Incarnation Lutheran Church 25th Sunday of Pentecost November 22nd, 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 Triptych for Organ on *Lauda Anima* Janette Fishell (Composed in 2011) 1. Prelude: ..."Grace and Favor..."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Mimi Fisher

PRELUDE	A Thanksgiving Suite	Alfred V. Fedak (B. 1953)
	1. Fanfare and Hymn on	St. George's Windsor

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.

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.**

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

THIS IS THE FEAST

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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *After the Reading:* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23 *After the Reading:* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46 *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	A Thanksgiving Suite	Alfred V. Fedak (B. 1953)
	2. Reflection on Kremser	

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.**

A Chorister's Prayer Mike Willhide, baritone Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **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

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

Ushers will dismiss the congregation by row. Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on *Nun Danket Alle Gott* Georg F. Kauffmann (1679-1735)



Worship Note

Did you know our faithful quilters designed and stitched the quilts lining the pews of our sanctuary? For years, they have met weekly to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, a ministry sponsored by the ELCA.

Right now, the quilters cannot meet during the pandemic, but the quilts are serving to help with the acoustics in the sanctuary as we continue to work with our new sound system. When that is resolved, all of these quilts will be dedicated and then shipped to LWR and sent to people in need around the world. Quilts serve as bedding, as tents, as floor coverings and in many other ways. We thank our faithful quilters!

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Announcements

Worship Will Change to One Sunday Service at 10 am beginning Sunday, November 29th. Mark your calendars!

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

Congregational Workday on Saturday, November 21st between at 10 a.m.

Incarnation Families! We will hold our first Family Faith Formation event today, November 22nd at noon. We will hold a Thanksgiving Minute-to-Win-It challenge! All ILC Families are welcome to join. Please make sure you bring a mask.

A time for Self-directed Worship will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 A & B will be meeting Wednesdays between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Advent Evening Worship: Evening Worship will be taking place Wednesday December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Mark your calendars!

Do you want to join Incarnation? If so, please contact the office at <u>office@incarnationlutheran.com</u> 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, Ed Skinner, the Norton Family, the Ehlebracht Family, Elaine and Steve Dotson, the family of Tim Feltman, 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, and Linda Blazek.

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

Altar Flowers are in honor of Ed and Leslie Skinner's 35th Anniversary. "To the glory of God, and in gratitude for 35 years of marraiage." – Ed & Leslie Skinner

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 below 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!

Join Us for a Devine Day Out on Saturday, December 5th in partnership with the Devine Street Association. We will have a static display honoring St. Nicholas as well as a great photo opportunity!

Hanging of the Greens 2020!

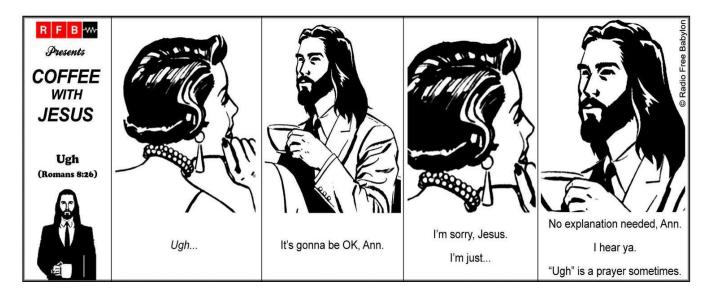
November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent, so the Hanging of the Greens is not far away! The Property Committee will be putting up the Chrismon trees on Monday, November 23rd. We need assistance in decorating the trees and beautifying the sanctuary the week of the 23rd, so that everything will be ready for the first Sunday in Advent, November 29th. We will decorate in a socially distanced way with masks in groups of 1-3 at a time. The link to sign up was sent in the E-Blast on November 17th. Please contact the office if you need assistance.

Poinsettia Order Form	
Please share in gracing our Nave this year with a Poinsettia in memory of loved ones or to honor family or friends. Names will be printed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Submit this form and \$18.00 for each dedication. Place in the offering plate or drop off at the office. Feel free to email your request to the office as well.(Circle one)In Memory ofIn Honor of	
Name:Given by:	
Paid: Check Electronic	



Financial Update - General Fund Offerings

	Actual	Plan	Difference	
Last Week	\$3,504	\$4,808	\$1,304-	
Month To Date	\$12,195	\$14,424	\$2,229-	
Year To Date	\$174,980	\$221,168	\$46,188-	



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