

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Christmas Day • December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ✠

**Worship Notes:**

• Our Lector for today is Susan McArver • Our Crucifer for today is Amy Kehl •

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Vom Himmel hoch (*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*)

Ernst Pepping

Allegretto Cantabile

Scherzando

Pastorale

**GATHERING HYMN: 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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

All-powerful and unseen 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12**

<sup>6</sup>Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, <sup>7</sup>and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. <sup>8</sup>The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; <sup>9</sup>but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. <sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. <sup>11</sup>The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." <sup>12</sup>They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

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

**PSALM: Psalm 97**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,  
 righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before the LORD,  
 burning up enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup>Lightnings light up the world;  
 the earth sees and trembles.

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax  
 before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,  
 and all the peoples see your glory.

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!  
 Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
 because of your judgments, O LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;  
 you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup>You who love the LORD, hate evil!  
 God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the righteous,  
 and joy for the honest of heart.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,  
 and give thanks to God's holy name.

**SECOND READING:** Titus 3:4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ELW 168

*Please stand as able.*



*Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. \* For today a great light has come up- | on the earth. Alleluia*

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2: 8-20

*Before the Reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of

David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” <sup>15</sup>When 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.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*After the Reading:* This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please be seated.*

### **MEDITATION**

Pastor Emily Willhide

*Please stand as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
*MENDELSSOHN*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition concludes “*God of grace,*” We respond: “**Hear our prayer.**”

### **PEACE**

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

*Please be seated.*

### **MEAL**

*The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.*

**OFFERTORY:** ELW 294

In the Bleak Midwinter  
*CRANHAM*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

**HOLY HOLY HOLY:** ELW 275 (v.1)

Angels, from the Realms of Glory  
*REGENT SQUARE*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

## 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

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

*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. The communion cups are in trays at the front of the church. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** ELW 292

Love Has Come  
*UN FLAMBEAU*

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That Boy-Child of Mary  
*BLANTYRE*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** ELW 288

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
*IN DULCI JUBILO*

### DISMISSAL:

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY:**

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541a

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please join us after Worship for coffee in the Fellowship Hall*

