Crucifer for today is Teresa Boykin • We are in Setting Four of the ELW • Our pianist is Susan McArver •

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Linda Blazek

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Please stand as able and face the back of the church. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: through Christ your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Walk now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

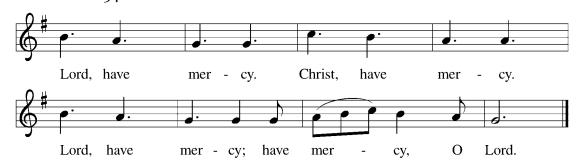
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 657

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT

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 154



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. ⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? ⁹Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! ¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. ¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. ²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-7

¹How dear to me | is your dwelling,

O | LORD of hosts!

²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.

⁴Happy are they who dwell | in your house!

They will always be | praising you. R

⁵Happy are the people whose strength | is in you, whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.

⁷They will climb from | height to height, and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

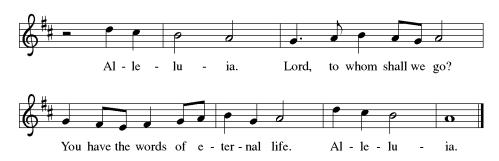
⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might

be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Please stand as able.



GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

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

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹º"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 603

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

MERTON

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."

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

The Incarnation Ringers

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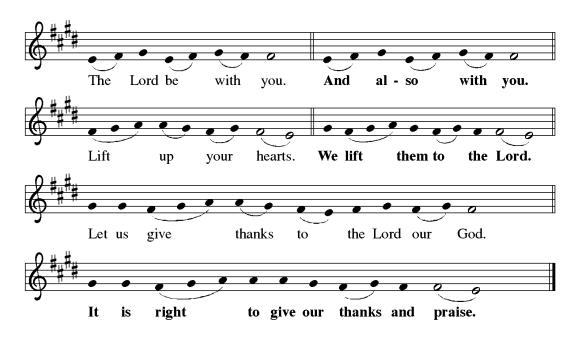
OFFERTORY: ELW 884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

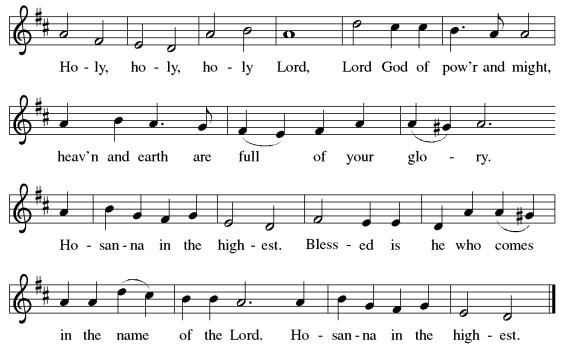
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PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.153



EUCHARISTIC 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

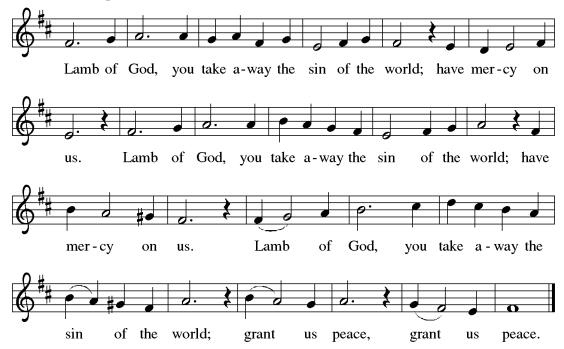
These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

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: p.154



COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 599

Lord Jesus, Think on Me SOUTHWELL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Join us after Worship for Coffee Hour









"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;



I will tell of all your

wonderful deeds."

