Incarnation Lutheran Church

Christmas EVE WORSHIP

Tuesday 24 December

5:00 PM

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INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✢ Christmas Eve • December 24th, 2024 ✢

Worship Notes: *• Our Lector for today is Mimi Fisher • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson • Our Banner Bearer is Jeff Shealy • Our Bible Bearer is Ben Willhide • Our worship assistant is Stefanie Seebauer • We are in Setting 1 of the ELW •*

PRELUDE Trio Sonata in D, Op.13/2 Jean Marie Leclair (1697-1764)
I. Adagio
II. Allegro

CHORAL INTROIT: "Still, Still, Still" German carol, arr. Philip Ledger

WELCOME AND ANNOUCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Go Tell It On the Mountain Incarnation Children's Choir

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 283 O Come, All Ye Faithful
ADESTE FIDELES

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 (verse 1) 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 *Read responsively*

1Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
2**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
3Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
4**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,**
more to be feared than all gods.
5As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
6**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
7Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
8**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.
9Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
10**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!**
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."
11Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,**
for you come to judge the earth.
13You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

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 275 (v. 1-2) Angels, from the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20
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!" 15When the angels had left them and gone into
heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has
taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16So they went with haste and found Mary and
Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been
told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told
them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds
returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

CAROL: ELW 275 (v. 3 - 4) Angels, from the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

SERMON Pastor Emily Willhide

CAROL: ELW 274 On Christmas Night
SUSSEX CAROL

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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: "**Receive our prayer."**

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY: Cantata: "Welcome, Thou King of Glory" Vincent Lübeck (1656-1740)

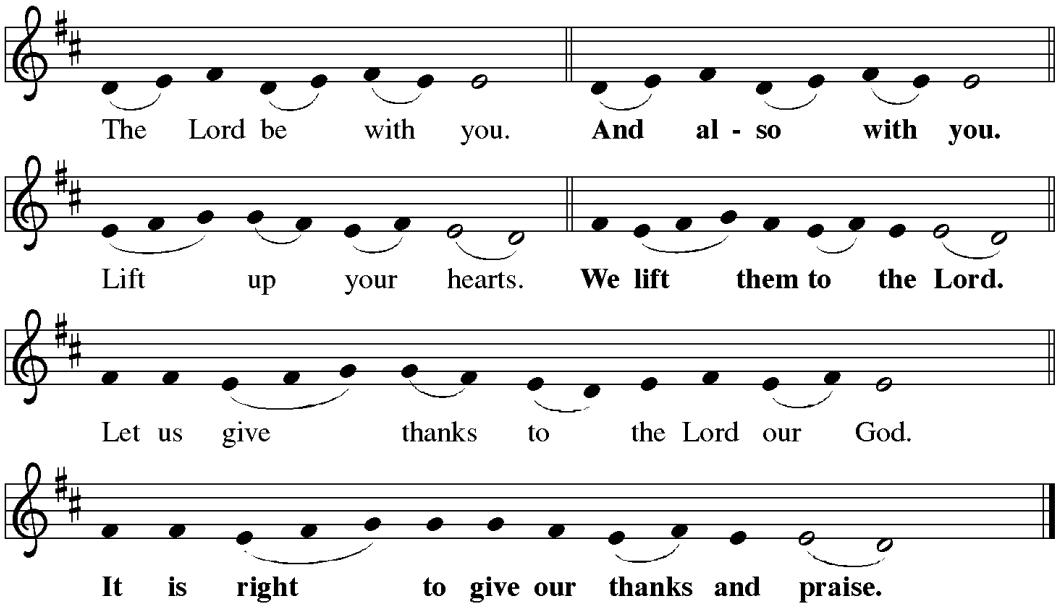
I. Sonata
II. Aria: "O noble deed! O glorious night!
III. Chorus: "I pray Thee, blessed Bridegroom mine"

Erika Cutler, violin
Cynthia Hopkins, flute

OFFERTORY CAROL: ELW 267 Joy to the World
ANTIOCH

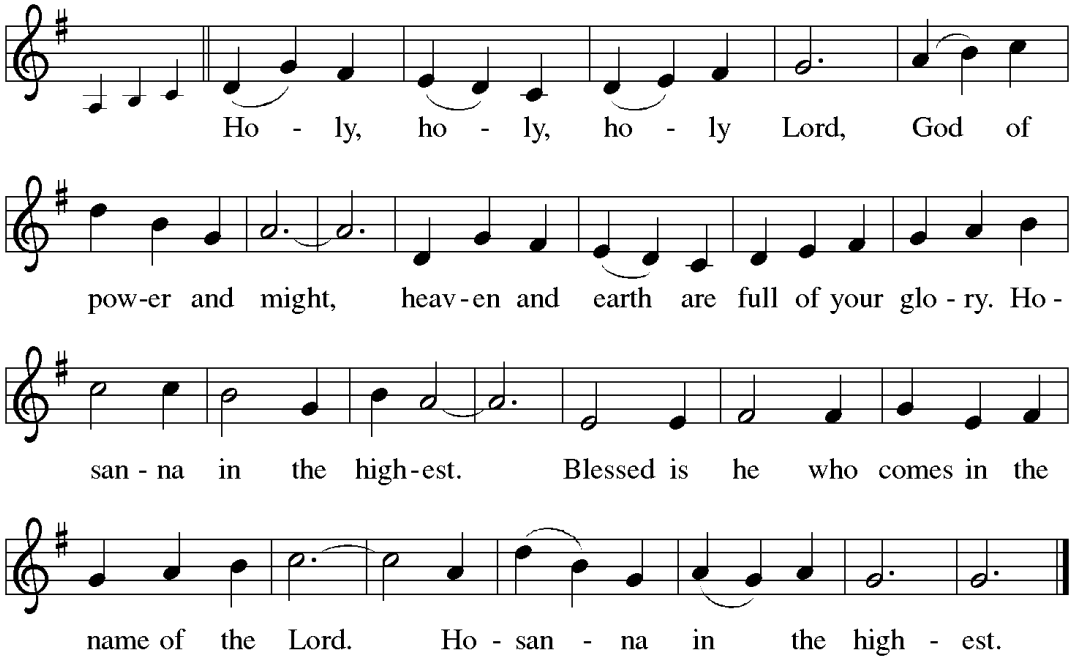
OFFERING PRAYER
God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: p. 107



PREFACE:
It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.108



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

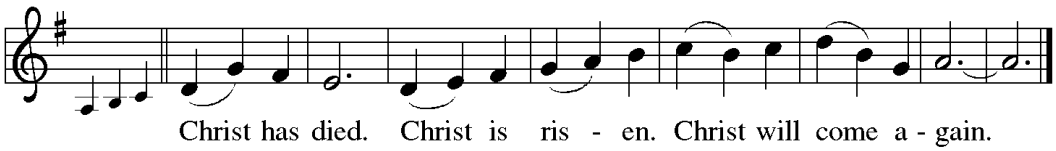
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

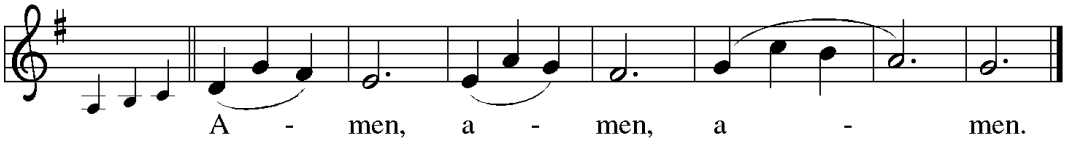
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

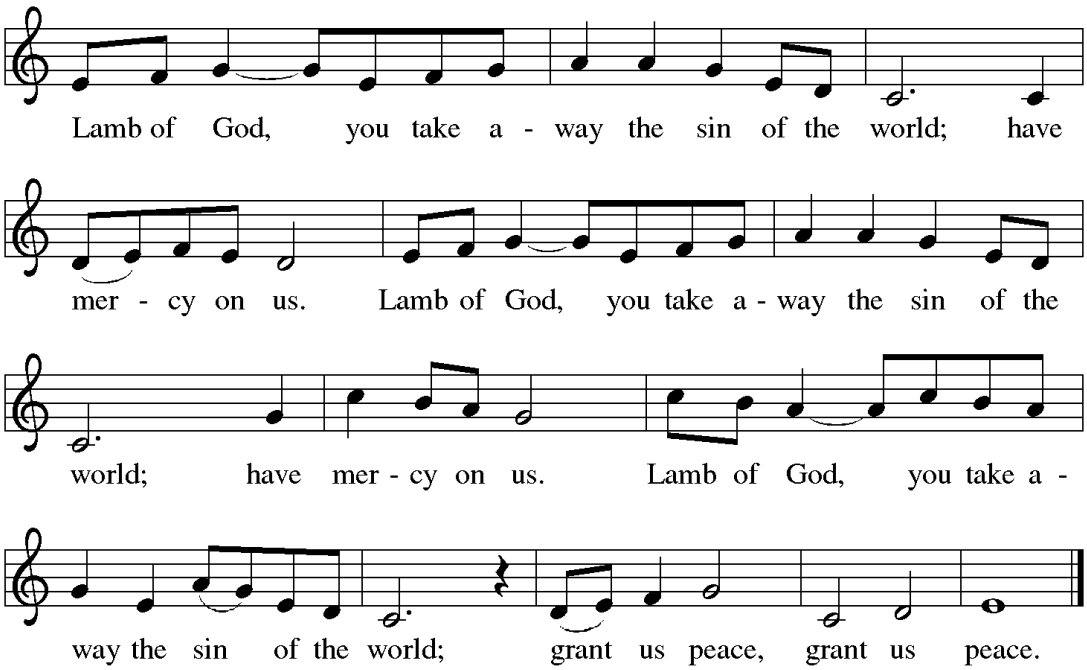


LORD'S PRAYER:
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus. **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. 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: p.112



COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 295 Of the Father's Love Begotten
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 296 What Child Is This
GREENSLEEVES

PRAYER FOR PEACE
Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING
The God of love, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLES: ELW 281 Silent Night
STILLE NACHT

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Proclaim the good news of Christ's birth. **Thanks be to God.**

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

POSTLUDE: In dulci jubilo Vincent Lübeck (1656-1740)

POINSETTIAS

Given by the Johnsons in honor of Incarnations musicians.

Given by Mary Kehl in honor of Incarnation music.

Given by Kay and Russ Rushe in honor of Pastor Emily and Mike Willhide and Amelia and Porter Kinard.

Given by Mary Karl and Mark Boepple in honor of their children, Porter, Joshua, Tera, Ashlee and Teddy and granddaughter, Gracie, their parents and sister, Amy.

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

Given by Cheryl Carroll in honor of Hoover Kadane.

Given by Bill and Christel Lamb in honor of Chris and Pam Williams and Sabrina Faircloth.

Given by the Hipp family in memory of Theo and Ruth Hipp.

Given by the Lindler family in memory of Grady and Phebe Lindler.

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

POINSETTIAS

Given by Mimi Fisher in memory of Ted Fisher.

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

Given by Susan and Alex McArver in memory of Margaret, Fredrick, and Fred McArver.

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

Given by Richard Schulz and Marcy Coster-Schulz in memory of Edward and Marie Schulz and Leonard and Thelma Coster and Barbra c Valle.

Given by Cheryl Carroll in memory of Nita Sue Kadane.

Given by the Johnson family in memory of Cal's parents, Mary and Robert Johnson, and Elizabeth's father, Larry Morton.

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

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

Given by Eugenie and Mike Parker in memory of Kit, Eugenie, and Patty Regnery and Hoyt and Sarah Parker.

Given by Betty Hollingsworth in memory of Paul Hollingsworth and Annie Watkins.

Given by Porter and Memi Kinard in memory of our parents, Dr. and Mrs. Karl Kinard, Gus and Amelia Speth, and Memi's siter, Claire S. Bowie.

Given by Kay and Russ Rushe in memory of Mary Ellen and Clyde Powell and Daphne and George Rushe.

Given by Beverly Crider, Troy Crider, and Stephanie Martin in memory of Raymond and Juanita McCartha and Donnie Crider.

Given by the Justice family in memory of Floyd and Elizabeth Justice.

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

Given by the Hall family in memory of Curtis and Louise Hall.

THOSE WHO LIVED IN A LAND of DEEP dARKNESS,
on THEM LIGHT HAS SHINED.
DO NOT BE AFRAID...
FOR I AM BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS of GREAT JOY for ALL THE PEOPLE.
FOR THE GRACE of GOD HAS APPEARED, BRINGING SALVATION TO ALL.

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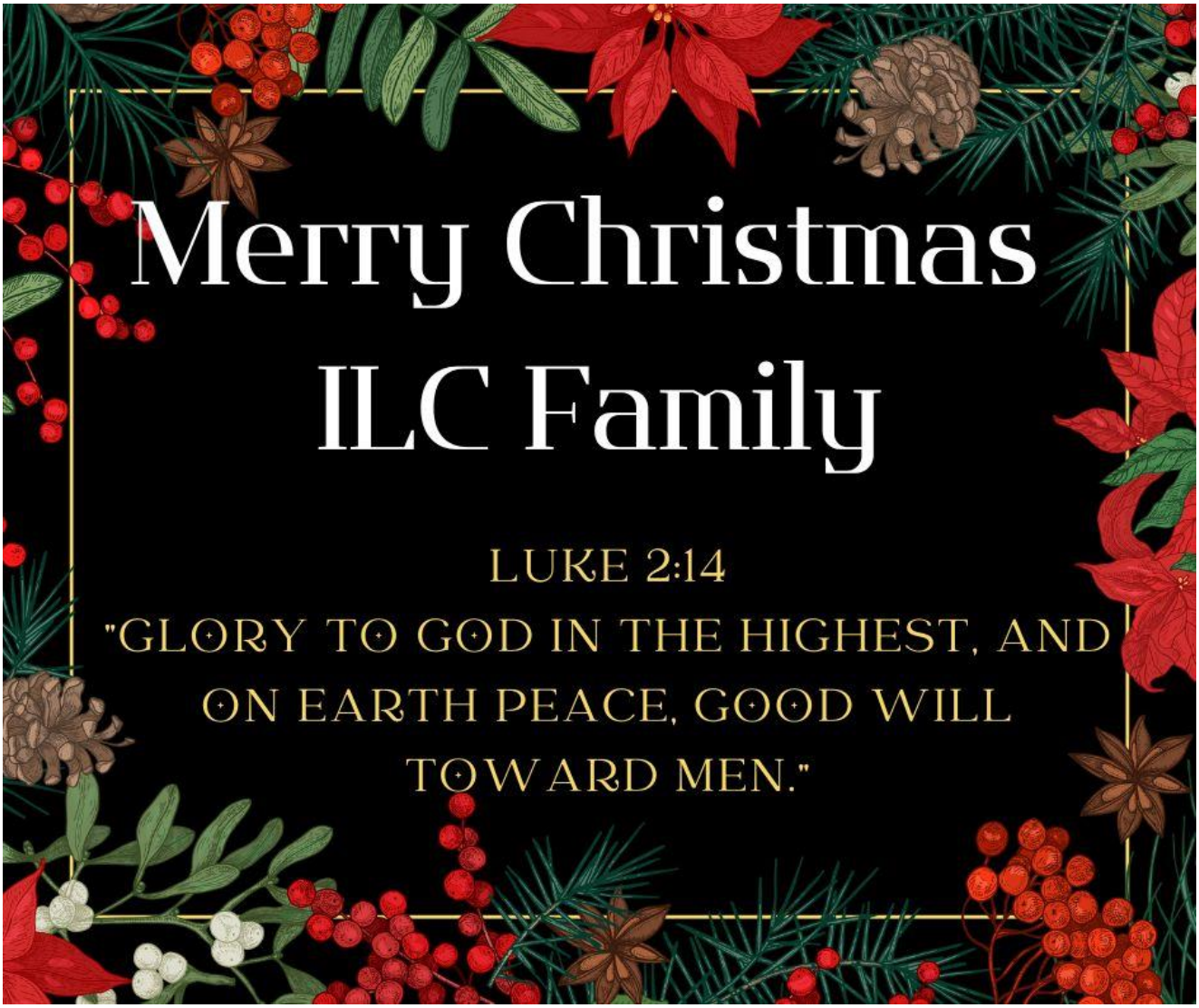
Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

(10 a.m. Worship is also live streamed on Facebook.)
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