



Incarnation Lutheran Church



Christmas EVE WORSHIP

Saturday 24 December

5:00 PM

3005 DEVINE STREET,
COLUMBIA, SC 29205

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ Christmas Eve • December 24th, 2022 ✝

Worship Notes:

• Our Lector for today is Stephanie Seebauer • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson • Our Banner Bearer is Jeff Shealy • Our Bible Bearer is John Sawicki •

THE ORGAN PRELUDE:

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Gelobet Seist du, Jesu Christ
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
A Nativity Scene
 Oh, Come, Emmanuel
 Silent Night
 Shepherds
 The Three Kings
 Joy to the World

Dale Wood
Johann Pachelbel
Johannes Brahms
Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand as able.

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all the peoples.

Give to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let the sea roar, let the field be joyful!

All the trees of the forest, shout for joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth with righteousness and the peoples with truth.

CAROL: ELW 269

Once in Royal David's City
IRBY

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.

GLORIA: ELW 289

Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

PSALM: Psalm 96

Robert Hobby

Refrain: "Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad!"



SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

CAROL: ELW 295 (v.1-3)

Of the Father's Love Begotten
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14

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

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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

Please be seated.

CAROL: ELW 295 (v. 4-5)

Of the Father's Love Begotten
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

CAROL: ELW 274

On Christmas Night
SUSSEX CAROL

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes “*God of grace,*” We respond: “**Hear our prayer.**”

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

ANTHEM: “Before the Marvel of This Night”
Before the marvel of this night, adoring, fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light, and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Carl Schalk

Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav’nly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love, sing love, sing God is love!

OFFERTORY CAROL: ELW 296

What Child Is This
GREENSLEEVES

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING: p.152

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 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we will remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

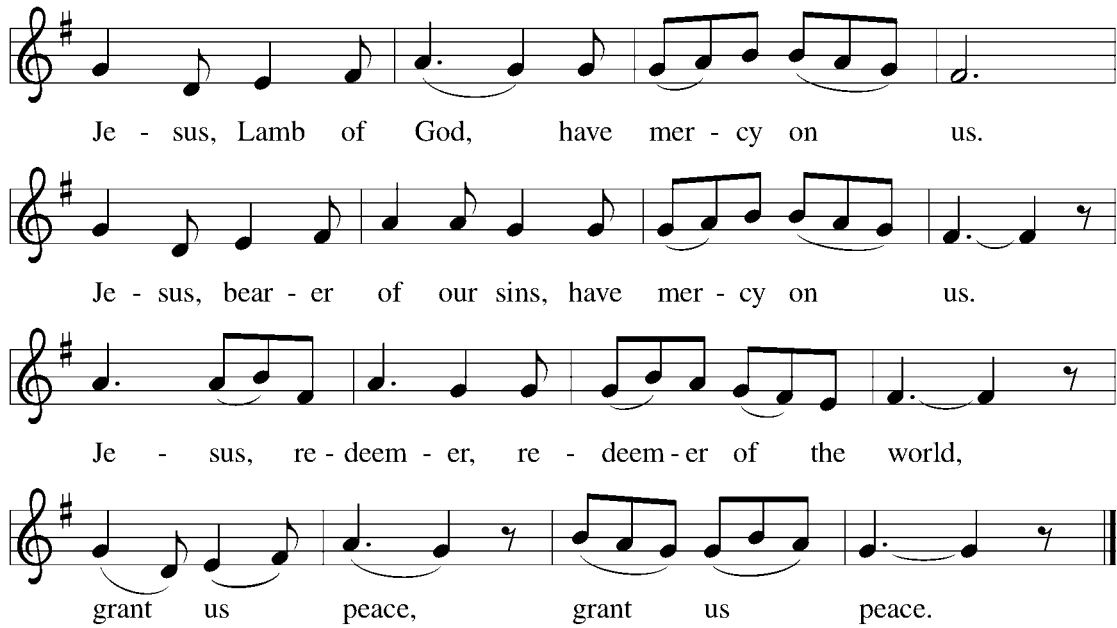
Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of grace. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD: ELW 199



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 271

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve
JEG ER SA GLAD

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 276

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
W ZLOBIE LEZY

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 277

Away in a Manger
AWAY IN A MANGER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: ELW 281

Silent Night
STILLE NACHT

v.1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

v.2 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Hirten erst kundgemacht
Durch der Engel Halleluja,
Tönt es laut von fern und nah:
Christ, der Retter ist da!
Christ, der Retter ist da!

v.3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, you sent your son to dwell among us and to show us the way of peace. You call us out of complacency and into your holy work of establishing peace and justice for all people. Let the grace and hope of this silent holy night spill out into the world and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

As the lights come up, please carefully extinguish your candle. Please leave your candle in baskets in the narthex.

SENDING CAROL : ELW 267

Joy to the World
ANTIOCH

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above To Earth I Come

Johann Bernhardt Bach
(1676-1749)

Incarnation Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Times: 10:00 am - Worship

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

Prayer List

- Current: The family of Linda Taylor, Sharon Smith, Susan Kietel, Willie Mae Manning, David Kelly, Owen Hernandez, Beverly Shealy, John Carroll, Tommy Moore, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing: The family of Gerda Hallman, The family of David Wood, The family of David Seebauer, Delores Lee, Sandy Richardson, 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).

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.

Unhanging of the Greens

The Christmas season will officially come to an end on Epiphany, the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Please join us as after worship on Sunday, January 1st for the festival of "Unhanging of the Greens," as we remove the Chrismos from our trees so they can then be packed away for next year. With many hands, this does not take very long!

Moravian Lovefeast

January 1st, 2023

10:00 am

Join us for this service of Lessons
& Carols, coffee, and buns!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec. 25th: 10:00 am
Christmas Day Service

**Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 26th
& 27th:** Office Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 28th: No Bible
Study

Sunday, Jan 1st: 10:00 am
Moravian Lovefeast Service
"Unhanging of the Greens"



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.



POINSETTIAS

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Von Boozer in memory of family and friends.

Given by LeAnn and Bruce Faulling in memory of Sadie and Leon Tokunaga and Sara Tokunaga.

Given by Bill and Christel Lamb in memory of our loved ones we have lost.

Given by Susan McArver in memory of Lorie Gladyness.

Given by Richard Schulz and Marcy Coster-Schulz in memory of Edward and Marie Schulz and Leon and Thelma Coster.

Given by Bobby Morgan and Dwayne Prosser in memory of my mother, Lou Graves, my father, Jimmy Morgan, my brother, Brian Morgan, and my grandparents, Louanna and Thomas Ringer, Jr.

Given by The Meyers in memory of Janice Holliday, Sandra W. Tarte, Algernon G Tarte, Jr., and Jack Meyer.

Given by Cheryl Carroll in memory of my mother, Nita Sue Kadane.

Given by Andy and Stefanie Seebauer in memory of Kristen Seebauer and Mike Burnside.

Given by the DeJames family in memory of Patricia J. Lavery, and Robert and Delores DeJames.

Given in memory of Betty and Jimmy Wilds by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

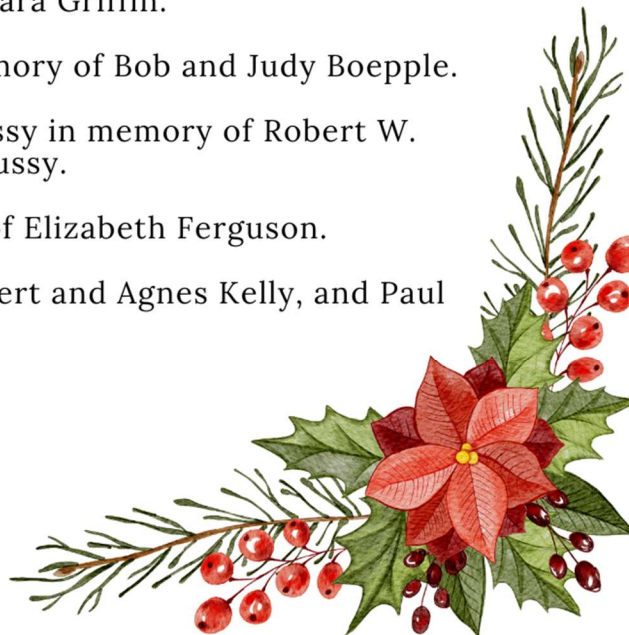
Given by the Johnsons in memory of Cal's parents, Mary Virginia and Robert Johnson, and Elizabeth's grandparents, Elmer and Bessie Morton, and Henry and Clara Griffin.

Given by Mary Karl and Mark Boepple in memory of Bob and Judy Boepple.

Given by Kimberly Yerrick and Randy Yaussy in memory of Robert W. Zimpfer and P.J. Yaussy.

Given by Debbie Muller in memory of Elizabeth Ferguson.

Given by Maureen O'Neill in memory of Robert and Agnes Kelly, and Paul O'Neill.





POINSETTIAS

Given by the Sawicki's in memory of Raymond Sawicki and Laurie Copeland.

Given by Porter and Memi Kinard in memory of our parents, The Rev. Karl W. Kinard, and Mrs. Kinard, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Spith, and Memi's siter, Claire S. Bowie.

Given by Susan Burris in memory of Mitsuko Pridgen.

Given by the Justice family in memory of Floyd, Elizabeth, Eloise, and Kevin Justice, and Natalie Kennedy.

Given by Walter and Shirley Lindler in memory of Curtis and Louise Hall, Theo and Ruth Hipp, and Grady and Phebe Lindler.

Given by Mimi Fisher in memory of Ted Fisher.

Given by the choirs of Incarnation in honor of Pastor Emily Willhide and Dr. Patrick Hawkins.

Given by Ken, Sabra, and Callie Custer in honor of Debbie Custer and Marie Smith.

Given by the Johnsons in honor of Incarnations worship leaders and musicians, and the staff at the Child Development Centers.

Given by Mary Karl and Mark Boepple in honor of Memi, Pop, Aunt Amy, Joshua, Tera, Teddy, Ashlee, and Porter.

Given by Debbie Muller in honor of the Child Development Centers.

Given by the Sawicki's in honor of Dot Sawicki and Mary and Wingard Copeland.

Given by Porter and Memi Kinard in honor of our children, Mary Karl Boepple and Amy Kinard, and our granddaughter, Porter.

Given by Nora and Jeff Shealy in honor of our siblings, Wayne, Mark, Greg, and John.

Given by Lavonne M. Taylor-Shumaker in honor of my children and grandchildren.

Given by Mary Kehl in honor of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

