



Incarnation Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion

November 26, 2017; 10am – Christ the King

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please silence your devices at this time.

PRELUDE

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God, our merciful redeemer,
we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.

We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.

We turn our ears from voices that cry out.

We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.

**In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for ✝ his sake,

God forgives you all your sin.

Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,
beloved people of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG 855

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

All vs. 1, 2 & 5

Women v. 3

Men v. 4

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

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ALL AGES children invited to come to the altar steps for conversation and bucket offering.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

PSALM 95:1-7a

Conrad Kocher
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN

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Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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We begin singing the refrain and repeat after verses 4&7a.

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours. **R**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

^{7a}For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and

above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY 434

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

HOLY BAPTISM OF GABRIELLA GRACE WOOD Pg. 227-231

The assembly joins in responses in bold.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes "Lord, in your mercy," We respond: **hear our prayer.***

PEACE *The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

The assembly stands at the invitation of the presider as the offering and communion elements are brought forward.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need.

The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.

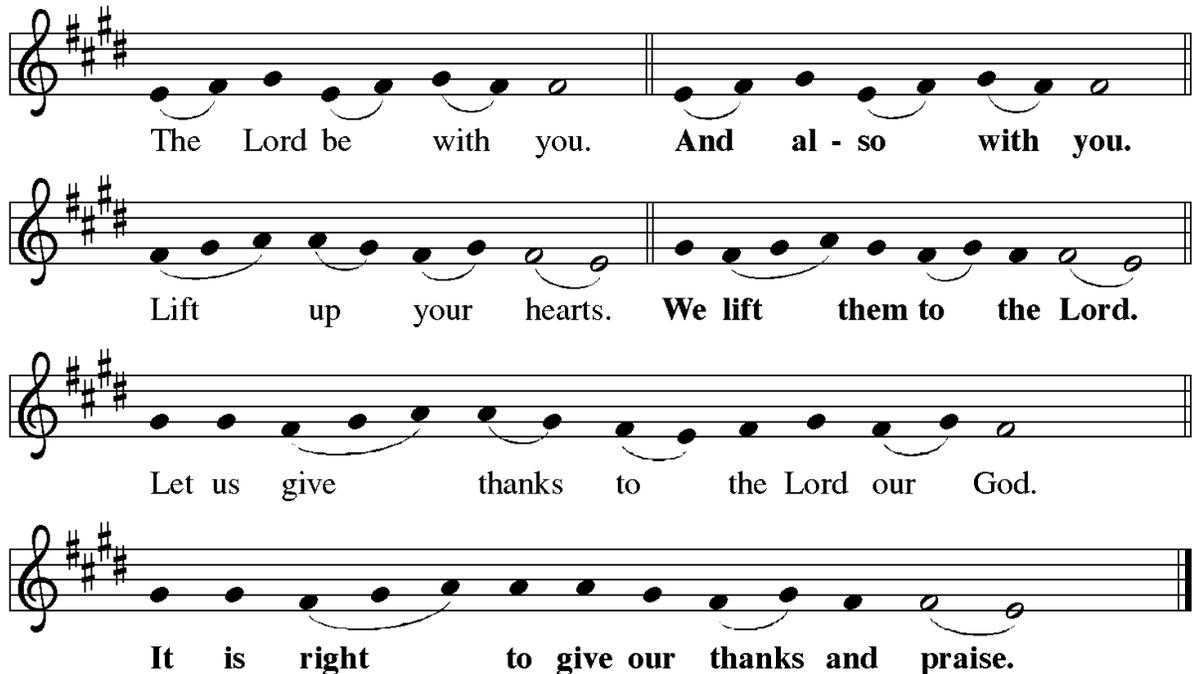
As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love;

let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us

in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

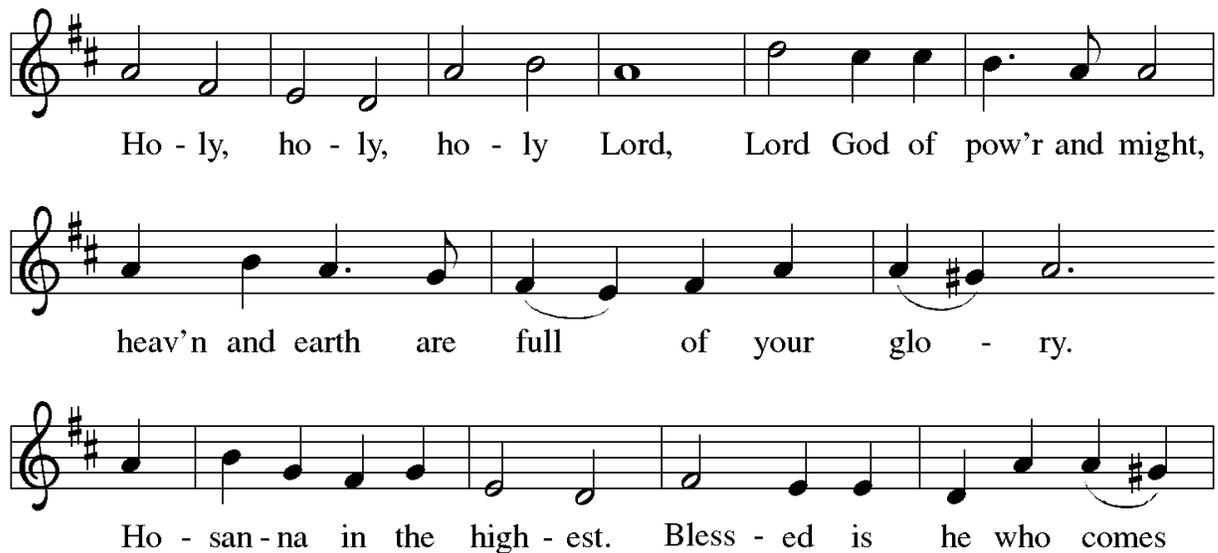
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in communion, trusting that Christ promises to be truly present. Whole wheat communion bread is served. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Red communion wine is served: the first cup is a common cup (for drinking from) and the second cup is for intinction (dipping the bread). Those unable to partake of both elements are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. Those who choose not to receive Communion are welcome to come forward to the altar railing for a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN 760

O Christ the Same

RED HILL ROAD

The Assembly Stands

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God send us out to be Christ's body in the world, sharing what we have heard and seen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The love of God surround you; the grace of + Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 660

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Please stay for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall following worship.

Nursery is available today from 9:30a-12:30p in the CDC Building Next Door

Please visit www.incarnationlutheran.com for bulletins, online giving, and more.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers:	Team 1
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Financial Report: (11/19)	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$ 8,066	\$ 4,738	\$ 3,322
Year-to-Date	\$ 184,829	\$ 194,259	\$ -9,430-

Sunday School Opportunities at 11:30a

All Welcome

Children and Youth:

Pre-school Class (Downstairs CDC)	K-2d Grade Class (Downstairs CDC)
3d-5 th Grade Class (Upstairs CDC)	Middle School Class (Upstairs CDC)
High School Class (Up, In & Out Room)	

Adults:

Sermon Reflections (Upstairs Conference Room)	Parents Class (Fellowship Hall)
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BIRTHDAYS

Kristina Foster	11/26
Lee Faulling	11/28
Mel Eargle	11/30
Sarah O'Hara	11/30
Virginia Landon	11/30
Michael Turner	12/02
Henry Murdock	12/02

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Erica Jones	11/26
Katherine Brown	11/27
Harrison Brown	11/27
Torin DeJames	11/28
Cole Snyder	11/29
Jaelyn Hall	12/01
Cade Turner	12/01



SPECIAL WORSHIP NOTES

Gabriella Grace Wood is welcomed through the waters of baptism today! Proud parents are Carrie and Martin (Woody) Wood. Sponsors are Mary Kehl, and grandparents Bob and Judy Dougherty, visiting from Florida. Gigi was born June 10, 2017 and is welcomed by big sister Charlotte, Aunt Catie Tomaino, Uncle Chad Dougherty and their respective families. Congratulations and blessings to all.

Current Concerns



Elizabeth Ferguson, Debby Muller's mother

Mel Eargle

Walter Lindler

Pam Grigsby, friend of Sara Sutton

San Pablo Lutheran Church, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

Harry Evans

Alden Pratt

Julia Austin, friend of Torin DeJames

Our Ongoing Prayer List is placed on the altar with a copy available in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, November 26, during faith formation time (11:30am-12:30pm) all ages - children - adults - will meet in the sanctuary for a presentation by Dr. Susan McArver on the Chrismon decorations. This will be followed by our chili lunch and the Hanging of the Greens! All ages are needed for help in decorating the sanctuary. Please defer to the guidance of ILC's Chrismon creators and keepers. Thank you in advance for your participation in this fun event!

Chrismon Trees 2017--Yesterday, two beautiful 12 ft. Leyland Cypress trees were erected in our sanctuary. They will be lovingly adorned and decorated after worship today during the Hanging of the Greens celebration. The trees come from a farm in Ridge Springs, SC and were delivered by the farm owners. Unfortunately, we have no budgeted funds designated for this purpose, so we are soliciting donations to cover the costs. If you care to do so, please make checks payable to the church and indicate "Chrismon trees" on the memo line. All contributions are greatly appreciated!

Adult class on Sundays/Wednesdays 2018: Beginning January 3, there are six Wednesdays before Ash Wednesday, February 14. Pastor Jane is willing to teach a class on those evenings (6-7pm) using the book *Making Sense of the Cross* by David Lose. Also, for those that did not get to join the last *by heart* classes on the small catechism, Pastor Jane will be offering this class on Sundays at 11:30 am. If interested in either class, please let the office know which one (or both) by Sunday, December 3, so books can be ordered. There is a slight charge for materials. Thanks!

The Communications Ministry Team is looking for those who share an interest in keeping all Incarnation parishioners and friends informed and updated on events and happenings within our church and the community. Ministry Teams form the backbone of our Church. Your participation means contact with people of common interests in a small group setting. If you are interested in serving on this important ministry of Incarnation, please contact Communications Chair, John Edwards (843) 475-5258 cell/text or email: jwe1829@yahoo.com

HOLD THE DATE! As you know, we are moving from a staff-led model of ministry to a discipleship model where the gifts of all are used for the sake of the gospel in the world. On **Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 9am through 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- Proclamation (worship related), Discipleship (Faith Formation for all ages), Stewardship /Finance, Inreach (ministries within the congregation). Outreach (synodical/churchwide ministries), and Property - *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!

Please note that our Youth Group will *NOT* be selling Christmas trees this year. A thank you to all who have supported this effort over the past several years. Please patronize any of the local groups that have lots set up such as the Optimist Club and other church youth groups. Thank you again for your past support.

USC Lutheran Campus Ministry's Dasher Dinner is Friday, December 1st at 6:30p. This year's honorees are Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus and the Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday. The dinner will be held at the Sunoco Pavilion in the Darla Moore School at USC, 1014 Greene at Assembly and features a silent auction. Tickets are \$55.

Please feel free to tear this page out and take home!

SAVE THE DATE!

Nov 26	<i>Hanging of the Greens; Chrismon Lesson (11:30a), Chili lunch (12:30p)</i>
Nov 28	<i>#GivingTuesday—don't forget ILC when contemplating your charitable donations!</i>
Dec 1	<i>Dasher Dinner at Sunoco Pavilion—Darla Moore School at USC (6:30p)</i>
Dec 3	<i>Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck (11:30a)</i>

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