



4th Wednesday in Advent

December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

6 p.m.

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**Opening Dialogue**

**Hymn of Light**

**Thanksgiving for Light**

**Psalm 141:** Let My Prayer Rise Up as Incense

**Prayer**

**First Reading:**

Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**ELW 257** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Verses 7-8

O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

**Second Reading:**

Luke 1:46-56

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

**ELW 267** Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Reflection**

**The Magnificat**

**Litany of Prayers**

**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

## **Blessing**

## **Dismissal**



## **Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Begins!**

### **Kick-off to the Anniversary Year**

Sunday, January 3, 2021

### **Guest Preacher: The Rev. Rusty Kehl**

Son of Incarnation

Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenwood, South Carolina

It's finally here! Incarnation's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will officially begin on Sunday, January 3, 2021 with Pastor Rusty Kehl as our guest preacher!

Rusty, the son of Mary Kehl and sister of Amy Kehl, grew up at Incarnation and spent his formative years here, where he was an active participant in church life. As an adult, Rusty became Scoutmaster of Incarnation's Troop 8 and he and his wife Dee Dee were involved in every ministry Incarnation had to offer.

Rusty answered a long-delayed call to ministry when he entered the Master of Divinity program at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, where he graduated in 2016. He was ordained a pastor and began serving Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenwood, South Carolina. On January 17, 2021, he will begin a new ministry at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Florence, South Carolina.

We are delighted to welcome Rusty and Dee Dee Kehl home to inaugurate our anniversary year!



Incarnation Lutheran Church will be holding a Christmas Eve Festival Service with Holy Communion via Facebook live-stream on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.



# CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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