

**Incarnation Lutheran Church**  
**24<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**  
**November 15, 2020**  
**ELW Setting 3**

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 9am. Bulletins, Communion cups, hand sanitizer, and extra masks are available at the entrance.

**GATHERING**

**VOLUNTARY**                      Sonata in E minor, H. 106                      Carl Philipp Emmanuel Bach  
I. Allegretto

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** (9 a.m.):              "Prelude to a Celebration"                      (Incarnation Ringers)  
(11 a.m.):              Sonata in E minor,              H. 106              Carl Philipp Emmanuel Bach  
II. Andante

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
And for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, And by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and 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**

## **THIS IS THE FEAST**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **WORD**

**FIRST READING:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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

**PSALM :**

Lobt Gott In Seinem Heiligtum,

Heinrich Schutz, 1628

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

## **SERMON**

Pastor Emily Willhide

**MEDITATION** "Now As The Autumn Evening Falls Around Us"

Text by Gracia Grindal

Now as the autumn evening falls around us,  
we see the crimson fading dusk surround us,  
Though night is falling, night does not confound us:  
daylight is dawning!

As the pale sunlight flames on the horizon,  
blazing like scarlet in this dying season,  
we fear no terror. Christ, our light, is rising:  
daylight is dawning!

Children of daylight, hope in your salvation  
shining in Jesus, Lord of all creation.  
He is returning; sing with expectation:  
"Daylight is dawning!"

## **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.***

## **OFFERTORY**

On Eagle's Wings

Charles Callahan

## **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.**

## **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**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

### **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**

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

**Thanks be to God**

### **LAMB OF GOD**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

*Ushers will dismiss the congregation by row.*

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

Herzliebster Jesu

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)



## 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

**Congregation Meeting** will be taking place Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. service.

**Worship and Music** will be meeting Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12p.m.

**Council** will be meeting Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m.

**Congregational Workday** on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Worship Will Change to One Sunday Service at 10 am beginning Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.** Mark your calendars!

**Incarnation Families!** We will hold our first Family Faith Formation event Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 11 a.m. worship service at noon. We will hold a Thanksgiving Minute-to-Win-It challenge! A sign-up sheet will be sent out via email this week. Please use the sign-up link if you are planning to attend!

**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** will be meeting Wednesdays between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Advent Evening Worship:** Evening Worship will be taking place Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendars!

**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.

### Prayer List

**Current:** Maren Milbourne (Teresa Boykin's Great-Niece), Judy Moody, Ivey Smith, Ann Ford, the Norton Family, Elaine and Steve Dotson, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

**Continuing:** Thomas Ulmer, Jesse, Esther Allen, Emily Prince, Jenny Gantt, Gary Todd, Emily Wright, and Linda Blazek.

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

**Altar Flowers** are in honor of Bill and Anjay Williamson's 39th Anniversary.

### 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!



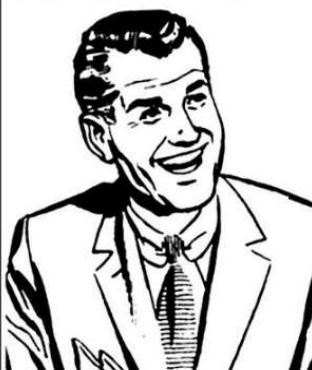



**Join Us for a Devine Day Out** on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Devine Street Association. We will have a static display honoring St. Nicholas as well as a great photo opportunity!



### Hanging of the Greens 2020!

November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent, so the Hanging of the Greens is not far away! The Property Committee will be putting up the Chrismon trees on Monday, November 23rd. We need assistance in decorating the trees and beautifying the sanctuary the week of the 23rd, so that everything will be ready for the first Sunday in Advent, November 29th. We will decorate in a socially distanced way with masks in groups of 2-4 at a time.

**This is a great opportunity for a family!** We welcome all ages to a socially distanced Advent/Christmas tradition! Please contact Susan McArver ([swmcarver@mac.com](mailto:swmcarver@mac.com)) or Leslie Skinner ([drlwskinner@gmail.com](mailto:drlwskinner@gmail.com)) to get on the schedule.

<p>RFB </p> <p><i>Presents</i></p> <p><b>COFFEE WITH JESUS</b></p> <p><b>What the Lord Hath Done</b></p> 	 <p>Mom always said, "Count your blessings, Carl. Name them one by one."</p> <p>So I try to do that, Jesus.</p>	 <p>And like the hymn says, Carl, does it "<i>surprise you what the Lord hath done.</i>"?</p>	 <p>Totally, Jesus! The Lord hath done some pretty cool stuff for me.</p>	 <p>He totally hath, Carl.</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">© Radio Free Babylon</p>
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