



# Incarnation Lutheran Church

Advent Lessons and Carols; Advent IV

Sunday, December 24; 10am

## SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME: THE WORLD PREPARES FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH

**GATHERING SONG 244** Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers      TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG HAF

### DIALOGUE

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth.

**Let the earth hear, and all that fills it.**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, **the desert shall rejoice and blossom.**

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
**the majesty of our God.**

Nations shall come to your light,  
**and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

This is the Lord for whom we wait;  
**let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of God.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN 240**                      Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah                      TIF IN VELDELE

### LESSONS AND CAROLS

**LESSON:** Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:* I will wait  
for the Lord,  
**and I will hope in God who saves us.**

**CAROL:** 246                      Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!                      MERTON

**LESSON:** Isaiah 40:1-5

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*  
I will wait for the Lord,  
**and 1 will hope in God who saves us.**

**CAROL: 256**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

FREU DICH SEHR

**LESSON:** Isaiah 40:9-11

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

I will wait for the Lord,  
**and I will hope in God who saves us.**

**CAROL: 254**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

JEFFERSON

**LESSON:** Luke 1:26-38

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

I will wait for the Lord,  
**and I will hope in God who saves us.**

**CAROL: 251**

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

KINGSFOLD

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

O Lord our God, be gracious to us;  
**we wait for you.**

Dispel the darkness,  
**that all nations may come to your light.**

Establish your peace on the earth;  
**join our voices to sing your praise.**

Comfort the sick and weary;  
**renew their strength and power.**

O Lord our God, come to us,  
**that the earth may behold your glory. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

**Savior of the nations, come!**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG 260**

The King Shall Come

CONSOLATION

*Our service continues tonight with Holy Communion at 5p, (prelude music beginning at 4:30p); if you would like to receive communion now, please move to the front following the service.*

*Pastor Jane Mitcham*

*Music Director, Nickie Riley*

*Our chancel is adorned with beautiful Christmas poinsettias today in honor of those we love and those we remember always. A special thank you to Beth Rogers, Toni Parker, Fran Sims, and Carol Black for their dedication in organizing this display.*

*If you purchased a plant, you may take it home following the conclusion of the 5p service.*

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS  
(10am Service)**

Ushers: Team 2  
 Acolytes: Noah Meyer, Steven Cook  
 Lectors: Youth Readers

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

Elizabeth Justice 12/26 Michael Turner 12/26  
 Baylor Literati 12/29

**BIRTHDAYS**

Leah Livingtson 12/24 Anne Sas 12/25  
 Richard Goeres 12/26 Jacob Kehl 12/28  
 Emmett Sowell 12/29 Kristina Militello 12/31  
 Jill Whitaker 12/31 Melanie Mooney 12/31

<b>Financial Report:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Last Week	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,790	\$ -190-
Month-to-Date	\$ 10,856	\$ 11,370	\$ -324-
Year-to-Date	\$ 207,124	\$ 219,844	\$ -12,720-

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Attitude of Gratitude**—please place your Advent calendar offerings in the specially marked envelopes for collection TODAY. Proceeds will go to the San Pablo Lutheran Church congregation to aid in their repair efforts following Hurricane Maria.

**Ten Commandments Class**-- Advertising is a multibillion-dollar industry whose goal is to make every one of us believe we can never be happy with what we have. Come to Sunday school on the 10 commandments starting January 7<sup>th</sup> to remember that happiness comes not from what we have but who we are.

**HOLD THE DATE!** As you know, we are moving to a discipleship ministry model where the gifts of all are used for the sake of the gospel in the world. On *Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 9am-lunch* at the council retreat, we will be focusing on the structure and function of ministry teams. If you are interested in serving on any of these teams- please plan to attend this morning session. Please notify the office if you plan to attend so we can adequately plan for lunch. All are welcome!

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!** *Please do not delay* in getting these reports in to the office (Word .docx, .doc file or .pdf for financial reports). Reports are required from all staff, council officers, partner ministries, ministry team chairpersons, and other essential committees. Talk to Pastor Jane or the office if you have questions. Check Tuesday's eblast for a link to last year's report as a guide.



### *Current Concerns*

Jones Anderson, Troop 8 Scout

Jeremy and Nicole Wade and their extended family

Naama Wrightman, friend of Elizabeth Thebo

Eugenie Regnery, Eugenie Parker's mother

Sarah Parker, Mike Parker's mother

Mary Steadman, friend of Mary Crosby

Bobby Wierich

Harry Evans

Alden Pratt

CA wildfire victims

San Pablo Lutheran Church, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico