INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ Scout Sunday • February 4th, 2024 +

Worship Notes: • Our Lector is Seth Perry • Our Crucifer is John Sawicki • We are in Setting 8 of the ELW • Flowers on the altar are given by Dick and Connie Hinson in honor of our Pastor and staff. •

PRELUDE: Harlequin's Serenade, from Carnival Robert Crandell

UPDATE FROM TROOP 8:

Kirby Shealy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Please stand as able and face the back of the church. Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of \pm Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

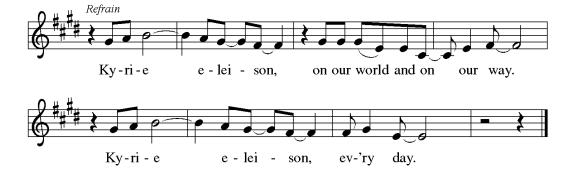
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 684

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace *PROSPECT*

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: ELW p.184





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you gather the whole universe into your presence and continue to reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

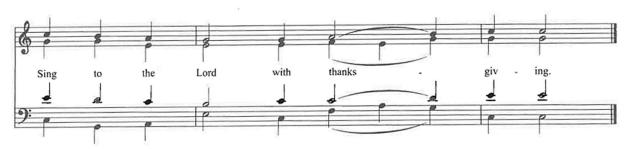
FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the

everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20



¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

²The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, he gathers the exiles of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. **R**

⁴He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.
⁵Great is the LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.
⁶The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. R

7Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp,
8He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth,
9He makes grass to grow upon the mountains, and green plants to serve mankind.
10He provides food for flocks and herds, and for the young ravens when they cry. R

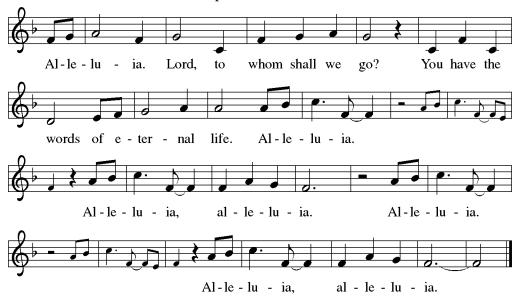
¹¹He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man. ²⁰He declares his word to Jacob, his statues and his judgements to Israel.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a servant to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p.188



GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39 Please stand as able. Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord."

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 639

When We Are Living SOMOS DEL SENOR

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as able.

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 "God of grace," 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 for those not using online giving.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"Shepherd of Souls"

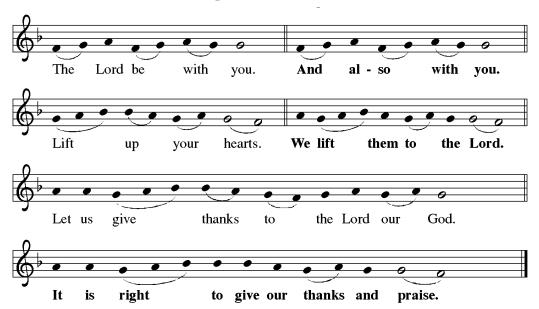
Alfred V. Fedak

Please stand as able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

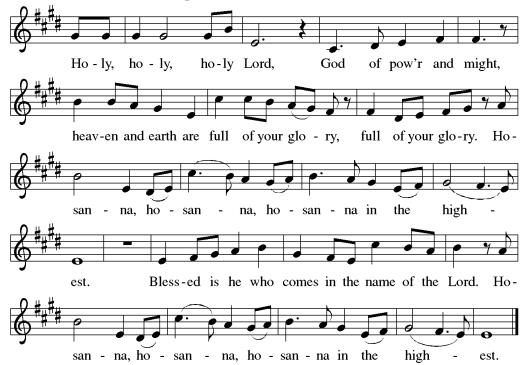
GREAT THANKSGIVING: ELW p.190



PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW p.190



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

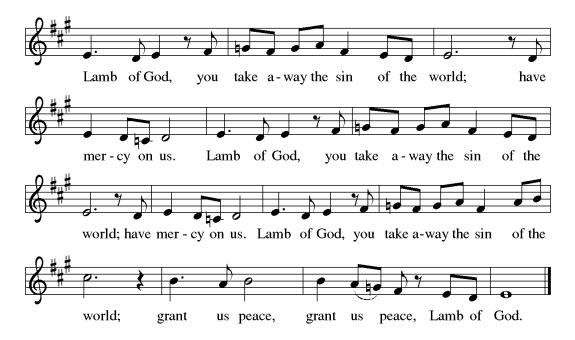
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord. **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: ELW p.191



COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 787

ELW 792

On Eagle's Wings ON EAGLE'S WINGS When Memory Fades FINLANDIA

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 who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ⊕ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *LOBE DE HERREN*

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fugue in C minor Johann Sebastian Bach
Reconstructed by Lorenzo Ghielm

Please join us for a Scouts Reception in the Fellowship Hall

Jesus Heals



Jesus enjoyed teaching and healing.