

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ✠

*Worship Notes:* • Our Lector is Janet Hoffman • Our Crucifer is Amy Kehl • Today we are welcoming new members. •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Mit Freuden Zart

Ernst Pepping

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 887

This Is My Song  
*FINLANDIA*

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.

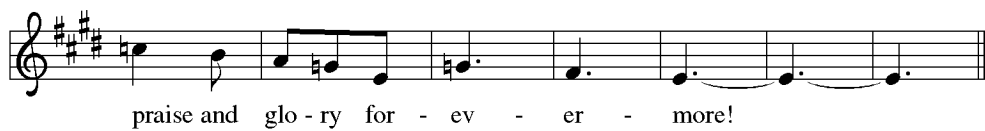
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## NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION: ELW 167

*Refrain*

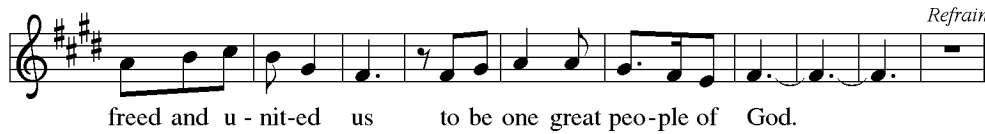
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
 sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



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. *Refrain*



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



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



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings

and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 70

*Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me  
turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**

**let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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.

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**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:1-13

*Please stand as able.*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Emily Willhide

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 717

Let Justice Flow Like Streams  
*ST. THOMAS*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** p.234

**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:**

“Come, Ye Sinners”

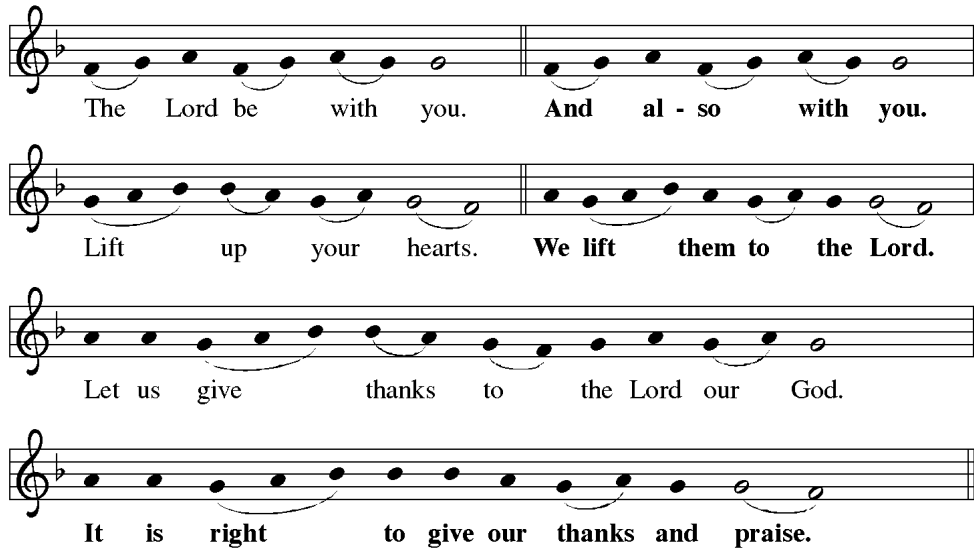
BEACH SPRING  
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

*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.

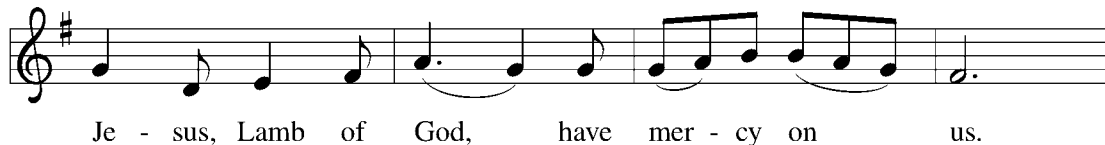
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

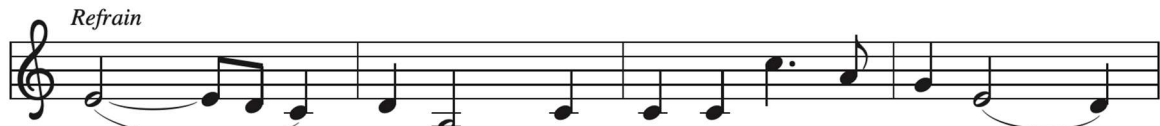
## LAMB OF GOD: ELW 199




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*Refrain*




Deep riv - er, my home is o - ver Jor - dan,



deep riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o-ver in-to camp-ground.



1 Oh, don't you want to go to that gos - pel feast, that  
2 Oh, when I get to heav-en, I'll . . . take my seat, and



*Refrain*

prom - ised land where all is peace? Oh,  
cast my crown at Je - sus' feet. Oh,

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

ELW 438

My Lord, What a Morning  
*BURLEIGH*

**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, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 439**

Soon and Very Soon  
*VERY SOON*

**DISMISSAL:**

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

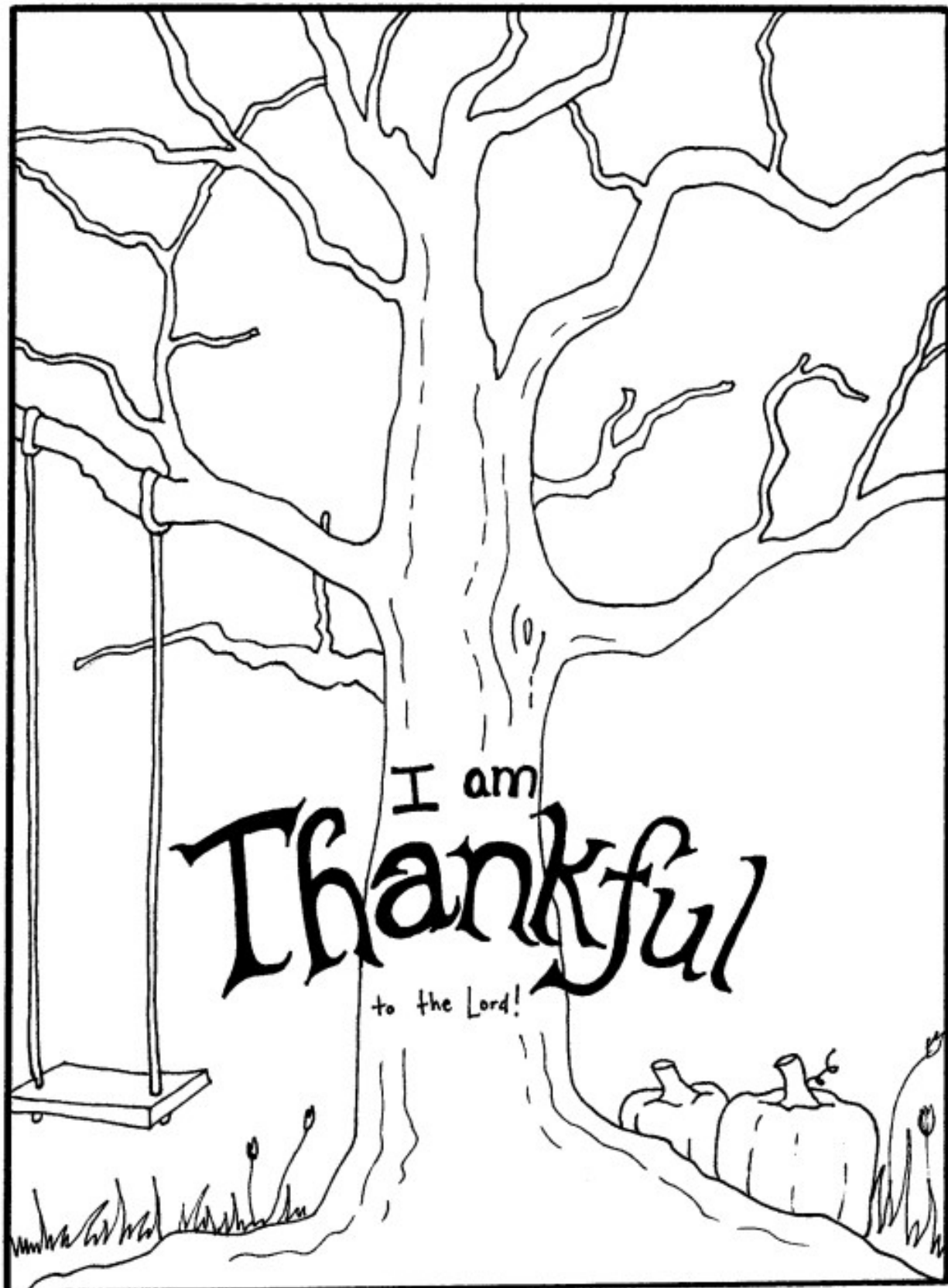
**POSTLUDE:**

Voluntary on "Deep River"

A. Hailstork

*Please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.*





I am  
**Thankful**  
to the Lord!

Mandy Groce '10

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# 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, Susan Burris, Olivia Spires, Bill Behymer, Grady Lindler, Bill Lamb, Jeff DeJames, Peace in Israel & Palestine, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing Concerns: The family of Larry Morton, Karen Howell, Debbie Sawicki, Elizabeth Johnson, Sue Anderson, Daphne Rushe, Theresa Yaussy, Joe DeMichael, Harry Evans, Meredith Schulz
- Military: Hilary Compton, Kim Yerrick's niece; Tyler Owens, Kim Yerrick's nephew.

## Financial Update - General Fund

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$6,677	\$5,000	\$1,677+
Year-to-Date	\$222,528	\$220,000	\$2,528+

## Hanging of the Greens

Time to put up the Chrismon trees and prepare for Advent! Hanging of the Greens will take place Sunday, November 26th (the Sunday after Thanksgiving), following the church service. We will decorate the Chrismon trees and put out the wreaths and other greenery. We will provide a simple lunch for all - decorators are invited to eat lunch first, while another group sets up the trees in the sanctuary. Decorators will then eat, while the tree group gets their turn to eat. Come help on this festive day!



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.

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, November 14th

6:30 pm Council meeting

### Sunday, November 19th:

Congregational Meeting after Worship

### Sunday, November 26th:

Hanging of the Greens

### Tuesday, November 28th:

Free USC Choral Concert at 7:30

## Little Free Pantry

THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY IS EMPTY! Please consider making a food donation or financial donation to the Little Free Pantry.

### Items Needed:

Crackers, Cereal, Canned meat, Pop top containers, Fruit, Peanut Butter, Soup, Granola Bars, Cookies, Raisins

## Giving to ILC

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



## ILC Directory

We have started the process for developing an updated directory. If you are interested in helping to coordinate this, please contact the Office or Pastor Emily. This has been highly requested and we are excited to get started.

Photoshoot Dates:

- Friday, December 15th
- Saturday, December 16th
- Sunday, December 18th

## Thanksgiving Non-Perishable Drive

We will collect non-perishables for our "Little Free Pantry" and Harvest Hope on Sunday, November 19th. Please place your donations on the stairs of the chancel. Thank you!



# St. Nick's Festival

Wednesday, December 6th  
at 6:00 pm



Grilled cheese, tomato  
soup, and chicken  
noodle soup provided!



WELCOME

*New Members*

Georgia Ford

Tracy Thornley

Ally Hawkins

Jimmy McFarland

Kathy McFarland