

Incarnation Lutheran Church  
Lessons & Carols  
Online Worship  
December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Welcome**

The angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11).

Today, we hear again the good news that the angels proclaimed: Salvation has come for all people through the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. Through Bethlehem’s manger, God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to walk among us and save us. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Holy God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Canticle of Praise:** ELW 289      Angels We Have Heard On High (Verse 1)      Grace Sawicki

*Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.*

**Psalm 148**

Emmett Kirwan, Cantor

*<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.  
<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.  
<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,  
<sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.*

<sup>7</sup>*Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;*  
<sup>8</sup>*fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;*  
<sup>9</sup>*mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;*  
<sup>10</sup>*wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;*  
<sup>11</sup>*sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;*  
<sup>12</sup>*young men and maidens,  
old and young together.*  
<sup>13</sup>*Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.*  
<sup>14</sup>*The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!*

**Lesson:** Isaiah 12:2-6

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Carol:** ELW 283

O Come, all ye Faithful v.1,4

Grace Sawicki

*O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the king of angels:*

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:*

**Lesson:** Matthew 1:18-21

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

**Organ Meditation:**

Fugue on the Magnificat

Johann Pachelbel

**Lesson:** Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

**Organ Meditation:**

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Johann Seb. Bach

**Lesson:** John 1:19-23, 29-34

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.  
<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

**Carol:** ELW 291

Let Our Gladness Have No End

Emmett Kirwan

*Let our gladness have no end, Hallelujah!  
 for to earth did Christ descend. Hallelujah!*

*On this day God gave us  
 Christ, the Son, to save us;  
 Christ, the Son, to save us.*

*Prophesied in days of old, Hallelujah!  
 God has sent the one foretold. Hallelujah!*

*See the loveliest blooming rose, Hallelujah!  
 from the branch of Jesse grows. Hallelujah!*

*Into flesh is made the Word, Hallelujah!  
 our true refuge and our Lord. Hallelujah!*

**Lesson:** Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

**Organ Meditation:** Variations on Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

James Woodman

**Lesson:** Luke 1:26-35

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."

**Carol:** ELW 276

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Grace Sawicki

*Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing,  
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!*

**Prayer:**

O God, glory to you in the highest.

Grant peace to your people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with justice and truth.

Send your gift of wisdom to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Immanuel, God with us. You share our humanity.

Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Jesus, son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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:**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

**Dismissal**

Christ is born!

Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Carol:** ELW 292

Love Has Come v.3

Grace Sawicki

*Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus in and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*



## Announcements

**Second Sunday of Christmas** will be Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> via Facebook. We will welcome Pastor Rusty Kehl, and celebrate Pastor Emily Willhide's installation.

**Faith Formation** will be having an interest meeting on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**December is Pledge Month:** Please remember to turn in your pledge cards!

**A time for Self-directed Worship** will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. We ask that those who attend please wear a mask and remain socially distant from others.

**Wednesdays at noon,** Incarnation will be hosting a short devotional Bible study. Bible study will be held over Zoom and the office will email out the link for the meeting each Wednesday morning.

**The church will be open** by appointment for families to get holiday photos in the sanctuary. Check your email for sign-up times on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>!

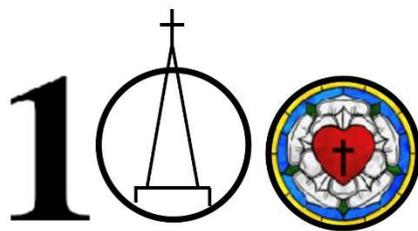
**Do you want to join Incarnation?** If so, please contact the office at [office@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com) so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

### Prayer List

**Current:** Ed Skinner, Lily Hoffman, Alex McArver, Ivey Smith, Diane Smith, Sam Hall, The Pratt Family, The Norton Family, The Family of Mary Thompson, The Family of Sara Carroll, The Family of Rylan Rogers, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

**Continuing:** Thomas Ulmer, Jesse, Emily Prince, Emily Wright, Gary Todd, Linda Blazek, Maren Milbourne, Ann Ford, Judy Moody, and Jenny Gantt.

**Military:** Michael Willhide, Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).



Celebrating A Century of Faith, Love and Service  
**INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1921-2021

## **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!

## Online Giving!

We look forward to the day when we can worship together as a family again, but until then, please continue to support the mission of the church. You can use this image below by scanning the QR Code with your smart phone's camera which will lead you to our Website for Online Giving or look for our new Paypal button on our Facebook page!

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<p>RFB </p> <p>Presents <b>COFFEE WITH JESUS</b></p> <p>Your Will</p> 	 <p>I trust your will, Jesus.</p>	 <p>I appreciate that, Lisa. Thank you.</p>	 <p>But I have to tell you, I'm very worried about...</p>	 <p>So much for my will, I guess.</p>
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