INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

🕂 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 10th, 2023 🕂

Worship Notes: • Our Lector is Mimi Fisher • Our Crucifer is John Sawicki • We are using Setting 2 from the ELW • Our guest Organist is Janet Marks • The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Baptism of Thomas Russell Rushe and in honor of Daphne Shepherd Rushe. •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDESei Gegrusset, Jesu gutig, Variation 1 (All Hail, Kind Jesus)J.S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Please stand as able and face the back of the church. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

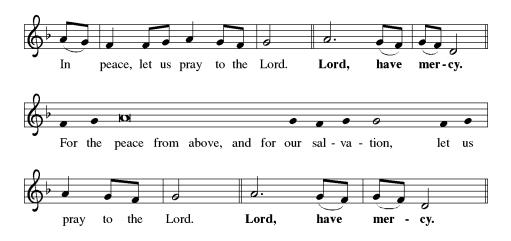
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 731

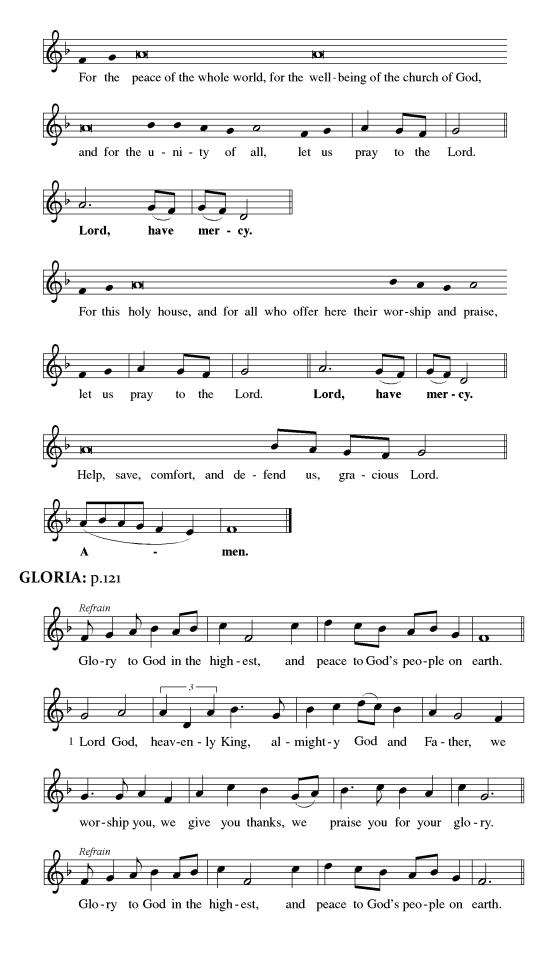
Earth and All Stars! EARTH AND ALL STARS

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.**

KYRIE: p.120







PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *Please be seated.*

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

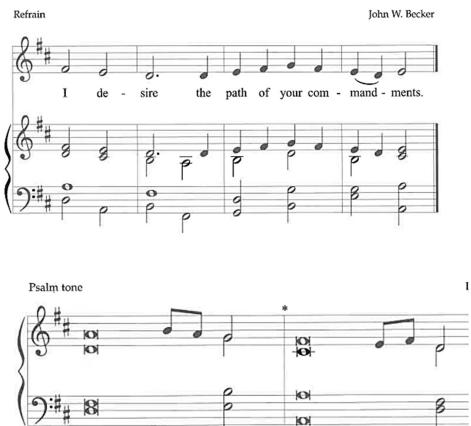
FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their

iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40



³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,* and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;* I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Make me go in the path of your commandments,* for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to ýour decrees* and not to únjust gain. R

³⁷Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;* give me life in your ways.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant,*

which you make to those who fear you. ³⁹Turn away the reproach which I dread,*

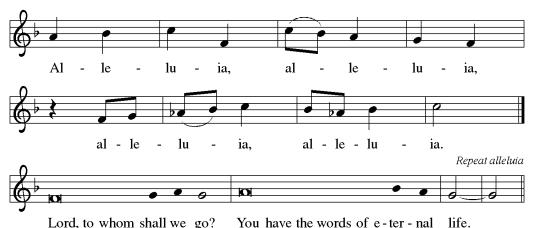
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for ýour commandments;* in your righteousness preserve my life. R

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. "Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p.124

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Please stand as able.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord. Prais	e to you, O Christ. Please be seated.
SERMON	Pastor Emily Willhide
HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 603	God, When Human Bones Are Broken MERTON

BAPTISM OF THOMAS RUSSELL RUSHE p.227

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes "Merciful God," We respond: "receive our prayer."

PEACE

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

MEAL

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.

ANTHEM:

Incarnation Ringers

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 466

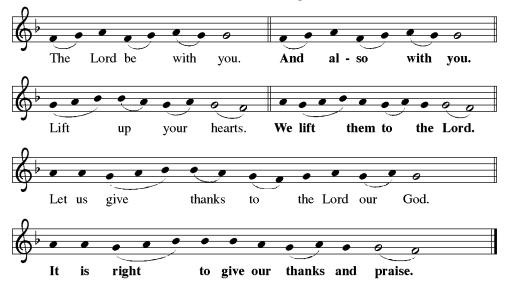
In the Singing BREAD OF PEACE

Please stand as able.

OFFERING PRAYER

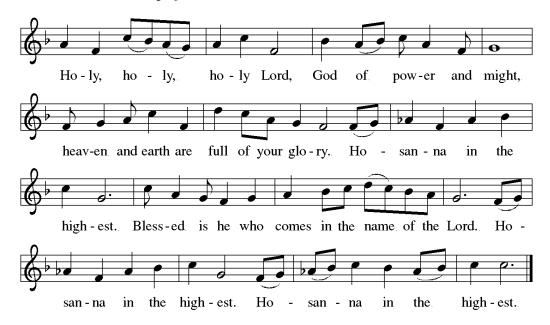
God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: p.129



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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.130



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.

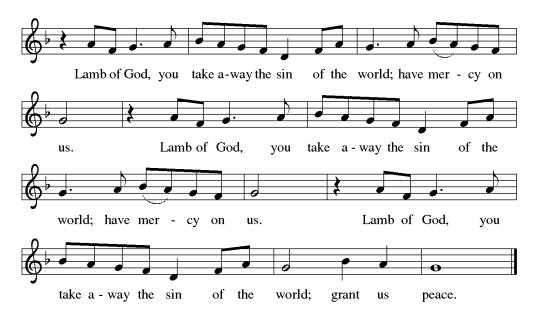
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live. 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: p.135



COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 482

ELW 483

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:	In dir ist Freude (In Thee Is Gladness)	J.S. Bach

Please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE Here Is Bread HERE IS BREAD

Please stand as able.