

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ Advent 2 Sunday • December 4th, 2022 ✝

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Carrie Wood • Our Crucifer for today is Jeff Shealy •

PRELUDE

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 249

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry
PUER NOBIS

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 our hearts, Lord God, **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Please be seated.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: ELW240 (v.1 & 2) Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

TIF IN VELDELE

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-8

Peter R. Hallock

ADVENT REFRAIN

♩ = 69 [Introduction _____] In his time jus-tice and peace shall flour-ish. —

Man. 1
Man. 2
Man. 3
Ped.

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
²that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice; **R**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills, in righteousness.
⁴He shall defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor. **R**
⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth. **R**
⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
there shall be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
⁸He shall rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

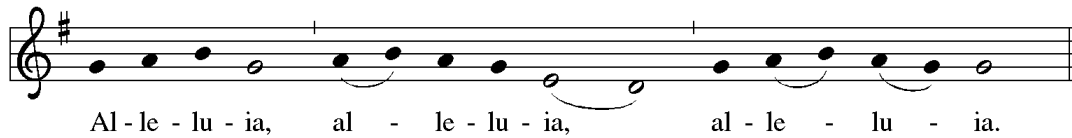
⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; ¹⁰and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; ¹¹and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹²and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 168

Please stand as able.



*Alleluia. Prepare the way | of the Lord. * All flesh shall see the salva- | tion of God. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6)*

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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.



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
 Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
 come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
 Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
 In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
 Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
 Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

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 Music: SUO GAN, Welsh melody
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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 "God, in your mercy," We respond: "Receive 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: ELW 258

Unexpected and Mysterious
ST. HELENA

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.

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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 255

There's a Voice in the Wilderness
ASCENSION

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 711

O Day of Peace
JERUSALEM

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 254

Come, Thou Long -Expected Jesus
JEFFERSON

DISMISSAL:

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

POSTLUDE

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

J.S. Bach

Please join us after Worship for coffee in the Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Times: 10:00 am – Worship

Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Prayer List

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

General Fund Update

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$3,102	\$5,000	\$1,898-
November	\$17,638	\$20,000	\$2,362-
Year-to-Date	\$200,275	\$240,000	\$39,725-

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.



Upcoming Events

Wednesdays through Dec. 21st:

5:00 pm Advent Craft & Learn,

5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 4th: Worship & Music meeting after Worship

Tuesday, Dec. 6th: St. Nicholas Festival at 5:45 pm

Thursday, Dec. 8th: 6:00 pm Mary Martha Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 11th: Ladies Advent Drop-In from 4–6 pm at the Sawicki Home

Tuesday, Dec. 13th: 5:30 pm CDC Christmas Festival & 6:30 pm Council Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 18th: New Member Sunday & 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

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 so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.



*ILC Ladies
Advent Drop-In*

Sunday December 11th, 2022
Feel free to bring wine or a dish to share. All are invited!

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm | 321 Crown Point Rd.
Sarah Sawicki's Home | Columbia, SC 29209

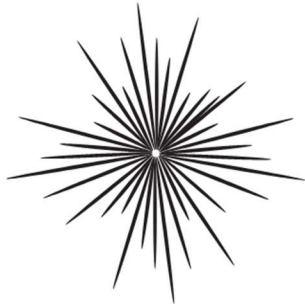


St. Nicks Festival

Tuesday, December 6th
at 5:45 pm



Come learn about St. Nick through Worship Stories & Crafts!
Please bring a canned good for Harvest Hope



MAESTRA SUZANNA PAVLOVSKY

COLUMBIA CELEBRATES!

HOLIDAY CONCERT

DECEMBER 18, 6 pm

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