

Incarnation Lutheran Church
23rd Sunday of Pentecost
November 8, 2020
ELW Setting 3

Welcome to Incarnation Lutheran Church in the name of Christ. To facilitate our safe worship together, please follow all guidelines set forth by church staff; remain six feet away from others at all times, please wear a mask, and if you are considered high-risk, or have an immediate family member in isolation or quarantine, please stay home and join us via Facebook for Worship at 9am. Bulletins, Communion cups, hand sanitizer, and extra masks are available at the entrance.

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY Kyries de Nuestra Señora: Rex virginum Antonio de Cabezon (1510-1566)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Ave maris stella Hernando de Cabezon (1541-1602)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

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 Lord Have Mercy Eric Mac Gorman

THIS IS THE FEAST

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you light our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM : Psalm 70

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

MEDITATION

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Robert J. Powell

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes "Hear us, O God." We respond: **Your mercy is great.***

SHARING THE 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.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one that gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

THE 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

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

LAMB OF GOD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Himno VII Ave maris stella VI *Canto llano en el tenor*

Antonio de Cabezon



Announcements

Congregation Meeting will be taking place Sunday, November 22nd between the 9 AM and 11 AM service.

A called **Altar Guild Meeting** will be held for all members today, November 8th between the services at 10 am in the chancel. We look forward to meeting with all who can attend.

Backyard Task force Church council has authorized a task force to re-envision our use of our outdoor spaces. Please plan to attend a visioning session after the 11am service on November 8th in the backyard, weather permitting. Let us re-envision what we want for this space. We know we need parking. It would be great to have an outdoor shelter. What else is best for this space? Come to this visioning session and help us determine how we can minister to our community with our great big backyard.

Confirmation will be taking place on Saturday, November 14th at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m., as well as Sunday, November 15th at 2 p.m, via Zoom. Be on the lookout for an email with the links.

Worship and Music will be meeting Sunday, November 15th at 12pm.

Hanging of the Greens will be the week of November 22nd.

Chrismon Trees will be installed on November 22nd.

Incarnation Families! We will hold our first Family Faith Formation event Sunday, November 22nd after the 11 o'clock worship service. We will hold a Thanksgiving Minute-to-Win-It challenge! A sign-up sheet will be sent out via email this week. Please use the sign-up link if you are planning to attend!

A time for Self-directed Worship will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 1 pm. We ask that those who attend please wear a mask and remain socially distant from others.

Wednesdays at noon, Incarnation will be hosting a short devotional Bible study. Bible study will be held over Zoom and the office will email out the link for the meeting each Wednesday morning.

Handbell Team will be meeting Wednesdays between 6 pm and 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

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.

Prayer List

Current: Maren Milbourne (Teresa Boykin's Great-Niece), Judy Moody, Ivey Smith, Ann Ford, the Norton Family, the family of Leah Vance (Michael Willhide's grandmother), all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

Continuing: Thomas Ulmer, Jesse, Esther Allen, Emily Prince, Jenny Gantt, Gary Todd, Emily Wright, Linda Blazek, and the Phillips Family.

Military: Michael Willhide, Mike Turner; Mavis Turner's son, Hilary Compton; Kim Yerrick's niece, Tyler Owens; Kim Yerrick's nephew

Baptismal Anniversaries: Dylan DeJames (11/9), Caroline Thebo (11/12), Mary Powers (11/14)

Altar Flowers are provided by Mary Kehl in honor of the 60th anniversary of her mother's passing. (Helen Losse Walker.)

Online Giving!

We look forward to the day when we can worship together as a family again, but until then, please continue to support the mission of the church. You can use this image by scanning the QR Code with your smart phone's camera which will lead you to our Website for Online Giving or look for our new Paypal button on our Facebook page!

Introducing our 100th Anniversary Logo!

We have a logo for our 100th anniversary year! You will become very familiar with it, as it will be used on many communications and items throughout the anniversary year. Our thanks go to designer Kim Yerrick and all others who submitted suggestions!



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Recognizing that the pandemic and world events may require flexibility and grace, we are moving forward with great plans, so please add these to your calendar!

Saturday, December 5, 2020: Devine “Day” Out: We will have a “soft opening” in conjunction with a rescheduled and scaled down Devine Night Out, which in 2020 will become a Saturday day event. We will be ready with treats and displays!

Sunday, January 3, 2021: Kick off to the Anniversary Year, featuring Rusty Kehl, a son of the congregation, as our guest preacher. This is the date closest to the actual date of Incarnation’s organization on January 2, 1921.

Sunday, April 18, 2021: Homecoming. Kevin Strickland, Bishop of the Southeastern Synod and former Youth Director of ILC, will be our preacher.

Sunday, October 31, 2021: Reformation Sunday. David Donges, retired Bishop of the SC Synod and former pastor of Incarnation, will be our preacher.

More news to come!

Hanging of the Greens 2020!

November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent, so the Hanging of the Greens is not far away!

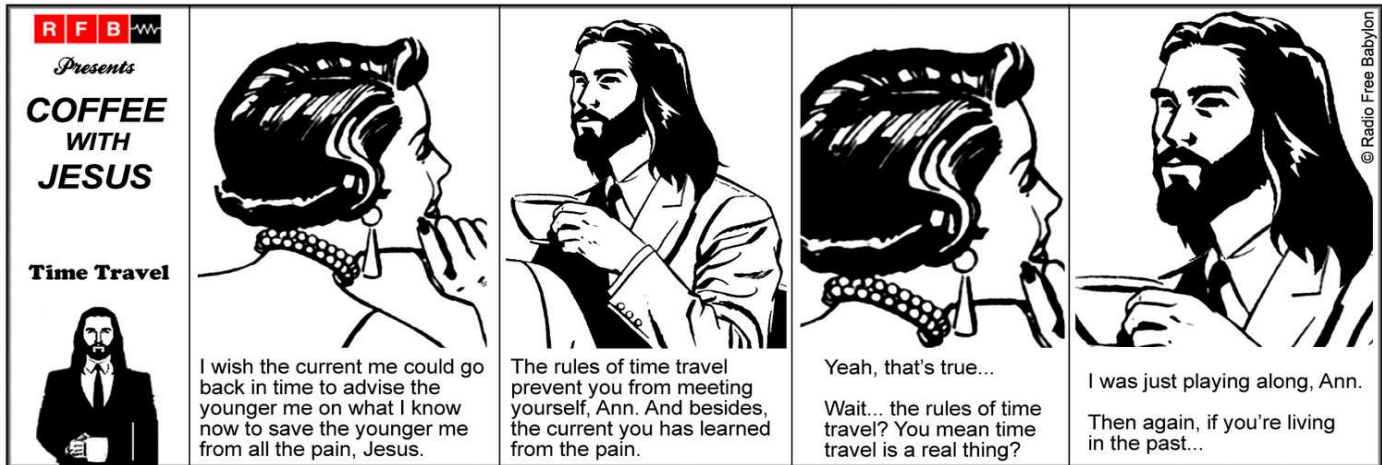
Thanks to the Property Committee, the trees will be installed on or around November 22nd after worship. We need assistance in decorating the trees and beautifying the sanctuary beginning the week of November 22nd. Since we are socially distancing, we will be decorating in groups of 2-4 masked people at a time. We welcome all ages and abilities - and this is also a great opportunity for a family to come and have a little Advent cheerfulness together!

Please contact Susan McArver (swmcarver@mac.com) or Leslie Skinner (drlwskinner@gmail.com) to get on the schedule.

This is a great opportunity for a family! We welcome all ages to a socially distanced Advent/Christmas tradition!

Financial Update - General Fund Offerings

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$4,195	\$4,808	\$613-
Year To Date	\$166,981	\$211,552	\$47,751-



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