

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ Advent 3 Sunday • December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ✝

**Worship Notes:**

• Our Lector for today is Cheryl Carroll • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson •

**PRELUDE**

“Advent”

Everett Titcomb  
(1884-1968)

**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 241**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You  
*WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN*

**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*

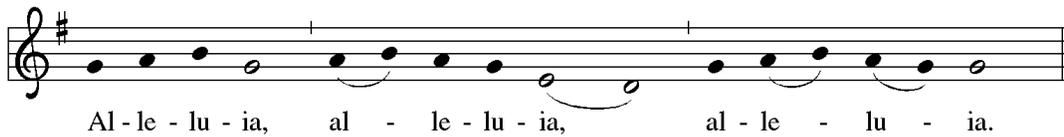
**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, **Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: ELW240 (v.1-3)** Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah  
*TIF IN VELDELE*





*Alleluia. I am sending my messenger before you, \* who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11**

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

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’” <sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*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 239**

Hark, the Glad Sound!  
*CHESTERFIELD*

**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:**

“Prepare the Way Before Him”

Joachim Von Burck

*(1541-1610)*

### **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**

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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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### **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 726**

Light Dawns on a Weary World  
*TEMPLE OF PEACE*

**COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 266**

All Earth Is Hopeful  
*TODA LA TIERRA*

**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 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed  
*FRUET EUCH, IHR LIEBEN*

### DISMISSAL:

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

**POSTLUDE**

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

Johann G. Walther  
(1684-1748)

*Please join us after Worship for coffee in the Fellowship Hall*



# December Worship at ILC

Advent 1: Wednesday, November 30th  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Advent 2: Wednesday, December 7th  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Advent 3: Wednesday, December 14th  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Advent 4: Wednesday, December 21st  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Christmas Eve: Saturday December 24th  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day: Sunday December 25th  
10:00 am Christmas Day Service



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Times: 10:00 am – Worship

Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

## Prayer List

- Current: The family of David Wood, The family of Gerda Hallman, The family of Linda Taylor, The family of Sharon Manning, Delores Lee, Sharon Smith, Bruce Szelawa, Susan Kietel, Willie Mae 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).

## 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

**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, Choir Dinner at 12:00

pm, Christmas Caroling at 2:30

pm, & 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](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com) so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

A festive poster for a Christmas Caroling event. At the top, the words "CHRISTMAS CAROLING" are written in a large, red, arched font. Below the text, a cartoon reindeer with large antlers and a green scarf stands next to a small elf wearing a green suit and a red hat. To the left of the reindeer is a small, decorated Christmas tree with a yellow star on top. The background is a light yellow with white snowflakes and a large yellow star in the upper right corner. The bottom of the poster has a red background with white text.

**Join us December 18, 2022, 2:30 PM for caroling in the neighborhood, followed by hot chocolate and Christmas treats in the Fellowship Hall**

A poster for an "ILC Ladies' Advent Drop-In" event. The background is dark blue with a white snowflake border at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads: "ILC Ladies' Advent Drop-In" in a white cursive font. Below that, in a smaller white font, it says "Sunday December 11th, 2022". A small white snowflake icon is to the left of the text "Feel free to bring wine or a dish to share. All are invited!". At the bottom, the event details are listed in two columns: "4:00 pm - 6:00 pm" and "Sarah Sawicki's Home" on the left, and "321 Crown Point Rd." and "Columbia, SC 29209" on the right. A small white snowflake icon is to the right of the address.

*ILC Ladies' Advent Drop-In*

Sunday December 11th, 2022

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