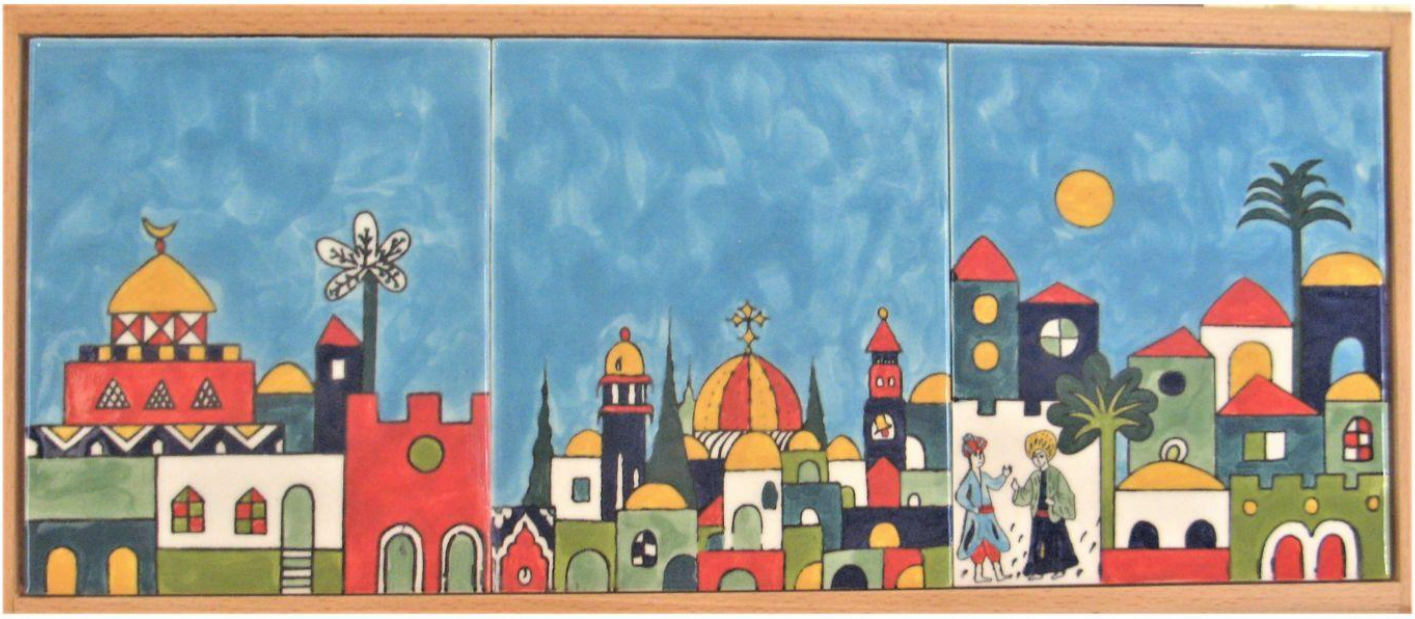

Armenian Pottery Painting
Jerusalem, Israel

Sunday, November 16th
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME TO INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH! We are a congregation of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

This is Christ's church.
There is a place for you here.

We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person, regardless of race, gender, orientation, ability or disability, socioeconomic status, or citizenship. We affirm that all people are beloved children of God and created in the image of God. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

WORSHIP

- We gather to worship God in community because we believe that in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ all things are made new, including us, and that God has brought us together for a purpose.
- Our worship language is drawn from scripture, and you may recognize many parts of it from your Bible.
- The worship bulletin includes our order of worship and will direct you to hymns/songs (located in our red hymnal), or to different parts of the liturgy (in the front half of the ELW). If you're not sure what something means, please ask a neighbor or an usher.
- During worship, there are directions to be seated or to stand as able. Please do what you are able and what makes you comfortable.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. The Ushers will direct you to the front of the church to receive communion. 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. Gluten free wafers are also available. Children are welcome to participate when they and their families think they are ready, and after a conversation with the pastor. If you are unable to come forward, please indicate that to the Ushers, and the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP!

The whole church is blessed by the presence of children in worship, wiggle and all. They will learn to participate in church by watching you and the congregation as we stand, sit, pray, and sing together. Coloring pages, crayons, Quiet Mazes, and activity bags are available in the narthex to help them if they get a little restless. There is also a nursery located in our educational building next door, staffed with two qualified caregivers.

RESTROOMS

As you face the altar, the men's restrooms are through the door on the right side and down the hall. The women's restroom and an accessible family restroom are through the door on the left side. A diaper changing station is available in the family restroom.

LIVESTREAM

Worship is live-streamed on Facebook and can be found on Incarnation's Facebook page. A link is also available on our website: incarnationlutheran.com

ASSISTIVE LISTENING IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Please ask the Ushers for help if you have difficulty either in locating the devices or using them.

Welcome to Worship

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✢ Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost November 16th, 2025 ✢

Worship Notes: *• Our Lector is Bill Behymer • Our Crucifer is Teresa Boykin • Our Worship Assistant is Stefanie Seebauer • Flowers on the altar are given by Bill and Anjay Williamson in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary •*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TEMPLE TALK

PRELUDE Meditation on Luke 21:5-19 Matthew Whitehouse

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as able and face the back of the church.*
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ✢ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 727 Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth
MIT FREUDEN ZART

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.**

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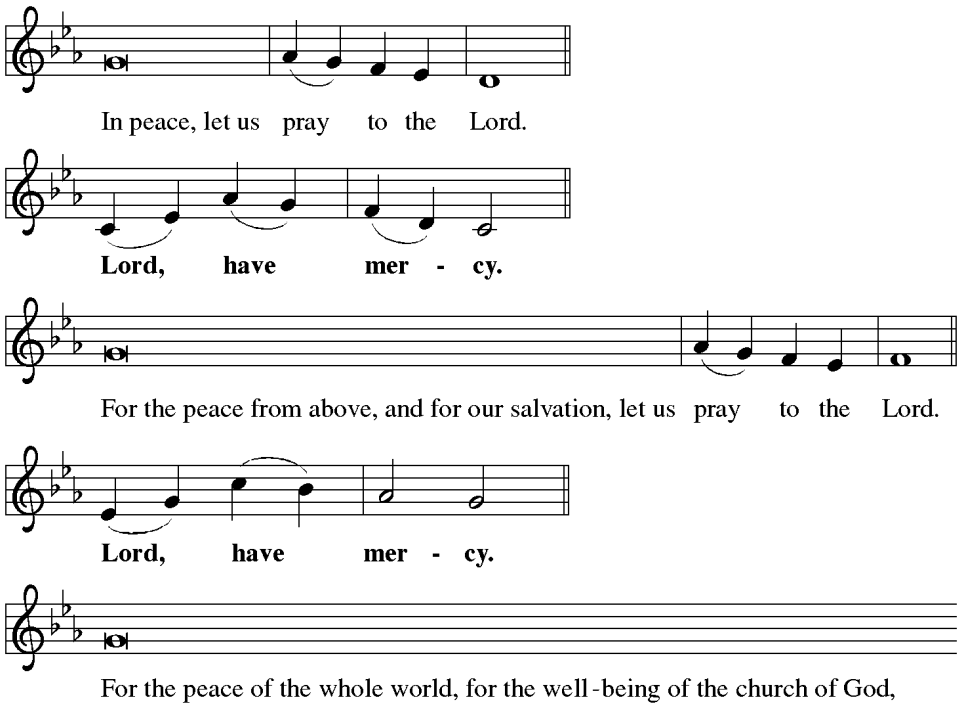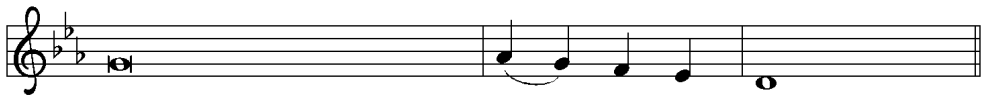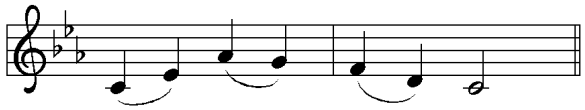

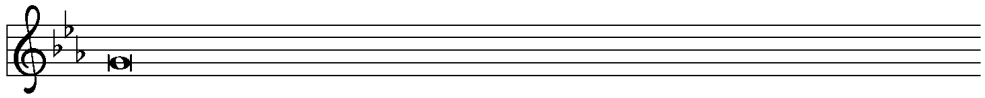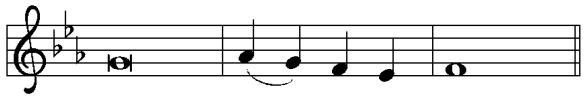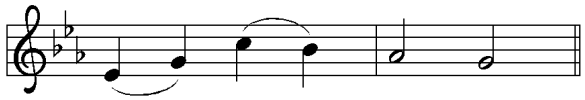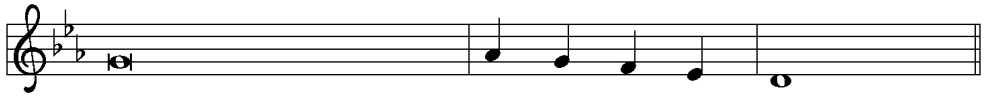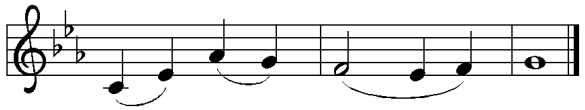

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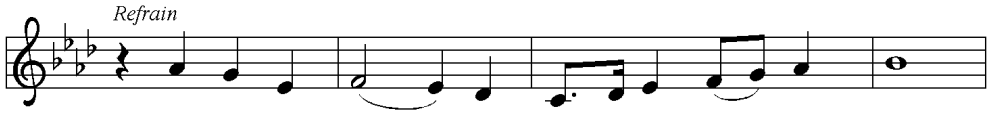
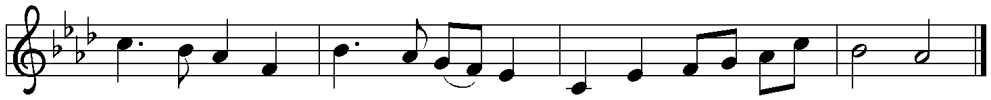
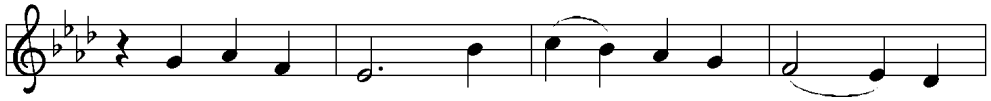
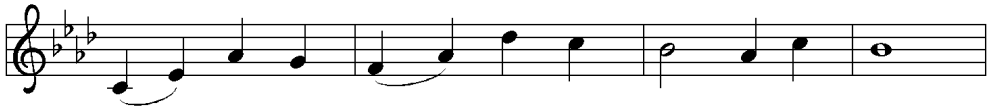
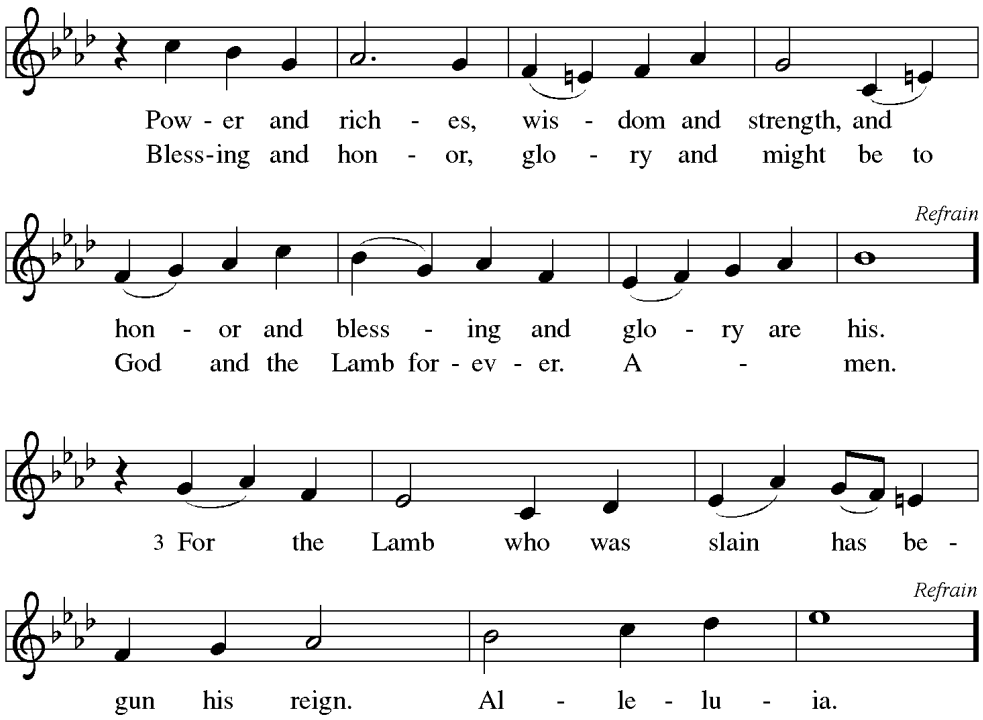



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

1 See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the
day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor
branch. 2a But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM 98 *Read responsively*

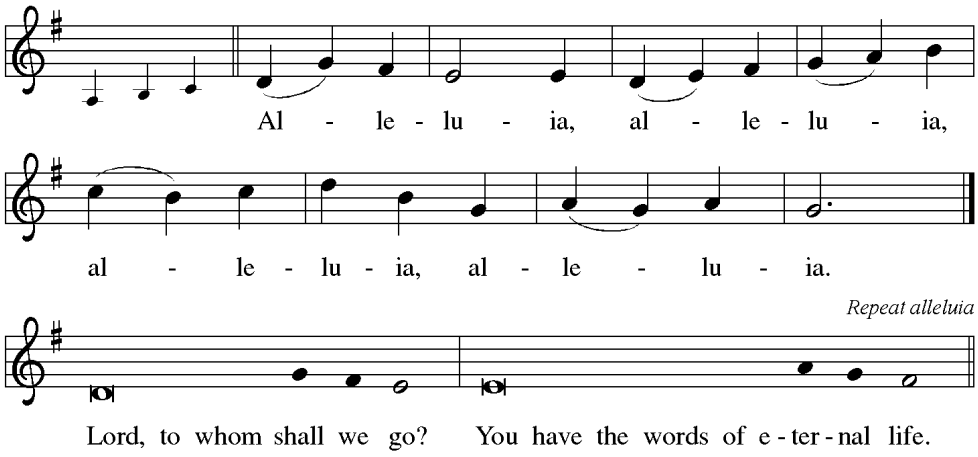
1 Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
2 **O LORD, you have made known your victory,**
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
3 You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
4 **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;**
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
5 Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
6 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn**
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

8 **Let the rivers clap their hands,**
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.
9 The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
6 Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, 8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. 9 This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11 For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: s102



GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19 *Please stand as able.*
Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, 6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" 8 And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand

or contradict. [16] You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. [17] You will be hated by all because of my name. [18] But not a hair of your head will perish. [19] By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

SERMON Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 757 All My Hope on God Is Founded
MICHAEL

THE 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.

HYMN: ELW 751 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
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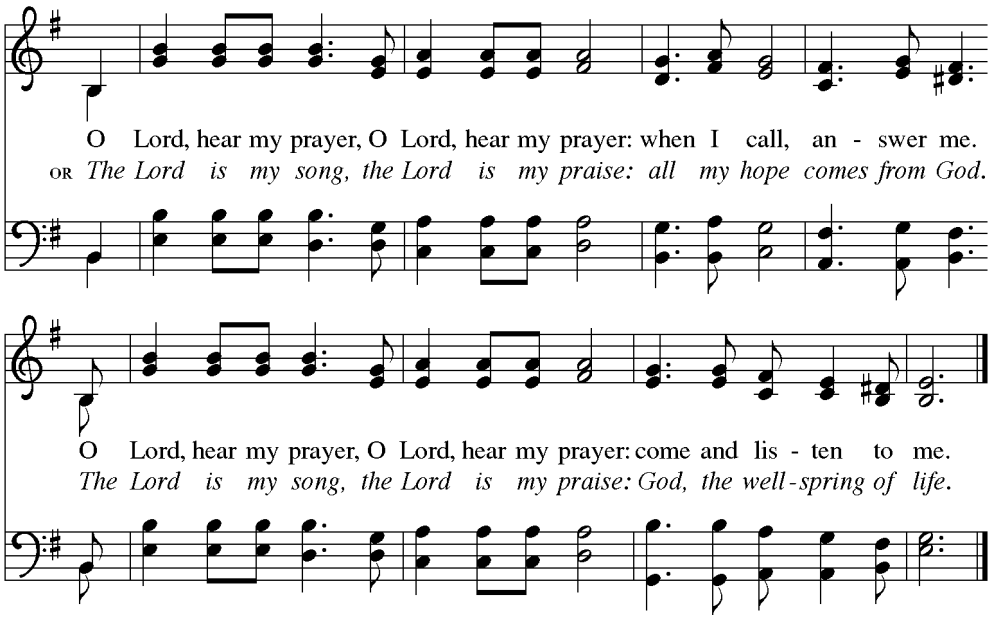
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Each petition concludes "Hear us, O God." We respond: "**Your mercy is great.**"

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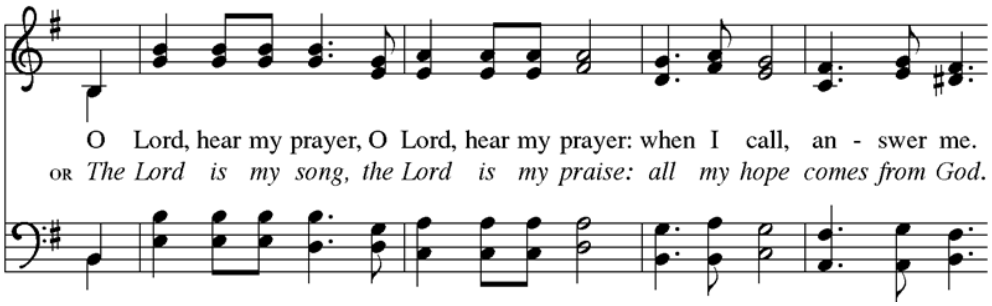
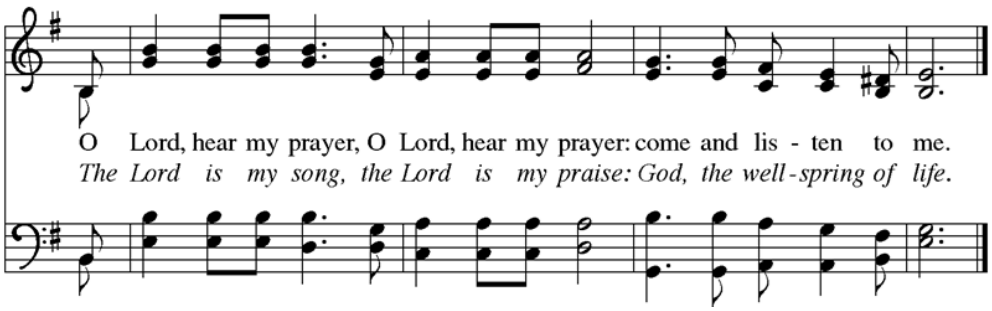




PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL
The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation for those not using online giving.

ANTHEM: "Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go In Peace" Choir

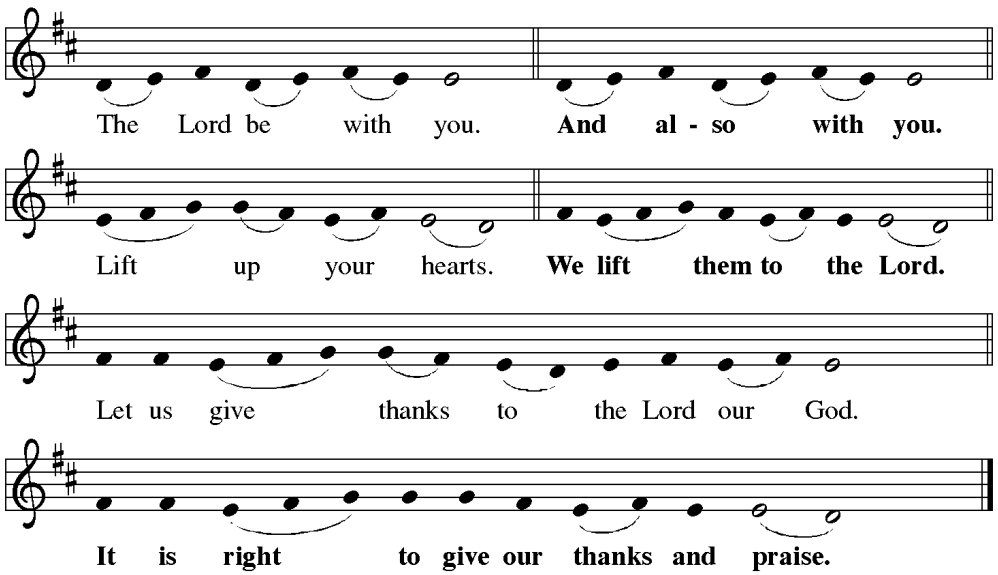
Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace, Your Word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people;
Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace, Your Word has been fulfilled.
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace, Your Word has been fulfilled.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace, Your Word has been fulfilled.

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 884 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

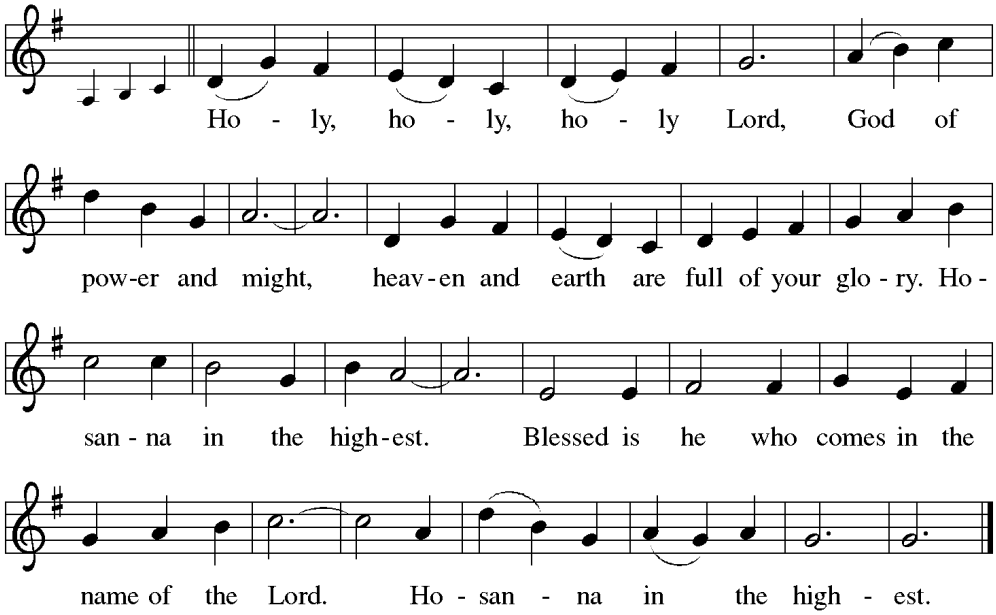
OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: S107



PREFACE
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: S108



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

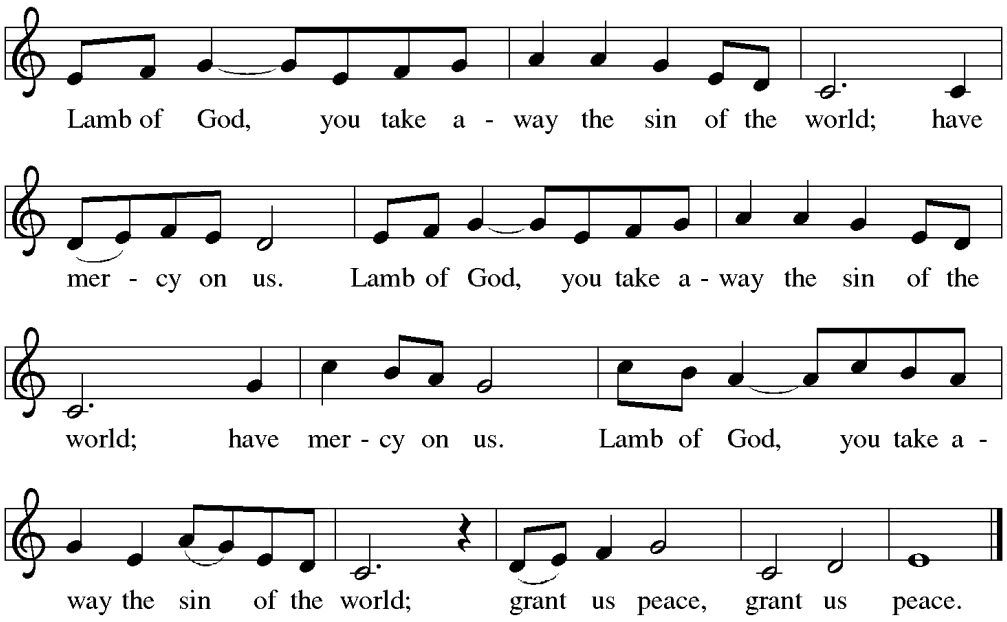
LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
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. 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: S112



COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 327 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow
EBENEZER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING
The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
HOUSTON

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on "Houston" Matthew Whitehouse

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee time.

Incarnation Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult and Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am
Nursery (Ages 3 and under): 9:45-11:15
Worship: 10:00 am
Office Hours: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm M-F
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Prayer List

Current Concerns: The Family of Pastor Josh Knutson, Courtney Thompson, Shelly Shealy, Jenasia Jones, Joe DeMichael, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Kathy McFarland, Zach Jenkins, Welda McCullough, Ken Gehler, Bill Lamb, all homebound and caregivers.

Continuing Concerns: The Family of Shirley Thompson, The Lamb Family, José and Juany, Jésus and Ana, Debby Muller, Elliott Milliken, Carson McCoy, Walter Lindler, Mary Rivers, Chip Schuster, Grady Lindler

Military: Daniel Scruggs, Hilary Compton (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens (Kim Yerrick's nephew), Christopher McFarland (Jimmy and Kathy McFarland's Son), James McFarland (Jimmy and Kathy McFarland's Grandson).

Financial Update

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last week	$5,054	$5,888	($834)
Month-to-Date	$11,070	$11,776	($706)
Year-to-Date	$265,098	$264,960	$138

Attendance on 11/9/25: 79

Annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 23rd after worship. Keep an eye out for an email with the spending plan and nominees for council.

Welcome to Providence House!

Libby Wright will be giving us an update on how our quilts will be used to support the community there!

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 18th:
10:00 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm CDC Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 19th:
6:00 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, November 23rd:
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Annual Meeting
11:30 pm Hanging of the Greens
11:30 am Confirmation

Giving to ILC:

Please consider giving to Incarnation Lutheran Church's ministries and projects.

SCAN ME

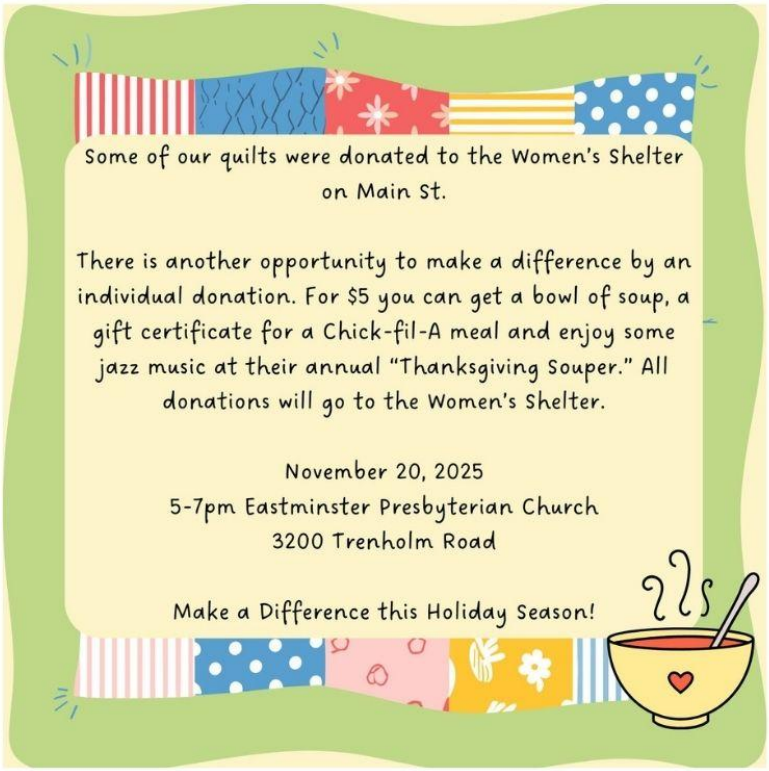
Do you want to join Incarnation? If so, please contact the office at office@incarnationlutheran.com so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

Hanging of the Greens!

Sunday November 23rd following worship

Before you know it, it will be time to put up the Chrismon trees and prepare for Advent! All ages, young and old, are invited to help with the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 23rd (this is the Sunday BEFORE Thanksgiving), following the Church Service and Congregational Meeting. We will decorate the Chrismon trees and put out the wreaths and other greenery
so that everything will be ready for the first Sunday in Advent, November 30th. We will provide a simple lunch for all - decorators are invited to eat lunch first, while another group sets up the trees in the sanctuary. Decorators will then hang the Chrismons, while the tree group gets their turn to eat.

Come help on this traditionally festive day!

Oktoberfest Surplus Drinks

We have left over sodas, lemonade, and sports drinks from Oktoberfest. If you are interested in any of these we are currently selling them and you may come by the office to pay and pick up during office hours. Prices posted in the hallway.